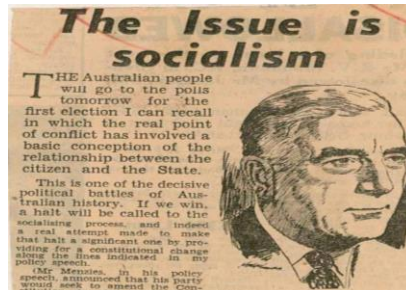


## Topic 4: Menzies and Communism



### 1. Source analysis task

Access 'The Issue is Socialism' article by Robert Menzies which can be found [here](#). ([Socialism and the election – article by Robert Menzies | naa.gov.au](#)) This was published on 9 December 1949 by the *Melbourne Herald* newspaper the night before the election on 10 December 1949. Once completed with the article:

- work in pairs to complete the table by identifying:
  - at least one key belief which Menzies had about socialism in Australia
  - at least two arguments made by Menzies to persuade people to vote for the Liberal party.
- include direct evidence from the article, i.e., the exact words used by Menzies. (Quote him!).

Key belief:	Quote supporting this belief:
Persuasive arguments used by Menzies:	Quote from article:

### 2. Research Task

Read the information under the heading 'The 1951 referendum' and conduct independent research on the topic and then complete **ONE** of the following activities:

**A.**

- Create a 'YES' vote and a 'NO' vote poster for each side of the referendum campaign.
- Present posters to the class, explaining the elements of each poster to persuade the viewers to vote either 'YES' or 'NO.'

**B.**

- Form two groups, one 'Yes' group and one 'NO' group.
- Everyone make a simple 'protest rally' style sign which shows what they think is the most compelling reason to vote yes or no, depending on the group.
- In each group work together to write a campaign speech for one person to deliver, arguing for their position in the referendum.
- While they deliver the speech, other members stand behind them with the protest signs and support them with cheers and applause.

Developing the skill of Historical sources as evidence

Analyse the different perspectives of people in the past and evaluate how these perspectives are influenced by significant events, ideas, location, beliefs and values (VCHHC124)