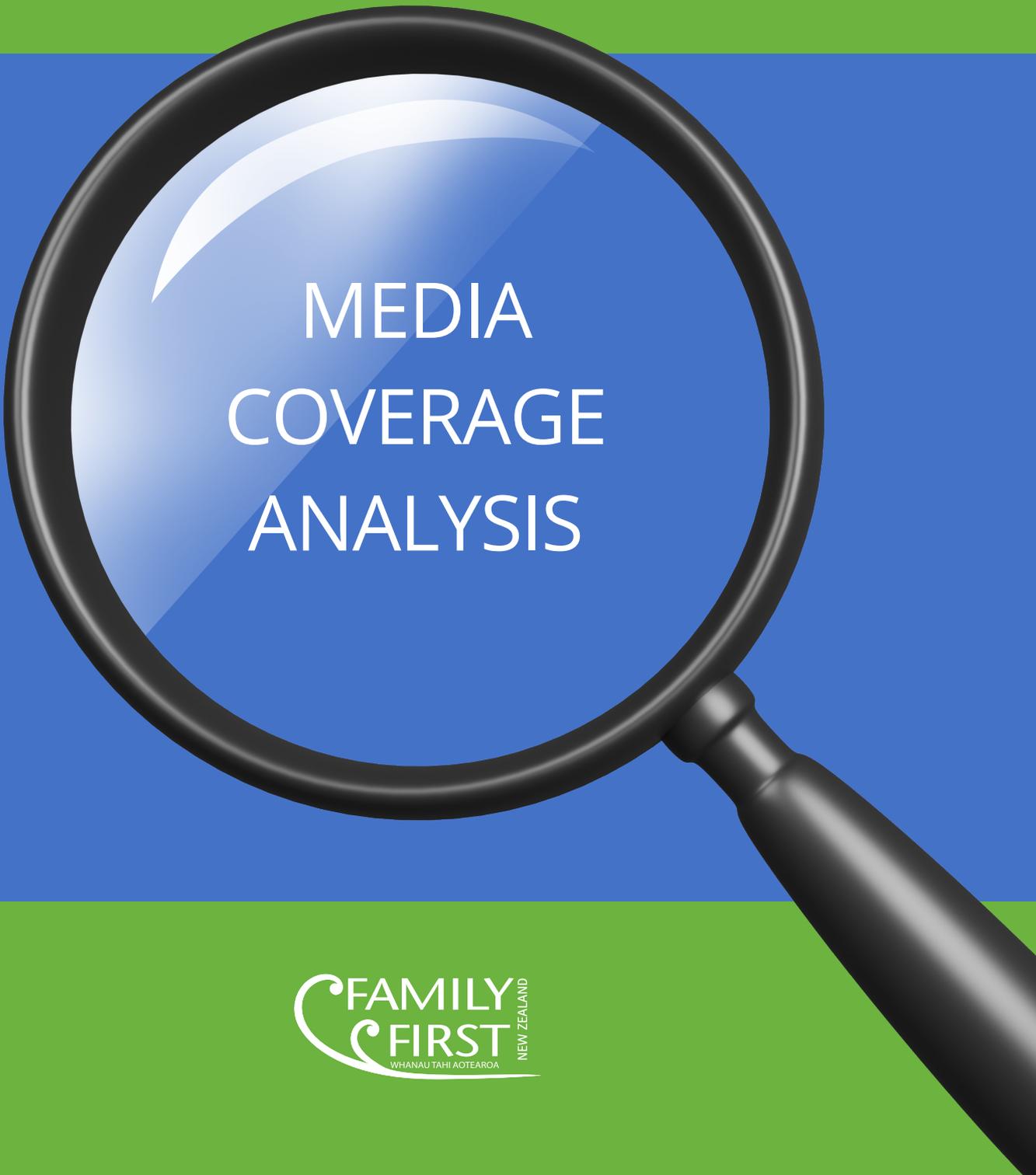


Conversion Practices
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MEDIA
COVERAGE
ANALYSIS

Introduction

This analysis looks at 126 New Zealand-based mainstream media articles and opinion pieces as they appeared online during the period between August 2020 and February 2022.

