



**Treaty Issues Poll
December 2024**

CLIENT:	ACT New Zealand
POLL DATES:	Sunday 01 December to Tuesday 03 December 2024. The median response was collected on Monday 02 December 2024.
TARGET POPULATION:	Adults aged 18+ who live in New Zealand and are eligible and likely to vote.
SAMPLE POPULATION:	Adults aged 18+ who live in New Zealand and are eligible and likely to vote, who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or online panel.
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,000 respondents agreed to participate, 800 by phone and 200 by online panel.
SAMPLE SELECTION:	A random selection of 15,000 NZ phone numbers (landlines and mobiles) and a random selection from the target population from up to three global online panels (that comply with ESOMAR guidelines for online research). If the call is to a landline, the person who is home and next has a birthday is asked to take part. Those who take part through an online panel are excluded from further polls on the same topic for six months.
RESPONSE RATE:	Multiple call-backs occurred to maximise the response rate. Those who said they were unlikely or very unlikely to vote were excluded.
OMNIBUS STATUS:	The poll was part of a wider omnibus survey for multiple clients. The questions were asked in the order they are listed.
WEIGHTING:	The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
SAMPLE ERROR:	Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level. Results for sub-groups such as age and area will have a much higher margin of error and not seen as precise.

A bill before Parliament has proposed three principles to be defined in legislation at the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. For each of the proposed principles please indicate whether you would support or oppose it being legislated as a principle of the Treaty of Waitangi.

1. The Executive Government of New Zealand has full power to govern, and the Parliament of New Zealand has full power to make laws in the best interests of everyone; and in accordance with the rule of law and the maintenance of a free and democratic society.
2. The Crown recognises, and will respect and protect, the rights that hapū and iwi Māori had under the Treaty of Waitangi/te Tiriti o Waitangi at the time they signed it. However, if those rights differ from the rights of everyone, this applies only if those rights are agreed in the settlement of a historical treaty claim under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975.
3. Everyone is equal before the law. Everyone is entitled, without discrimination, to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law; and the equal enjoyment of the same fundamental human rights.

		Count	Col %
Principle 1	Support	441	45%
	Oppose	241	24%
	Unsure	303	31%
Principle 2	Support	410	42%
	Oppose	243	25%
	Unsure	329	34%
Principle 3	Support	604	62%
	Oppose	140	14%
	Unsure	231	24%

Net support in order, is:

- Principle 3: +38%
- Principle 1: +21%
- Principle 2: +17%

Principle 3 has majority support, while the others have plurality support.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Principle 1	Support	35%	57%
	Oppose	27%	21%
	Unsure	38%	22%
Principle 2	Support	39%	45%
	Oppose	26%	24%
	Unsure	36%	31%
Principle 3	Support	60%	64%
	Oppose	16%	13%
	Unsure	24%	23%

Men support principle 1 far more than women. But near equal support on the other principles.

		Age		
		18 - 39	40 - 59	60+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Principle 1	Support	26%	43%	68%
	Oppose	28%	28%	16%
	Unsure	46%	28%	16%
Principle 2	Support	32%	42%	52%
	Oppose	27%	23%	24%
	Unsure	41%	35%	24%
Principle 3	Support	53%	62%	73%
	Oppose	16%	14%	13%
	Unsure	32%	24%	14%

A huge difference by age on principle 1, and to a degree on principle 2. Principle 3 has majority support with all age groups.

		Area Akl Col %	Wgtn Col %	Chch Col %	Prov Cities Col %	Towns Col %	Rural Col %
Principle 1	Support	53%	41%	53%	41%	50%	26%
	Oppose	26%	29%	27%	30%	21%	14%
	Unsure	21%	30%	20%	29%	29%	60%
Principle 2	Support	49%	31%	42%	38%	44%	39%
	Oppose	28%	32%	26%	33%	21%	8%
	Unsure	24%	37%	31%	30%	35%	53%
Principle 3	Support	68%	55%	66%	61%	64%	51%
	Oppose	16%	18%	20%	18%	16%	20%
	Unsure	16%	27%	14%	21%	20%	29%

		Probed Party Vote					
		National Col %	Labour Col %	TPM Col %	ACT Col %	NZ First Col %	Greens Col %
Principle 1	Support	64%	36%	4%	62%	60%	24%
	Oppose	11%	31%	63%	24%	24%	37%
	Unsure	25%	33%	32%	14%	16%	39%
Principle 2	Support	53%	34%	20%	63%	56%	24%
	Oppose	17%	29%	40%	8%	30%	46%
	Unsure	30%	37%	40%	29%	14%	30%
Principle 3	Support	70%	60%	4%	87%	79%	35%
	Oppose	9%	19%	56%	2%	8%	29%
	Unsure	22%	21%	39%	11%	13%	36%

Net support by party for each principle is:

	National	Labour	TPM	ACT	NZF	Greens
Principle 1	+53%	+5%	-59%	+38%	+36%	-13%
Principle 2	+36%	+5%	-20%	+55%	+26%	-22%
Principle 3	+61%	+41%	-52%	+85%	+71%	+6%

Principle 1 is supported by National, Labour, ACT and NZF voters.

Principle 2 is supported by National, Labour, ACT and NZF voters.

Principle 3 is supported by National, Labour, ACT, NZF and Green voters.

Overall do you support or oppose Parliament passing the Treaty Principles Bill that would trigger a referendum on defining the Treaty Principles as in the previous question?

		Count	Col %
Treaty Principles Bill	Support	382	39%
	Oppose	355	36%
	Unsure	248	25%
	Total	985	100%

A narrow plurality of 39% support Parliament passing the TPB with 36% opposed.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Treaty Principles Bill	Support	34%	45%
	Oppose	37%	35%
	Unsure	29%	20%
	Total	100%	100%

		Age		
		18 - 39	40 - 59	60+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Treaty Principles Bill	Support	27%	41%	49%
	Oppose	38%	35%	35%
	Unsure	35%	24%	16%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Area					
		Akl Col %	Wgtn Col %	Chch Col %	Prov Cities Col %	Towns Col %	Rural Col %
Treaty Principles Bill	Support	42%	26%	52%	40%	46%	34%
	Oppose	39%	47%	33%	43%	35%	28%
	Unsure	20%	27%	15%	17%	19%	39%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Probed Party Vote						
		National Col %	Labour Col %	TPM Col %	ACT Col %	NZ First Col %	Greens Col %	Unsure Col %
Treaty Principles Bill	Support	47%	26%	32%	71%	48%	14%	15%
	Oppose	26%	51%	58%	4%	42%	82%	38%
	Unsure	27%	22%	11%	25%	11%	5%	47%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Net support for passing the TPB by party is:

- ACT +67%
- National +21%
- NZF +6%
- Labour -25%
- TPM -26%
- Greens -68%

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