

The background of the top half of the poster is the New Zealand flag, featuring the Union Jack in the upper left canton and two red stars on a blue field. The flag is shown waving against a clear blue sky.

Value Your Vote

ELECTION 2011

*One way or another, the
politicians you elect will
influence your family...*

*So before you vote for them, wouldn't
you like to know what they stand for?*

For more details on the issues affecting
families, go to www.valueyourvote.org.nz



Family First NZ is pleased to present the 2011 Value Your Vote resource for families.



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

Some of these laws - like the anti-smacking law, the Care of Children Act and the 'parental notification' law (relating to teenage abortions) -

have undermined the important role parents play in their children's lives. Others - like the Civil Unions Act, Relationships Act, and the lack of support for the Marriage Amendment Bill - 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.

In some cases, some politicians have failed to take into account what is best for the welfare and safety of families. For example, the decriminalisation of prostitution and residential brothels, attempts to liberalise euthanasia and Easter trading laws, the rejection of stronger regulations on loan sharks, and Parliament's refusal to raise the drinking age.

This brochure (and the much larger guide on our website www.valueyourvote.org.nz) allows you to see how your local MP and each political party has voted on these important social issues. Many of them are conscience votes, allowing an MP to vote according to their conscience rather than along party lines. However, in many cases, there seems to be a 'party conscience'.

Most concerning of all has been the inability of MPs to hear the wishes and concerns of New Zealand families - for example, surveys show that up to 75% want the

drinking age raised to 20, up to 87% oppose the anti-smacking law, 2/3 of New Zealanders want brothels banned from residential areas, and almost 80% believe that parents should be informed if a pregnant girl under 16 seeks an abortion.

An additional feature provided by Family First this election is the questionnaire on family and moral issues which has been sent to all candidates in the upcoming general election. This brochure features the responses of the party leaders. The website has the responses of other MPs and candidates.

Attempts were made through letter, email and by phone to encourage participation. This questionnaire does not address a candidate's character - only where they stand on certain issues. It should not take the place of your effort to evaluate a candidate personally, and is not intended to endorse or oppose any candidate.

Families deserve laws which strengthen and protect them - not ones which redefine and undermine them.

We are pleased to offer this guide as a helpful resource to aid you in making an informed choice at the polling booth this November.

Bob McCoskrie
National Director - Family First NZ



P.S. If you are in agreement with our efforts to promote stronger families and safer communities, please consider becoming a member of Family First NZ. We are not a political party so you can't vote for us. But you can stand with us as we stand for strong families and a strong nation. See the back page for more info about how you can support our work and be kept in contact with issues affecting families.

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What have been the issues affecting families?

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 to 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

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

CARE OF CHILDREN ACT



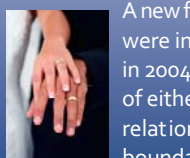
The Care of Children Act made substantial changes to the way family is conceived in law by extending the state's authority over children and diversifying the description of families.

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

RELATIONSHIPS BILL

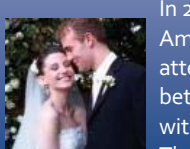


Civil Union partners and de-facto couples were given the same rights and responsibilities as married people through the Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2005. The law now makes virtually no distinction between these different groups, with marriage no longer having the unique or special status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



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Oppose

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

EUTHANASIA



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

ANTI-SMACKING LAW

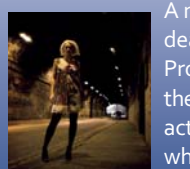


In 2007, Section 59 of the Crimes Act was amended, removing legal protection from parents who exercise reasonable discipline over their children in the form of light physical punishment. The amendment makes parents who engage in such discipline liable for prosecution and unwarranted intervention by CYF. 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

BAN ON STREET PROSTITUTION



A number of communities around NZ are trying to deal with the problem of street prostitution. The Prostitution Reform Act failed to give local councils the ability to deal with the nuisance and harm of this activity caused to both the prostitutes (many of whom are under-age) and families who are exposed to this anti-social behavior around family shopping areas. There have been two attempts to empower the Manukau City Council to stop the problem of street prostitution. This most recent attempt passed its 1st Reading, but is in limbo at this time.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