The objective was to assess the extent to which the set of articles and op-eds, as a whole, provided balanced coverage of both sides of the debate – consistent with the New Zealand Media Council’s first principle of “accuracy, fairness and balance.”¹

This period covers the time from when the media first raised the topic as a potential election policy issue (an interview in August 2020 on TVNZ1’s *Breakfast* with an activist campaigning for the law) through until the vote on the 3rd Reading of the bill in February 2022. (It doesn’t include commentary *after* the bill was passed).

All the articles obtained were based on the list provided by *NZ Politics Daily*, a comprehensive, nonpartisan list of articles, columns, and analysis relating to New Zealand politics and government, produced by the Democracy Project at Victoria University of Wellington.² This list was used to provide a neutral information base for the analysis and to avoid any accusation of selecting articles that leaned to one side or the other of the debate.

All the articles represent stories written by local journalists and published by New Zealand mainstream news sources. International coverage was not included nor personal blogsite articles. Stories published more than once were only counted as one story (for example, reports by Radio NZ were sometimes republished on other news sites).

This report examines 102 news items and 24 opinion (op-ed) pieces.

Biases were assessed using four specific measures: the **headline** and **images** used, the **number of people quoted** within each piece arguing one or other side of the debate (supporting or opposing the bill), and the **proportion of content** arguing each side of the issue. Experts who quoted research or data were deemed to be neutral. Any observed imbalance in the content or coverage across the set of news items and opinion pieces was interpreted as evidence of overall bias in reporting on the debate.

The analysis has been audited by an Emeritus Professor with expertise in research methods and statistics.

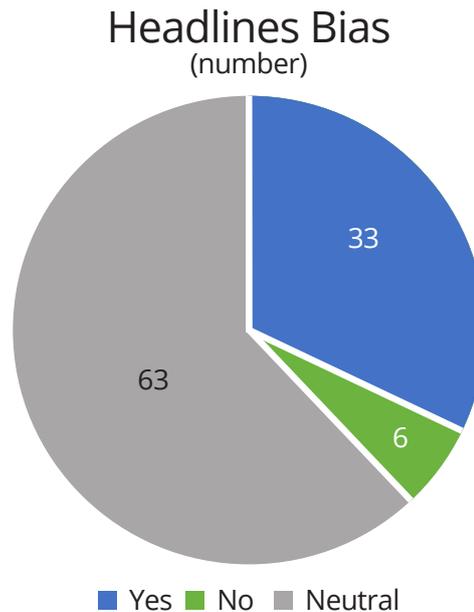
The report was commissioned by Family First New Zealand.

Headlines & Images – News Articles

Many readers do not have time to read the entire article, and in fact may only read the headline or see a related image. In an online environment, the headline may often be the only content consumed and is therefore an increasingly important measure of news story impact.

On balance, most headlines examined did not seek to influence the reader.

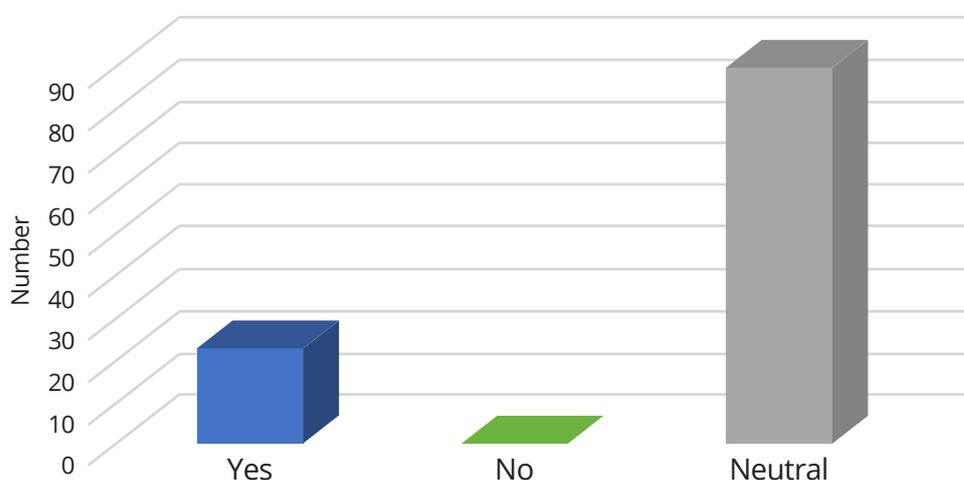
The breakdown was: Neutral (63), Yes-bias (33), No-bias (6).



