

Summary of Poll Results

PARTY SUPPORT – PARTY VOTE		
National	54%	Up 4% from 9 th – 13 th March 2007
Labour	35%	Steady
Green Party	4%	Down 3%
The Maori Party	3%	Steady
NZ First	2%	Down 1%
Act NZ	1%	Steady

PARTY SUPPORT – ELECTORATE VOTE		
National	52%	Up 2% from 9 th – 13 th March 2007
Labour	34%	Down 3%
Green Party	4%	Steady
The Maori Party	3%	Down 1%
NZ First	2%	Steady
United Future NZ	1%	Steady
Act NZ	1%	Steady

UNDECIDED VOTERS		
Party Vote	12%	Up 2% from 9 th – 13 th March 2007
Electorate Vote	16%	Up 1%

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PREFERRED PRIME MINISTER		
Key	35%	Down 1% from 9 th – 13 th March 2007
Clark	29%	Down 2%
Peters	4%	Down 1%

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK		
Optimism	23%	Down 3% from 9 th – 13 th March 2007
Pessimism	57%	Up 6%

Key Political Events: Mid-March to Mid-April 2008

- Government treads warily over China's crackdown in Tibetan demonstrations
- Call for the government to intervene in Air New Zealand pay rates row with Chinese flight attendants
- Health Minister, David Cunliffe severely criticises members of Hawkes Bay District Health Board after sackings
- Government announces plans for "multiple use" building consents for property developers
- Consumer confidence hits 10 year low in Westpac McDermott Miller quarterly survey
- Plans announced for creation of Auckland "Super city" council
- Memorial service held by the Queen in England for Sir Edmund Hillary
- Central North Island iwi present \$400 million treaty settlement deal to the crown
- Electoral commission rules that Labour Party must include Parliamentary funded Labour booklets in election spending budget
- Hamilton coolstore explosion kills one fireman and injures others
- New Zealand government signs Free Trade Agreement (FTO) with China
- Foreign Minister, Winston Peters announces his party's opposition to the FTO
- National leader, John Key announces National party stance on the sale of state owned assets
- Trial of Labour MP, Taito Phillip Field begins
- 6 children and 1 teacher drown in school camp accident in Tongariro National park