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‘Break bail, go to jail’ – 82% of Victorians agree with Matthew Guy

It’s official an overwhelming majority of Victorian electors (82%) say people charged with a criminal offence who are given bail who then break a bail condition should be immediately sent to jail according to a special SMS Morgan Poll conducted today (Thursday) on the eve of this week’s Victorian State Election.

Question – Break bail then jail?

Victorian electors were asked: “Many people charged with a criminal offence are given bail. If a person given bail then breaks a bail condition should that person be immediately sent to jail or not?”

This special SMS Morgan Poll was conducted today (Thursday November 22, 2018) with a state-wide cross-section of 961 Victorian electors aged 18+.

Analysis by Voting Preference

Analysing by voting preference shows vast majorities of supporters of all parties say the that people charged with a criminal offence who then break a bail condition should be immediately sent to jail led by L-NP voters (95%), supporters of Independents/Others (76%), ALP voters (75%) and Greens voters (65%):

- L-NP voters: Yes (95%) cf. no (5%);
- ALP voters: Yes (75%) cf. no (25%);
- Greens voters: Yes (65%) cf. no (35%);
- Independent/ Others voters: Yes (76%) cf. no (24%).

Analysis by Gender

Analysis by gender shows 88% of women in favour of jailing people breaking their bail conditions immediately compared to 76% of men:

- Men: Yes (76%) cf. no (24%);
- Women: Yes (88) cf. no (12%).

Analysis by Age

Analysing by age shows Victorians of all ages support sending people breaking their bail conditions immediately to jail with older Victorians 35 and over most in favour (84%), but huge majorities of those aged 18-24 (77%) and 25-34 (78%):

- 18-24yr olds: Yes (77%) cf. no (23%);
- 25-34yr olds: Yes (78%) cf. no (22%);
- 35-49yr olds: Yes (84%) cf. no (16%);
- 50-64yr olds: Yes (84%) cf. no (16%);
- 65+yr olds: Yes (84%) cf. no (16%).

Analysis by Region

Analysing by region shows Country Victorians (88%) are more heavily in favour of jailing people breaking their bail conditions immediately than Melburnians (80%):

- Melbourne: Yes (80%) cf. no (20%);
- Country Victoria: Yes (88%) cf. no (12%);

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Gary Morgan, Executive Chairman, Roy Morgan, says:

“A special SMS Morgan Poll today shows a huge majority of Victorians (82%) agree with Liberal Leader Matthew Guy that people given bail who then break a bail condition should be immediately sent to jail compared to only 18% that say they shouldn’t.

“In last night’s televised Leaders’ debate with Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews, Guy said that ‘Bail is a privilege, not a right, when you break it, when you break it – you should go back to jail. It’s as simple as that’.

“The good news for the Liberal Party is that it is not just Liberal voters (95%) that agree with Guy, support is widespread across the community. A majority of supporters of the ALP (75%), Greens supporters (65%) and supporters of Independents/Others (76%) agree with Guy as well as huge majorities of Victorians of all age groups.

“Interestingly, more women (88%) want to take a firmer line with bail breakers than men (80%). Women have traditionally been stronger supporters of the ALP than men and this breakdown illustrates an opportunity for the Liberals in the run-up to Saturday’s election.

“The problem that faces the Liberal Party however is that time is running out to get the ‘message across’ to electors given that up to a quarter of Victorians, or over 1 million Victorian electors, have already voted without hearing enough about the Liberal Party’s policies on law & order.

“Support for both of the major parties has increased over the last week since we asked Victorian electors about their concerns about the two major parties with ALP and L-NP up to around 35%, and support for the Greens, other parties and Independents down to around 30%.”

Finding No. 7813 – This special snap SMS Morgan Poll was conducted with a representative cross-section of 961 Victorian electors today, Thursday November 22, 2018.

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Analysis by Age & Gender

	Total	Gender		Age				
		Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	82	76	88	77	78	84	84	84
No	18	24	12	23	22	16	16	16
Total	100							

Analysis by Voting Preference & Region

	Total	L-NP	ALP	Greens	Other	Can’t say	Melbourne	Country Victoria
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	85	95	75	65	76	51	80	88
No	18	5	25	35	24	49	20	12
Total	100							



Morgan Poll Accuracy — Recent Elections State & Federal (2006 – 2016)

The Morgan Poll has proven to be consistently the most accurate regular poll in recent Australian Elections — including the 2013 Federal Election, 2010 Federal Election, 2007 Federal Election, 2010 Victorian State Election & 2012 Queensland State Election.

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2013 Federal Election](#) for the two-party preferred vote (L-NP: 53.5% cf. ALP 46.5%) (sample 4,937 electors).

The Morgan Poll was the most accurate of all polling companies at [the 2007 Federal Election](#) for both primary vote and two-party preferred predictions (sample 2,115 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Queensland Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 604 electors).

The Morgan Poll accurately predicted [that the ALP would win the 2006 Victorian Election with a reduced majority](#) (sample 956 electors). The Morgan Poll was also the most accurate on the primary vote of the major parties for the Victorian election.

Note: The [discussion on Possum Pollytics](#) regarding Morgan and Newspoll is well worth reading.

The following included comment says it all: “I find it interesting that for the only poll in the last five years for which there is any ‘real’ figure with which to compare, i.e. the polls immediately before the 2004 election, Morgan (45.5%) was closer to the actual Coalition Primary (46.7%) than Newspoll (45%) or Nielsen (49%), and Morgan (38.5%) was also closer to the ALP actual primary (37.6%) than Newspoll (39%), and only marginally further away than Nielsen (37%). Since we have no idea of how far away the ongoing polls are from ‘reality’ (whatever that means), surely we should just go with what we know, that in the most recent testable case, Morgan was better at forecasting the actual primary vote than Newspoll. On what possible basis should we decide that the Newspoll or Nielsen primary vote estimate is ‘better’ than Morgan’s.”

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About Roy Morgan

Roy Morgan is the largest independent Australian research company, with offices in each state of Australia, as well as in the United States and the United Kingdom. A full service research organisation specialising in omnibus and syndicated data, Roy Morgan has over 75 years’ experience in collecting objective, independent information on consumers.

Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
5,000	±1.4	±1.2	±0.8	±0.6
10,000	±1.0	±0.9	±0.6	±0.4
20,000	±0.7	±0.6	±0.4	±0.3
50,000	±0.4	±0.4	±0.3	±0.2