As shown above, the headlines were mostly neutral. However, **some bias was observed with nearly one-third (32%) of all headlines promoting the Yes position, compared to just 6% promoting the No position.**

In summary, over half of headlines were not biased, but of those that were, **the bias towards the Yes position was five times that of the No position.**

Images Bias



By contrast, images were primarily neutral (84), but with all of the remainder (18) being biased to the Yes position. **No stories featured an image that appeared opposed to the bill.**

Comments From Advocates – News Articles

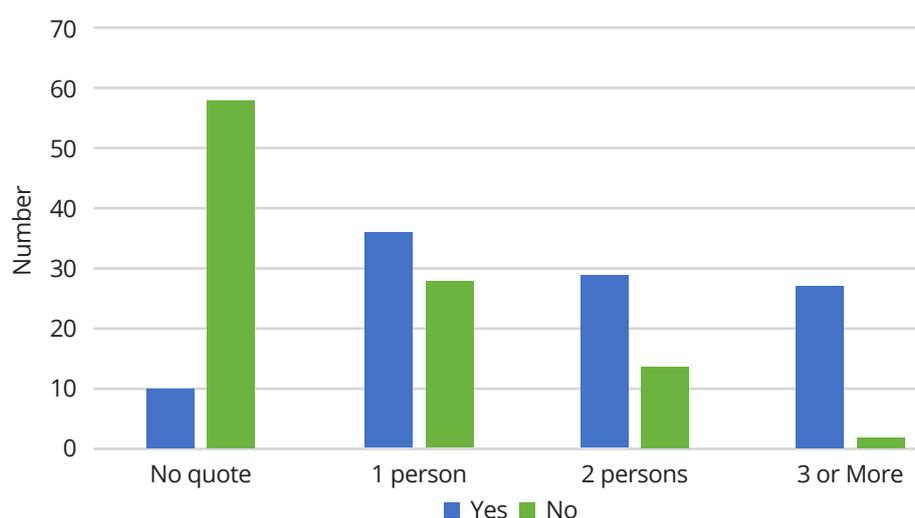
Advocates, MPs and commentators supporting the bill were quoted significantly more than those voicing concerns or objections. Of the 102 news articles:

- 92 articles featured at least one quote *supporting* the bill.
- 44 articles featured at least one quote *opposing* the bill.

Only one story quoted a No advocate without a counter quote. Four stories reported facts and quoted experts rather than advocates.

News articles quoted those *supporting* the proposed bill twice as often as those expressing concerns or opposition. (NB: Coding quotes was a challenge since some parties and politicians changed their position as the bill passed through different legislative phases, but the position of any spokesperson at the time an article was written accurately reflected the journalistic intention of the piece at that point in time.)

Number Of Times Each Position Was Quoted



In fairness, some of this bias reflected a high level of cross-party support in Parliament, with only the National party voting as a bloc against the bill at the 1st Reading. This created the impression that there were few objections or concerns. However, both the ACT Party and the National Party were in fact raising significant concerns around the risk of criminalising parents, and the impact of the bill on religious freedom and consent.

For this reason, nearly all the No advocates quoted were National or ACT MPs. Five church leaders were quoted as having concerns on the potential impact on parents and pastors, **but not one spokesperson from a lobby group opposing the bill (Family First, Free Speech Union) was ever quoted in a story.**

Given that there were a massive 107,000 submissions on both sides of the bill, it is strange that hardly any No advocates were given the opportunity to be part of the conversation.

