

Summary of Poll Results

PARTY SUPPORT – PARTY VOTE		
National	50%	Down 3% from 9 th – 14 th February 2007
Labour	35%	Up 1%
Green Party	7%	Up 1%
The Maori Party	3%	Steady
NZ First	3%	Up 1%
Act NZ	1%	Steady

PARTY SUPPORT – ELECTORATE VOTE		
National	50%	Up 2% from 9 th – 14 th February 2007
Labour	37%	Up 2%
Green Party	4%	Down 2%
The Maori Party	4%	Steady
NZ First	2%	Steady
United Future NZ	1%	Steady
Act NZ	1%	Steady

UNDECIDED VOTERS		
Party Vote	10%	Down 3% from 9 th – 14 th February 2007
Electorate Vote	15%	Down 2%

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PREFERRED PRIME MINISTER		
Key	36%	Steady from 9 th – 14 th February 2007
Clark	31%	Up 4%
Peters	5%	Up 1%

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK		
Optimism	26%	Down 2% from 9 th – 14 th February 2007
Pessimism	51%	Up 7%

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

- Superannuation Fund chief axed after \$860m income drop
- Retiring MPs on tax paid overseas visits
- Petrol price hits record high
- House price sales down
- Cullen criticises Key's plans to cap civil servant numbers
- Government to support food innovation venture with \$500m investment
- Winston Peters claims he does not mind Labour 'pinching' his policies
- Labour toughening rules around foreign investment in NZ (and in so doing making the Canadian bid for Auckland Airport harder)
- John Key stumbles over National's timelines for abolishing Maori electoral seats and on 'Treaty' settlement deadline
- Over crowding reported in Auckland's public hospitals
- Government not revealing which assets it will protect from foreign ownership
- National would reverse Labour's rule change on foreign ownership
- 'Terror raids' may have damaged race relations claims Race Relations Commissioner
- Pita Sharples talks about it being 'easy' for the Maori Party to go into a power sharing arrangement with National

- Helen Clark criticises The Herald for anti-Labour bias
- Hawkes Bay District Health Board suspended by Health Minister, David Cunliffe
- Sir Roger Douglas to get more involved with ACT Party after previously falling out with Rodney Hide
- Helen Clark says she'll stick to her election year strategy despite poor poll ratings
- Phil Goff questioned by media about his political aspirations
- Winston Peters denies large political donations to his party from Owen Glenn
- Iwi and Crown conclude negotiates over Kaingaroa Forest after 18 years of talks
- Stolen War Medals returned
- Labour President, Mike Williams offers to quit over his misleading comments concerning Owen Glenn's loan
- Anti-tagging bill discussed in parliament
- More people charged in connection with terror raids
- Report detailing hospitals' worst mistakes released
- Peter Dunne and Michael Cullen to jointly draft tax cuts but electioneering likely to take different stances during election campaign
- Dairy food prices set to rise