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Despite negative publicity surrounding Lord Monckton's visit to Australia, the results of a special Roy Morgan Reactor test over the last 24 hours show Lord Monckton won the debate and persuaded a substantial 9% of Australians to his view that 'Concerns about Global Warming are exaggerated'.

People reacted along party lines with L-NP supporters reacting positively to Lord Monckton and negatively to Dr. Denniss, while ALP and particularly Greens supporters reacted positively to Dr. Denniss and negatively to Lord Monckton. However, as shown by the white line below, the Reactor spent more time in 'positive territory' when Dr. Denniss was talking than when Lord Monckton was.

When asked after viewing the Reactor to nominate a winner of the debate, more respondents (49%) nominated Lord Monckton as the winner ahead of Dr. Denniss (37%) and 14% couldn't say.

Michele Levine, Chief Executive Officer Roy Morgan Research says:

"The results of Roy Morgan's Reactor on yesterday's debate between Lord Christopher Monckton and Dr. Richard Denniss provides a valuable insight into how Australians are viewing the complex debate surrounding Global Warming, Climate Change, Carbon Dioxide and the Carbon Tax. "Roy Morgan Research data has shown continually that Australians are concerned about Global Warming and Climate Change but do not want the proposed Carbon Tax; and that the issue is highly politically divided.

"This special research combines real-time response — 'how much do you agree or disagree with what the speaker is saying'; with 'pre- and postmeasures of environmental attitudes.' This shows clearly that the electorate is delicately poised on this issue — 'concern about the environment; but much more worried about the economy, and the Carbon Tax.

"Each speaker clearly outlined their point of view — and for the most part the Reactor showed this appealed along party lines. However, a clear difference between the speakers was that Lord Monckton talked extensively about the climate science and quoted figures about changes in the climate over past time periods provided by scientists whilst Dr. Denniss concentrated more heavily on the economic and political implications in Australia from taking action on Global Warming.

"Listening to Lord Monckton — he says what many Australians want to hear — 'Don't worry about Climate Change! It will be alright!"

This special Roy Morgan Reactor survey covered an Australia-wide cross-section of 218 respondents aged 14+. For a closer look at the Reactor and how the different points expressed by Lord Monckton and Dr. Denniss were received by those reacting to the debate, please view the full Reactor highlights here: http://onlinereactor.com.au/PlayerCI.aspx?jid=92&h=crnbqkkkuq%0D%0D

Full Details: http://www.roymorgan.com/news/press-releases/2011/1393

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The latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government is at 55% (down 5%). Support for Key's National Party is 49% (down 5%), ACT NZ 3% (up 0.5%), the Maori Party 2.5% (down 0.5%), and United Future 0.5% (unchanged).

Support for Opposition Parties is at 45% (up 5%) — Labour Party 33.5% (up 3%), Greens 7.5% (up 2%), New Zealand First 3% (down 0.5%) and Others 1% (up 0.5%).

If a National Election were held today the **National Party would easily be returned** to Government.

Gary Morgan says:

"Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows a significant fall in support for Prime Minister John Key's National-led Government (55%, down 5%), but still with a strong lead over the Opposition Parties (45%, up 5%).

"The fall in support for National comes after the ANZ-Roy Morgan New Zealand Consumer Confidence Rating fell 3.1pts to 109.4 — its first fall since March and in spite of an increasing number of New Zealanders (56%, up 2.5%) saying New Zealand is 'heading in the right direction'.

"Statistics New Zealand this week released data showing NZ Inflation at a 21 year high of 5.3% which places pressure on NZ Interest rates to rise from their current record low of 2.5% and is likely to provide further challenges to Prime Minister Key as he seeks re-election at November's General Election."

Full Tables & Details: http://www.roymorgan.com/news/polls/2011/4685

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