By contrast, the Yes advocates frequently included Labour and Green party MPs, along with activists Shaneel Lal and Max Tweedie. Several other LGBTQ+ groups and churches were given the opportunity to voice their support along with a small number of personal testimonials. **There were no personal testimonials from the No side** despite the significant number of personal stories shared at the oral submission stage.³

³ <https://freetolive.nz/2021/09/27/conversion-therapy-ban-oral-submissions/>

Overall News Bias

The overall news bias was a subjective score based on four measures surveyed to indicate the existence and degree of bias (headline, image(s), people quoted, proportion of argument).

Across all of the 102 news articles analysed, 78% of the coverage was supportive of the Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill, compared to just 22% of the coverage raising concerns and presenting arguments against the bill.

Furthermore, 42 articles were *entirely* Yes-biased and made no mention of arguments opposing the bill. This compared to only one article which was entirely biased towards the No position.

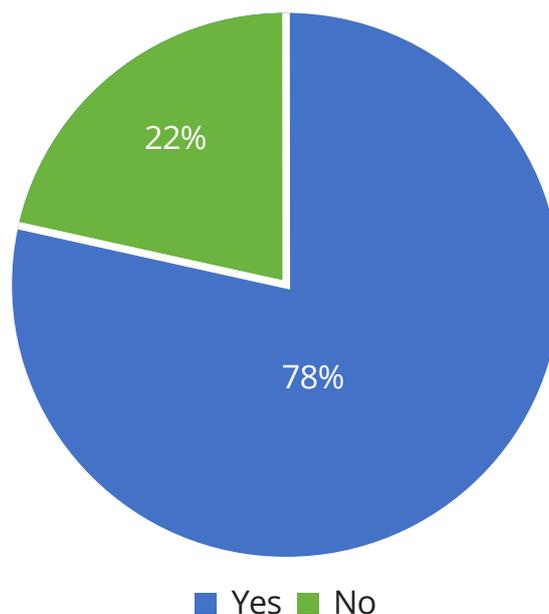
In short, there was almost four times as much news content in support of the bill as content raising concerns about or opposing the bill. **Of the 43 articles arguing for one or other side only, all but one were in support of the bill.**

This significant bias is based not only on the disproportionate coverage of support versus objections, but also the way concerns were addressed. **Politicians who voiced their concerns were regularly referred to with derogatory or critical comments, such as “cringeworthy”, “shameful”, “transphobic” or “old dinosaur”.**

Seventeen stories were evenly balanced and a further ten stories were only moderately biased (in the range 40%-60% of coverage either way).

Consequently, **only about a quarter of all stories could reasonably be considered fair coverage of both positions.**

Average News Bias



Op-Eds

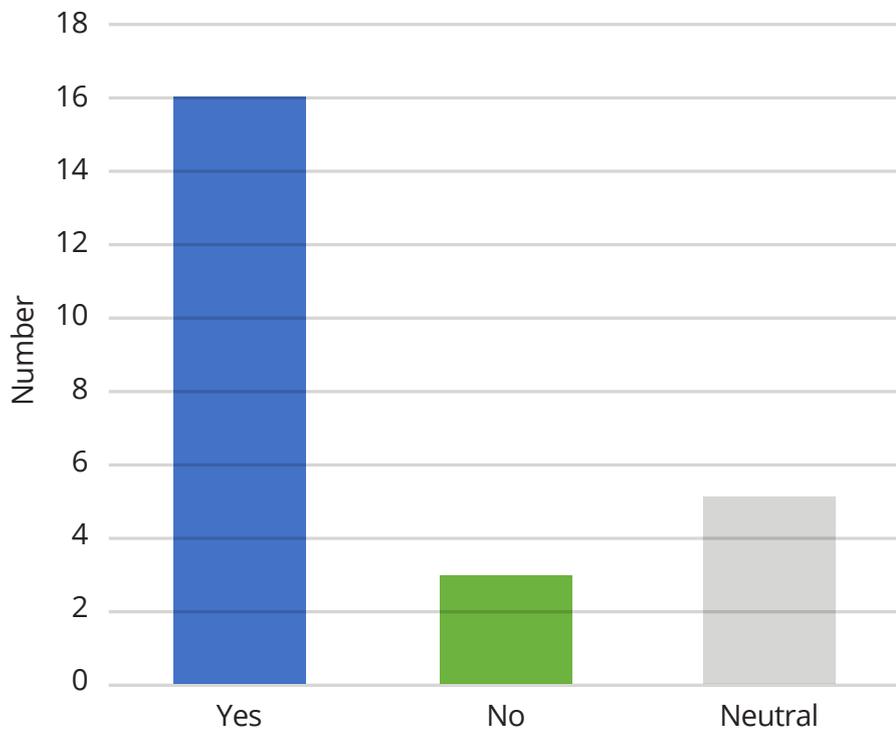
Twenty-four opinion editorials were published during the coverage period. Much like the news stories, a significant bias appeared, and anecdotally, we are aware of No-biased pieces that were offered to various media outlets but not published.

