

Assignment of Questions to smartmap Dimensions

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smartmap methodology

- The code “1” indicates that answering a question with “yes” will move the answering voter, candidate or party towards the “right” position on the first dimension or towards the “liberal” position on the second dimension of the smartmap.
- The code “-1” indicates that answering a question with “no” will move the answering voter, candidate or party towards the “right” position on the first dimension or towards the “liberal” position on the second dimension of the smartmap.
- The code “0” indicates that the specific question is not assigned to neither of the two dimensions.

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Question assignment for smartvote Australia ACT 2020 election:

Categories and Questions		Dimensions of the smartmap	
		L-R	Con-Lib
1	Should the government release more land to build houses in the ACT?	1	0
2	Should Stage 2 of Canberra's light rail system commence as soon as possible?	-1	0
3	Is it necessary to relax heritage protections of buildings to promote development in the ACT?	1	1
4	Should landlords be prohibited from evicting a tenant without cause?	-1	0
5	Do you think increasing the ACT's population is needed for our economic growth?	1	0

Social Policy		L-R	Con-Lib
6	Should childcare be free for parents regardless of their income?	-1	0
7	Do you think the ACT government should have prohibited the Black Lives Matter public demonstrations during the COVID-19 pandemic?	0	-1
8	Should there be tighter regulations of pokie machines?	1	-1
9	Should the government close schools with low enrolments?	1	0
Tax & the Economy		L-R	Con-Lib
10	Do you support the replacement of the stamp duty with higher rates?	-1	0
12	Should unemployment benefits be reduced to their pre-COVID-19 pandemic level, once the crisis is over?	1	0
12	Is reducing government debt currently the most important economic issue facing the ACT?	1	0
13	Do you think that a high number of job losses is acceptable if it can protect public health?	-1	0
Political System		L-R	Con-Lib
14	Should property developers be allowed to donate to political parties and candidates?	0	0
15	Should elected politicians delegate more decision-making powers to chief health officers during public health crises?	0	0
16	Should the ACT Integrity Commissioner have oversight over ACT Policing?	0	1
17	Do you think there should be more limitations on the ACT government's ability to deploy mandatory lockdowns in response to public health threats?	1	1
Society		L-R	Con-Lib
18	Do you think that women should readily be able to obtain an abortion if they request one?	0	1
19	Should churches have the right to refuse to administer same-sex marriages?	0	-1
20	Do you think that terminally ill patients should be able to end their lives with medical assistance?	0	1
21	Should pill testing at music festivals be prohibited in the ACT?	0	-1
22	Should the ACT government accept Commonwealth funding for Christian chaplains in public schools?	0	-1

Energy and the Environment		L-R	Con-Lib
23	Should there be more car-free areas in the ACT?	0	0
24	Should the ACT relax its net zero carbon emissions target?	1	0
25	Are the worsening bushfire seasons a direct result of human-induced climate change?	0	0

Foreign Affairs, Security and Trade		L-R	Con-Lib
26	Should people who break the law be given stiffer sentences?	0	-1
27	Should the recreational use of marijuana by adults be a criminal offence?	0	-1
28	Do you think Indigenous Australians who break the law should be offered alternative sentencing?	0	1

Budget*		L-R	Con-Lib
For the following five questions, please say whether there should be more or less public expenditure than now in each of the following areas. Remember if you say 'more' it could require a tax increase, and if you say 'less' it could require a reduction in those services.			
29	Policing	0	-1
30	Multicultural and inclusion programs	0	1
31	Roads	0	0
32	Public housing	-1	0

* For budget questions the answer categories are ordered from spending "Much Less" to "Much More". The code "-1" indicates for these questions that spending "Much More" moves one's score towards the "left" position on the first dimension or the "conservative" position on the second dimension.