DECRIMINALISE SMACKING



Politicians had the opportunity to support a bill that would have decriminalised light and non-abusive smacking for the purpose of correction. This would have removed the fear and uncertainty around the anti-smacking law which currently exposes good parents to investigation and prosecution by either CYF or Police. Of most concern was that this proposed amendment to the law was virtually identical to that aggressively lobbied for by the current National-led government when in opposition. Polls continue to show that more than 80% of New Zealanders support this amendment.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION



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 by Judith Collins 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 defeated.



PRO-FAMILY VOTE
Support

For more details on these issues and others which have affected families, plus the views of candidates concerning other potential family-related legislation, go to WWW.VALUEYOURVOTE.ORG.NZ

How did MPs* vote on those issues?

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| Surname | First Name | Electorate | Prostitution | Civil Unions | Relationships | Parent Notif'n | Euthanasia | Care of Child | Marriage Amd | Anti-smacking | Drinking Age | St Prostitution | Smacking |
| LABOUR | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barker | Rick | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Chadwick | Steve | Rotorua | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Cosgrove | Clayton | Waimakariri | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Cunliffe | David | New Lynn | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Dalziel | Lianne | Christchurch East | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Dyson | Ruth | Port Hills | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Goff | Phil | Mt Roskill | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Horomia | Parekura | Ikaroa-Rawhiti | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| King | Annette | Rongotai | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Mackey | Moana | | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Mahuta | Nanaia | Hauraki-Waikato | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Mallard | Trevor | Hutt South | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| O'Connor | Damien | | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Parker | David | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Robertson | Ross | Manukau East | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Fenton | Darien | | NOT IN PARLIAMENT | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Jones | Shane | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Moroney | Sue | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Street | Maryan | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Chauvel | Charles | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Ardern | Jacinda | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Beaumont | Carol | | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Burns | Brendon | Christchurch Central | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Curran | Clare | Dunedin South | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Davis | Kelvin | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Hipkins | Chris | Rimutaka | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Huo | Raymond | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Lees-Galloway | Iain | Palmerston North | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Nash | Stuart | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Prasad | Rajen | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Robertson | Grant | Wellington Central | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Sepuloni | Carmel | | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Shearer | David | Mt Albert | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Sio | Su'a William | Mangere | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Twyford | Phil | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Fafoi | Kris | Mana | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wall | Louisa | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACT | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hide | Rodney | Epsom | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Brash | Don | | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ First reading | ✗ | NOT IN PARLIAMENT | |
| Boscawen | John | | NOT IN PARLIAMENT | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Calvert | Hilary | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GREEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turei | Metiria | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Clendon | David | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Delahunty | Catherine | | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Graham | Kennedy | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✗ |
| Hague | Kevin | | NOT IN PARLIAMENT | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Hughes | Gareth | | | | | | | | | | | ✗ | ✗ |
| Norman | Russel | | | | | | | | | | | no vote | ✗ |
| MAORI | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turia | Tariana | Te Tai Hauauru | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Flavell | Te Ururoa | Waiairiki | NOT IN PARLIAMENT | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Sharples | Pita | Tamaki Makaurau | | | | | | | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Katene | Rahui | Te Tai Tonga | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| UNITED FUTURE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunne | Peter | Ohariu | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | no vote | ✗ |