Two-thirds of all op-eds were Yes-biased compared to only 12% presenting the No position.

Even then, the neutral pieces mostly considered how the National Party was handling the issue rather than commenting on the merits and limitations of the Bill.

Five of the opinion pieces in support of the bill were from one activist.

Opinion Pieces By Bias



Reporter & Outlet Bias

Of the major news publications, TVNZ was the most biased outlet (85% Yes-bias), but Newshub's significantly higher coverage of 29 articles with an average Yes-bias of 70% makes it the most biased media outlet in the overall debate.

Outlet	Yes / No Bias	Number of Articles
TVNZ	85% / 15%	13
NZ Herald	83% / 17%	16
Stuff	82% / 18%	15
RNZ	80% / 20%	18
Newshub	70% / 30%	29

Four reporters published four or more articles on the Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill.

Reporter	Outlet	Yes / No Bias	Number of Articles
Anna Whyte	TVNZ	76% / 24%	5
Michael Nielson	NZ Herald	73% / 27%	6
Zane Small	Newshub	63% / 37%	9
Dan Satherley	Newshub	63% / 37%	4

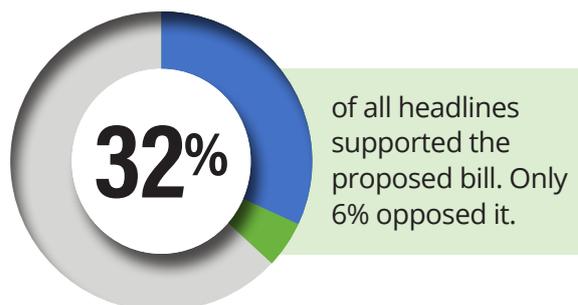
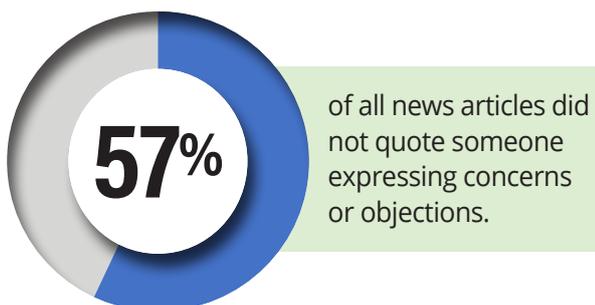
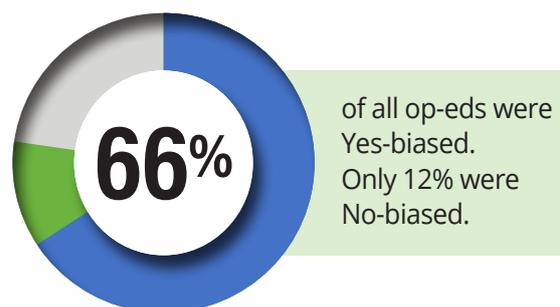
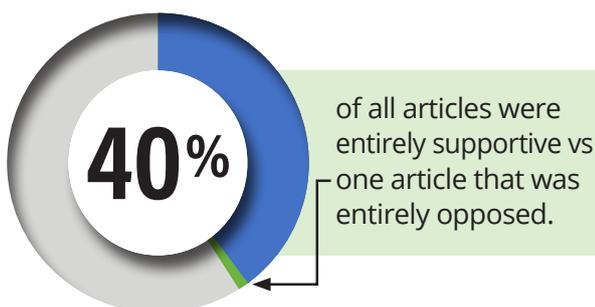
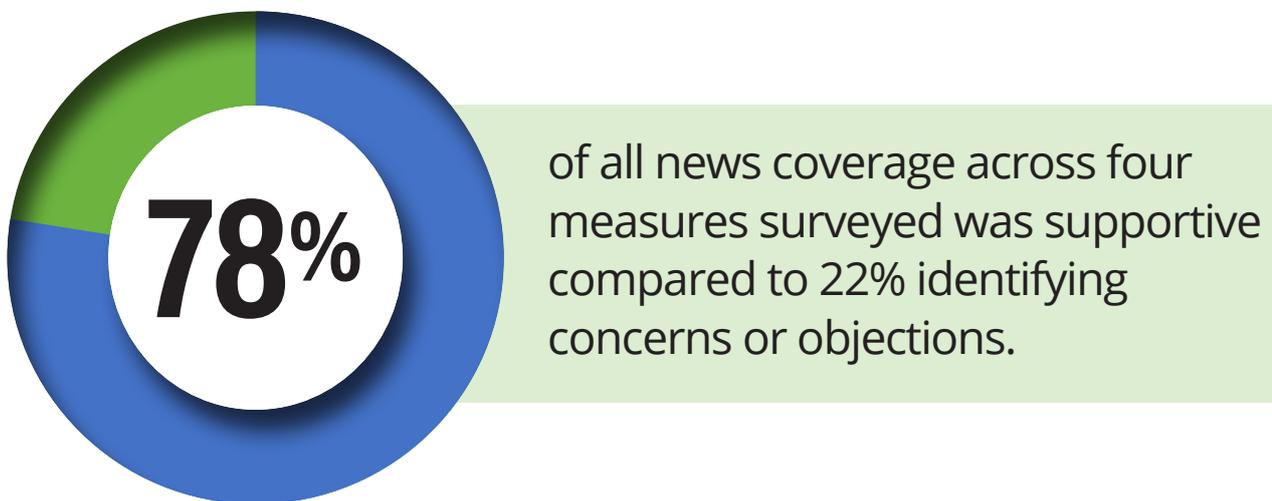
Conclusion

