

## Labor has big lead in WA, but LNP leads in Queensland

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The Western Australian election will be held in early 2017. A WA Newspann, conducted March to May from a sample of 1140, gives Labor an [emphatic 54-46 lead](#), a 1 point gain for Labor since the October to December Newspann. Primary votes are 42% for Labor (steady), 40% for the Liberals and Nationals (down 2) and 11% for the Greens (up 1).

31% (down 2) are satisfied with Premier Colin Barnett's performance, while 58% (up 4) are dissatisfied, for a net approval of -27. [Kevin Bonham said](#) that no Premier with a Newspann net approval this bad has ever been re-elected; they have been dumped either by their party or voters. Opposition leader Mark McGowan had a high net approval of +23, up 8 points.

If the Coalition wins the Federal election, I think the conservative WA government is doomed. Barnett's only real chance of re-election appears to be a Federal Labor victory. This is because a few swing voters will vote for the party at state elections that is opposite to the one that controls the Federal government.

If the Poll Bludger's [BludgerTrack aggregate](#) is right, WA will have the biggest swing to Labor at the Federal election, partly because of the unpopularity of the state government.

## Galaxy Queensland poll has LNP leading after Tim Nicholls becomes leader

On Friday 6 May, Lawrence Springborg was ousted in a partyroom vote, losing the Liberal National Party (LNP) leadership to [Tim Nicholls by 22 votes to 19](#).

A Galaxy poll, taken 10-11 May from a sample of 1180, has the [LNP leading by 52-48](#), a one point gain for the LNP since April. Primary votes are 44% for the LNP (up 3), 36% for Labor (down 1) and 9% for the Greens (down 1). Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's approval rating is 44% (down 7 since February) and her disapproval is 39% (up 7), for a net approval of +5. New opposition leader Nicholls starts with an approval of 25% and a disapproval of 30%.

Galaxy had previously been using an average of the last three state elections for its preference flows. However, Queensland has [reverted to compulsory preferential](#) voting. The [Poll](#)

### [Bludger says](#)

the 52-48 LNP lead is sensible given Queensland-specific preference flows at the 2013 Federal election.

## Clinton ekes out Kentucky win, but loses Oregon 56-44

Today, Hillary Clinton won [Kentucky by 46.8-46.3](#) over Bernie Sanders, but was defeated in Oregon 56-44. She has lost three of the four May states, and barely won the fourth. These losses are best explained by demographics: all the May states are overwhelmingly white, and Clinton performs much better with black and Hispanic voters.

The effect of today's primaries is that Clinton [lost a net 8 delegates](#) out of 116 decided. That leaves her with a [pledged delegate lead](#) of 272, with only 781 to go. Clinton will win a majority of the pledged delegates when the last states vote on 7 June (8 June Melbourne time). Her massive lead among superdelegates ensures she will be the Democratic nominee.

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