

Queensland Galaxy: One Nation surges to 23%

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A [Queensland Galaxy poll](#) has One Nation surging to 23%, up 7 points since early November. One Nation's gains have come at the expense of both major parties, with the Liberal National Party (LNP) on 33% (down 4), Labor on 31% (down 4), and the Greens steady on 8%.

While Labor maintains a steady 51-49 two party lead, the high non-major party vote makes this result a guesstimate. No fieldwork dates or sample size are given, but this poll was presumably taken between Tuesday and Thursday with a sample of 800-1000.

Of the three established parties, the Greens have been least affected by One Nation's rise, indicating that demographics that vote Green are the least likely to swing to One Nation.

At the 1998 Queensland state election, One Nation won 11 of the 89 seats on 22.7% of the vote. If their vote in this poll were replicated at the next election, due by early 2018, One Nation would probably win a similar number of seats, and be likely to hold the balance of power.

Despite One Nation's surge, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's ratings are still positive, with 41% approval (down 3) and 37% disapproval (down 2), for a net rating of +4. However, Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls' ratings have slumped a net 8 points to -12.

Federally and in other states, One Nation's polling has met or exceeded their previous peaks from 1998-2001. It is no surprise that Queensland, which had the highest One Nation vote in 1998, is better for them than other states.

Whether One Nation and similar international parties continue to surge probably depends on President Trump. As [I wrote here](#), if Trump succeeds in revitalising the industrial midwest, far right parties are likely to thrive. On the other hand, if working class people eventually decide that Trump is opposed to their economic interests, far right parties will probably decline.

Update Monday morning 13 February: A [Queensland ReachTEL poll](#) has the LNP leading by 53-47, with One Nation on 21.3% of the primary vote. We do not have full primary votes, so

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it is not clear if this poll included undecided voters; if it did, One Nation's support with undecided excluded is higher.

40% thought Queensland would be better if One Nation had seats in Parliament, with 36% thinking it would be worse. Pauline Hanson's ratings were 37% approve and 39% disapprove.

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