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| NATIONAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ardern | Shane | Taranaki – King Country | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Brownlee | Gerry | Ilam | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Carter | David | | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Collins | Judith | Papakura | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| English | Bill | Clutha-Southland | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Heatley | Phil | Whangarei | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Hutchison | Paul | Hunua | X | X | X | X | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Key | John | Helensville | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| McCully | Murray | East Coast Bays | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Ryall | Tony | Bay Of Plenty | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Smith | Lockwood | Rodney | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Smith | Nick | Nelson | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Tisch | Lindsay | Waikato | X | X | X | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Williamson | Maurice | Pakuranga | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X | X | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Auchinvole | Chris | West Coast - Tasman | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Bennett | David | Hamilton East | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Bennett | Paula | Waitakere | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Blue | Jackie | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Borrows | Chester | Whanganui | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Coleman | Jonathan | Northcote | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Dean | Jacqui | Waitaki | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Finlayson | Christopher | | | | | | | | X | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Foss | Craig | Tukituki | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Goodhew | Jo | Rangitata | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Groser | Tim | | | | | | | | X | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Guy | Nathan | Otaki | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Hayes | John | Wairarapa | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Henare | Tau | | | | | | | | X | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| King | Colin | Kaikoura | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Peachey | Allan | Tamaki | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Roy | Eric | Invercargill | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Tolley | Anne | East Coast | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Tremain | Chris | Napier | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Wagner | Nicky | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Wilkinson | Kate | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Shanks | Katrina | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | X |
| Adams | Amy | Selwyn | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Bakshi | Kanwaljit Singh | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Bridges | Simon | Tauranga | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Calder | Cam | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Gilmore | Aaron | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Joyce | Steven | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Kaye | Nikki | Auckland Central | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Lee | Melissa | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Lotu-liga | Peseta Sam | Maungakiekie | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Macindoe | Tim | Hamilton West | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| McClay | Todd | Rotorua | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Parata | Hekia | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Quinn | Paul | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Upston | Louise | Taupo | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Woodhouse | Michael | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Young | Jonathan | New Plymouth | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| Ross | Jami-Lee | Botany | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | X |
| MANA | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harawira | Hone | Te Tai Tokerau | | | | | | | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | X |
| NZ FIRST | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peters | Winston | | X | X | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | ✓ | | NOT IN PARLIAMENT |




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Where do party leaders stand on family issues?

To view the full questions and answers (including additional comments) of these leaders, and of other MPs and candidates, go to www.valueyourvote.org.nz

| | Don Brash | Colin Craig | Metiria Turei |
|--|--|---|---|
| |  |  |  |
| |  |  |  |
| 1. Define marriage as one man and one woman | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 2. Policies promoting marriage | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 3. Parents as primary responsibility – not government | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 4. Independent CYF Complaints Authority | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 5. Parental choice for education and ECE arrangements | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 6. Income splitting for parents | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 7. Unborn child has right to life | UNDECIDED | UNDECIDED | OPPOSE |
| 8. Informed consent for women seeking abortion | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 9. Parental notification for teen pregnancies | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 10. Abstinence and parental-based sex education | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 11. Legalisation of surrogacy | SUPPORT | UNDECIDED | UNDECIDED |
| 12. Destruction of embryos for stem cell research | UNDECIDED | UNDECIDED | UNDECIDED |
| 13. Same sex adoption by non-biological adults | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | SUPPORT |
| 14. Decriminalisation of euthanasia | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | UNDECIDED |
| 15. Decriminalisation of marijuana | UNDECIDED | OPPOSE | SUPPORT |
| 16. Ban on brothels in residential areas | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 17. Ban on street prostitution | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 18. Repeal of prostitution law - prosecute buyer | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 19. Raise levels of broadcasting standards | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 20. Prevent sexualisation of children in media | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 21. Prevent public nudity parades | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 22. G-rated billboards | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | UNDECIDED |
| 23. Raise drinking and purchase age to 20 | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 24. Decriminalise non-abusive smacking | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 25. Independent inquiry into child abuse | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 26. Liberalisation of Easter trading laws | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | OPPOSE |
| 27. Stricter regulations and monitoring of loan sharks | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 28. 'Sinking lid' policy on gaming machines | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT |
| 29. Welfare payment vouchers where children at risk | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| 30. Binding citizens' initiated referenda | UNDECIDED | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
| FAMILY FIRST RATING | 43% | 90% | 23% |

