



Value Your Vote Election 08

Before you vote for a politician or party,
see how they voted on laws affecting your family

Over the past six years there have been a number of law changes voted on by our politicians specifically impacting the welfare of kiwi families, and the role of parents and marriage.

Some of these laws have undermined the important role parents play in their children's lives. Others have weakened and attempted to redefine the traditional family structure, ignoring the mass body of research which shows that family structure and marriage is hugely beneficial, not only for children, but for adults and families as well.

And a number of them have failed to take into account what is best for the welfare and safety of families.

This brochure allows you to see how your local MP and each political party has voted on these important social issues.

Families deserve laws that strengthen and protect them – not ones that redefine and undermine them.

We hope this record of how our members of parliament voted on important family-based legislation will help you make an informed decision of who to vote for at Election '08.

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Promoting the role of parents and the well-being of our children and families

			2002 – 2005						2005–2008			
Surname	First Name	Electorate	Prostitution	Civil Unions	Relationships	Parental Notif'n	Euthanasia	Care of Children	Marriage	Anti-Smacking	Drinking Age	
ACT												
Hide	Rodney	Epsom	X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X	
Roy	Heather		X	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	X	
GREEN												
Bradford	Sue		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fitzsimons	Jeanette		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kedgley	Sue		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Locke	Keith		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tanczos	Nandor		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Turei	Metiria		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
LABOUR												
Barker	Rick		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Barnett	Tim	Christchurch Central	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Benson-Pope	David	Dunedin South	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Burton	Mark	Taupo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Carter	Chris	Te Atatu	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chadwick	Steve	Rotorua	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Choudhary	Ashraf		Abstain	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Clark	Helen	Mt Albert	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cosgrove	Clayton	Waimakariri	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Cullen	Michael		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Cunliffe	David	New Lynn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	
Dalziel	Lianne	Christchurch East	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Duynhoven	Harry	New Plymouth	√	√	X	√	√	X	X	X	√	
Dyson	Ruth	Banks Peninsula	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fairbrother	Russell		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gallagher	Martin	Hamilton West	√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Goff	Phil	Mt Roskill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gosche	Mark	Maungakiekie	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Hartley	Ann		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Hawkins	George	Manurewa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hereora	Dave		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hobbs	Marian	Wellington Central	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hodgson	Peter	Dunedin North	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Horomia	Parekura	Ikaroa-Rawhiti	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Hughes	Darren	Otaki	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
King	Annette	Rongotai	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Laban	Luamanuvao	Mana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	
Mackey	Moana			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Maharey	Steve	Palmerston North	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mahuta	Nanaia	Tainui	√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Mallard	Trevor	Hutt South	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
O'Connor	Damien	West Coast – Tasman	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Okeroa	Mahara	Te Tai Tonga	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Parker	David		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Pettis	Jill		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Pillay	Lynne	Waitakere	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ririnui	Mita		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Robertson	Ross	Manukau East	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Samuels	Dover		√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	
Swain	Paul	Rimutaka	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Tizard	Judith	Auckland Central	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Wilson	Margaret		X	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	X	
Yates	Dianne		√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√	
Chauvel	Charles										X	X
Fenton	Darien									X	X	X
Jones	Shane									X	X	√
Moroney	Sue									X	X	√
Soper	Lesley										X	
Street	Maryan									X	X	X
MAORI												
Turia	Tariana	Te Tai Hauauro	X	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	√	
Flavell	Te Ururoa	Waiariki								X	X	√
Harawira	Hone	Te Tai Tokerau								X	X	√
Sharples	Pita	Tamaki Makaurau								X	X	√



