
The following section contains a number of statements about asylum seekers which respondents from previous studies have made. Using the 1 - 7 scale below, please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each item by writing the appropriate number on the line next to that item.

7 = strongly agree
6 = moderately agree
5 = slightly agree
4 = neither agree nor disagree
3 = slightly disagree
2 = moderately disagree
1 = strongly disagree

1. _________ Asylum seekers are holding Australia to ransom by resorting to violence such as rioting
2. _________ If asylum seekers need refuge, they should be granted refuge ®
3. _________ Asylum seekers are being dealt with appropriately by the government
4. _________ Separating asylum seekers like they are alien species dehumanises us all ®
5. _________ Asylum seekers are ungrateful by protesting in the manner that they do
6. _________ I sympathise with the situation of asylum seekers ®
7. _________ Asylum seekers are justified in hunger striking to attract attention to their situation ®
8. _________ The government’s policy on asylum seekers is justified
9. _________ Asylum seekers are being unfairly detained ®
10. _________ Asylum seekers are manipulative in the way that they engage in self-harm protesting such as self-mutilation
11. _________ Asylum seekers don’t attempt to be part of Australian society
12. _________ Asylum seekers are innocent victims of bad government policy ®
13. _________ Asylum seekers are legitimate refugees and should be welcomed ®
14 ________ So called asylum seekers are people fleeing the chaos of war and the cruelties of monstrous regimes ®

15 ________ Asylum seekers who mutilate themselves would not make model citizens

16 ________ Asylum seekers breed hatred

17 ________ If asylum seekers are not happy, send them home

18 ________ Asylum seekers would be better off in self sufficient communities rather than in detention ®

® reversed item
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