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| | Hone Harawira | Winston Peters | Peter Dunne | Phil Goff | Tariana Turia | John Key |
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| 1. | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | OPPOSE* | OPPOSE* | OPPOSE* |
| 2. | NO RESPONSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY |
| 3. | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY |
| 4. | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY |
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| 26. | OPPOSE | NO RESPONSE | SUPPORT | UNDECIDED* | UNDECIDED* | SUPPORT* |
| 27. | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT* | SUPPORT* | OPPOSE* |
| 28. | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | SUPPORT | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY |
| 29. | OPPOSE | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY |
| 30. | OPPOSE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | REFUSED TO SAY | REFUSED TO SAY | OPPOSE* |
| | 30% | 80% | 37% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

* The leaders of National, Labour, and Maori refused to complete the questionnaires. However, where possible, we have analysed their voting record and public statements made on these issues, including comments at the recent Family First *Forum on the Family*.



Bob McCoskrie
National Director - Family First NZ

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1. School dubs mum to CYF for hand smack

Sunday Star Times 28 October 2007

A Wellington mother says her family has been left traumatised by new anti-smacking laws, after her son's school reported her to Child, Youth and Family for smacking him on the hand. "I don't want to feel like a child abuser, and I don't want to be labelled as a child abuser because I smacked my son," she said. "It's brought a lot of trauma to our family unit and unnecessary stress." The woman, who did not wish to be named because she says she fears losing her children, says another smacking several months later resulted in a visit from police. ...The mother then contacted Family First, a lobby group that vociferously opposed smacking law changes passed in June. The organisation met her in touch with the Sunday Star-Times. The mother said she had not previously been aware of the law. She had had some sympathy with Sue Bradford's anti-smacking bill, 'not thinking that it would affect me', she said. Spokesman Bob McCoskrie said parents now feared the law, and Child, Youth and Family.



2. 'Mom' and 'Dad' banished

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3. Teachers Over Aggressive Pupils

The Dominion Post Sep 25 07

Primary and intermediate schoolteachers say they need rules telling them how far they can go when restraining aggressive pupils, to avoid leaving themselves open to accusations of assault. Brines testify to classroom perils. The New Zealand Educational Institute voted unanimously at its annual meeting yesterday to lobby the Government for guidelines setting out teachers' rights when physical restraint is needed. READ MORE

Family First Comment: Schools and classrooms becoming more violent? But we thought that's why politicians banned corporal punishment - to stop that trend. 'Violence begets violence', etc - the very same arguments we heard for criminalising parents who smack!

Notable Quotes made at the time corporal punishment was banned:

"Corporal punishment in schools should be abolished because it is the single most significant reason for N.Z. being violent."

Dr. John Bolean, Director of Community Psychological Medical Services, Christchurch, TV2 News 7th August 1984.

"The continued existence of corporal punishment was responsible for the upsurge of violence in the community."

of C.A.V.E. (Campaign Against Violence in Education) N.Z. Herald, 10th September 1984

"Teachers who use corporal punishment are incompetent." - Russell Marshall, Minister of Education, Radio N.Z. News 4th October 1985



4. Child home-screening plan 'insult'

The Dominion Post / Christchurch Press 10 September 2007

A proposal by Children's Commissioner Cindy Kiro to have mandatory screening of every baby's home life is the ultimate insult, Family First NZ says. The estimated \$5-million-a-year scheme would make it compulsory for every newborn's caregiver to nominate an authorised provider to assess their family's progress through home visits. Those who refused to take part would be referred to welfare authorities. The suggestion has outraged Bob McCoskrie, the national director of Christian-based lobby group Family First. "To threaten to refer the overwhelming majority of well-functioning parents and families who will quite rightly resist this intrusion - to social welfare agencies is the ultimate insult."

Family First Comment: When Children's Commissioner Kiro first floated this plan in 2006, she said that "ensuring that children are safe and nurtured, have the resources to develop to their full potential, and have their views considered in matters that affect them, is a fundamental responsibility of governments and communities."

"Family First rebukes this statement and says it is the fundamental responsibility of parents and families. It is only when parents fail at this task that the State has some role. The word 'parent' does not appear anywhere in Kiro's document! Caregiver is the closest you get."

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