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NZ FIRST											
Brown	Peter		√	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	√
Jones	Dail		√	√	√	√	Abstain	√			
Mark	Ron		√	√	X	√	√	√	X	√	√
Paraone	Pita		√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√
Peters	Winston		√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√
Stewart	Barbara		√	√	√	X	X	√	√	X	√
Woolerton	Doug		√	√	√	X	X	√	√	X	√
UNITED FUTURE											
Dunne	Peter	Ohariu-Belmont	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	X	X
Turner	Judy		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PROGRESSIVE											
Anderton	Jim	Wigram	√	X	X	X	√	X	X	X	√
INDEPENDENT											
Field	Taito Phillip	Mangere	√	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√
Copeland	Gordon		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NATIONAL											
Ardern	Shane	Taranaki – King Country	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Brownlee	Gerry	Ilam	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Carter	David		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Carter	John	Northland	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Collins	Judith	Clevedon	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Connell	Brian	Rakaia	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
English	Bill	Clutha-Southland	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Goudie	Sandra	Coromandel	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Heatley	Phil	Whangarei	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Hutchison	Paul	Port Waikato	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	X
Key	John	Helensville	√	√	X	√	X	√	X	X	√
Mapp	Wayne	North Shore	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	X	√
McCully	Murray	East Coast Bays	√	√	X	√	X	√	√	X	X
Power	Simon	Rangitikei	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X	X
Rich	Katherine		X	X	X	√	√	√	X	X	X
Roy	Eric	Invercargill							√	X	√
Ryall	Tony	Bay Of Plenty	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Simich	Clem		X	X	X	X	√	√	X	X	X
Smith	Lockwood	Rodney	X	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Smith	Nick	Nelson	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
te Heuheu	Georgina		√	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	√
Tisch	Lindsay	Piako	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	X
Williamson	Maurice	Pakuranga	X	√	X	√	X	√	X	X	X
Wong	Pansy		√	X	X	√	X	√	X	X	X
Worth	Richard		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
Auchinvole	Chris								√	X	X
Bennett	David	Hamilton East							√	X	X
Bennett	Paula								√	X	X
Blue	Jackie								√	X	X
Blumsky	Mark								X	X	X
Borrows	Chester	Whanganui							√	X	√
Clarkson	Bob	Tauranga							√	X	√
Coleman	Johathan	Northcote							√	X	√
Dean	Jacqui	Otago							√	X	X
Finlayson	Christopher								X	X	√
Foss	Craig	Tukituki							√	X	√
Goodhew	Jo	Aoraki							√	X	
Groser	Tim								X	X	X
Guy	Nathan								√	X	X
Hayes	John	Wairarapa							√	X	√
Henare	Tau								X	X	X
King	Colin	Kaikoura							√	X	√
Peachey	Allan	Tamaki							√	X	X
Shanks	Katrina									X	
Tolley	Anne	East Coast							√	X	√
Tremain	Chris	Napier							√	X	√
Wagner	Nicky								√	X	X
Wilkinson	Kate								√	X	X

KEY

√	= Family Friendly Vote
X	= Non-Family Friendly Vote
	= Not in Parliament

>> View back page for details of the law changes voted on.

Prostitution



Prostitution was made legal in New Zealand in 2004, after the passing of the Prostitution Reform Bill. The aim of the Bill was to try and protect the safety and rights of those involved in prostitution. In doing so it made it legal for small brothels to operate in residential areas next to family homes, and failed to protect communities and families from the effects of street and underage prostitution. The Bill was controversial and passed by only a single vote majority.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

Care of Children Act



The Care of Children Act made substantial changes to the way family is conceived in law by extending the state's authority over children and diversifying the description of families. Under the new law, parents only have 'day to day care' rather than 'custody' of their children; children's rights were emphasised and prominence was given to children's participation in decision making.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

Civil Unions



A new form of relationship was created when 'civil unions' were invented as a new legal category of relationship in 2004. The Civil Union Act made it possible for couples of either same-sex or opposite-sex to formalise their relationship without the religious or historical boundaries of marriage, through a solemnisation ceremony called a civil union. The number of people choosing these unions has been small, showing there was little demand for them.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

Marriage Amendment Bill



In 2005, the Marriage (Gender Clarification) Amendment Bill was put before the house. It attempted to clearly define marriage as a union between one man and one woman, in accordance with the common law understanding of marriage. The Bill was rejected making it possible for courts to re-interpret the way marriage is legally understood.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

Relationships Bill



Civil Union partners and de-facto couples were given the same rights and responsibilities as married people through The Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005. The law now makes virtually no distinction between these different groups, with marriage no longer having the unique or special status it deserves.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

Anti-Smacking Law



In 2007, Section 59 of the Crimes Act was amended, removing legal protection from parents who exercise reasonable discipline over their children in the form of light physical punishment. The amendment makes parents who engage in such discipline liable for prosecution and unwarranted intervention by CYF. Meanwhile the actual root causes of child abuse, as identified by UNICEF and CYF reports, remain. The law was passed despite more than 80% of New Zealanders opposing it.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

Parental Notification



Currently in New Zealand, girls under the age of 16 can have an abortion, without their parents being informed. In 2004 an amendment to the Care of Children Bill (current section 38) was put forward to prevent this. The amendment would have allowed girls to make the final decision about whether or not to abort the unborn child, but would have ensured this decision did not happen in isolation from their parents. The amendment was voted against and did not pass into law.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

Drinking Age



In 2006 a Bill was presented to parliament, to increase the age at which alcohol can be purchased, from 18 to 20. The Sale of Liquor (Youth Alcohol Harm Reduction: Purchase Age) Amendment Bill was not intended to be a cure-all solution to alcohol abuse, but was intended to challenge a liberal environment in which alcohol is easily accessible and too often abused, especially by young people. The Bill was rejected by parliament.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

Euthanasia Bill



The "Death with Dignity" Bill would have legalised euthanasia, by allowing people who are incurably and terminally ill, to request and receive medical assistance to end their life. The Bill was introduced in

2003 and was voted against. Pro-life groups advocated the alternative of proper palliative care, as provided by hospices, for management of pain for terminally-ill people.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

For more details on these bills and others which have affected families, plus policies of the political parties concerning other potential family related legislation, go to www.familyfirst.org.nz

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