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# ACTU initial report: political issues and union campaigns

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2099 respondents to national online opinion poll of Australians in work



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# The likelihood of WorkChoices being reintroduced

Re-introduction of WorkChoices	Total respondents	ALP voter	Lib/Nat voter
Very Likely	19%	32%	6%
Likely	34%	36%	30%
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	29%	19%	37%
Unlikely	15%	12%	21%
Very Unlikely	3%	2%	5%



More than half of respondents believed it was likely or very likely that the Liberals would reintroduce WorkChoices (even if it was under a different name) if elected at the next Federal election.

# Concerns about WorkChoices

Biggest concern about WorkChoices	Total respondents	ALP voter	Lib/Nat voter
The potential cuts to my wages and conditions or those of family members	38%	49%	21%
They would mean employees would have less protection from being dismissed unfairly	32%	41%	19%
They would give employers more power to dictate working hours	28%	35%	17%
They would mean my kids will have less rights when they start work	19%	24%	13%
No concerns	15%	5%	36%
They could lead to a reduction in family and leisure time	15%	20%	7%
Don't know	14%	9%	14%
Other	2%	2%	3%



More than one third of respondents (38%) cited potential cuts to wages and conditions for either themselves or family members as their biggest concern regarding the possible reintroduction of WorkChoices. Another third (32%) indicated they were concerned that employees would have less protection from unfair dismissal.

# Important Issues

Important Issues	Extremely important	Very Important	Important	(Total) Important	(Total) ALP voter	(Total) Lib/Nat voter
Wages keeping pace with your family's cost of living	34%	35%	19%	88%	89%	88%
Your superannuation savings being adequate for retirement	29%	32%	23%	83%	85%	84%
Your personal job security	29%	31%	22%	82%	83%	81%
Your level of debt	25%	29%	25%	79%	79%	79%

▶ The above table shows the proportion of respondents who rated the specific issue as either important, very important or extremely important to them personally. The table also shows the combined (Total) Important figure. In addition, the table shows the (Total) proportion of ALP and Lib/ Nat voting respondents who rated those issues as important.