

THINKING NOW ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKERS. DO YOU PERSONALLY THINK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING A GOOD JOB OR A BAD JOB OF MANAGING THE ISSUE OF ASYLUM SEEKERS ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA?

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	17-19 APRIL 2009	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	18-34 YEARS	35-49 YEARS	50+ YEARS	LABOR SUPPORTERS	COALITION SUPPORTERS
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
VERY GOOD	8	6	6	5	4	4	9	3	
SOMEWHAT GOOD	29	25	23	28	28	30	35	17	
<b>TOTAL GOOD</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>NEITHER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	
SOMEWHAT BAD	25	25	27	24	33	25	25	27	
VERY BAD	15	28	30	26	20	26	14	42	
<b>TOTAL BAD</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>69</b>	
UNCOMMITTED	17	10	8	11	11	8	10	7	

WHICH ONE OF THE (LABOR PARTY, LIBERAL AND NATIONALS COALITION OR SOMEONE ELSE) DO YOU THINK WOULD BEST HANDLE THE ISSUE OF ASYLUM SEEKERS ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA?

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
LABOR PARTY	27	21	21	20	17	21	22	36	4
LIBERAL/NATIONALS COALITION	26	22	27	17	17	22	27	8	54
SOMEONE ELSE	6	10	11	9	11	13	8	11	4
NONE	8	13	12	14	10	13	15	15	9
UNCOMMITTED	33	34	29	40	45	31	28	30	29

AND WOULD YOU SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TOO HARD ON ASYLUM SEEKERS, TOO SOFT ON ASYLUM SEEKERS OR DO YOU THINK IT HAS GOT IT ABOUT RIGHT?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>18-34 YEARS</u>	<u>35-49 YEARS</u>	<u>50+ YEARS</u>	<u>LABOR SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>COALITION SUPPORTERS</u>	<u>THINK GOVT IS DOING A BAD JOB OF MANAGING ASYLUM SEEKERS</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
FAR TOO HARD	7	6	8	9	8	5	8	1	12
A LITTLE TOO HARD	9	8	10	15	8	6	12	3	13
<b>TOTAL HARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>
A LITTLE TOO SOFT	18	18	17	19	17	16	14	25	21
FAR TOO SOFT	28	29	27	17	29	36	20	44	42
<b>TOTAL SOFT</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>
ABOUT RIGHT	29	31	28	32	28	28	37	21	8
UNCOMMITTED	9	8	10	8	10	9	9	6	4

These surveys were conducted on 6-8 November 2009 on the telephone by trained interviewers in all states of Australia and in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data has been weighted to reflect the population distribution. Questions are based on 1,203 interviews among adults aged 18 years and over. The maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with NEWSPOLL. More poll information available at [www.newspoll.com.au](http://www.newspoll.com.au).