There can be no doubt that the Yes position received a heavily biased share of the media coverage during the period under investigation.

Sadly, the concerns and objections to the proposed law were much less quoted than positive aspects, and even then often the subject of criticism or a minor focus of the article.

The total bias (78% / 22%), although subjectively measured, is a deeply concerning observation about the way the mainstream media covered this debate.

Whilst reviewers might dispute the scores assigned in some instances, readers cannot ignore the presence of the 42 articles that were self-evidently biased and made *no* mention at all of concerns or objections to the proposed legislation.



List of Media Articles and Opinion Pieces

Date 2020	Author	Media outlet	Title of Article	URL
6-Aug		1News	Youth MP continues call for ban on conversion therapy, says it's 'state-sanctioned torture'	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/youth-mp-continues-call-ban-conversion-therapy-says-its-state-sanctioned-torture
29-Sep	Andrew MacFarlane	1News	Vote Compass: Most New Zealanders want conversion therapy banned	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/vote-compass-most-new-zealanders-want-conversion-therapy-banned
6-Oct	Joel MacManus	Stuff	Labour promises to ban conversion therapy, reform adoption laws	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/122986902/election-2020-labour-predicts-worlds-most-rainbow-parliament
	Amelia Wade	Herald	Labour vows to end gay conversion therapy and pour \$4 million into Rainbow youth mental health services	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/election-2020-labour-vows-to-end-gay-conversion-therapy-and-pour-4-million-into-rainbow-youth-mental-health-services/HTWYUISTLFKA5HBEVHBJVNEL5Y/
		Radio NZ	Labour promises ban on conversion therapy, rainbow mental health funding	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/427644/labour-promises-ban-on-conversion-therapy-rainbow-mental-health-funding
	Anna Whyte	1News	Labour promise to ban conversion therapy, review adoption laws if re-elected	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/labour-promise-ban-conversion-therapy-review-adoption-laws-if-re-elected
	Laura Tupou	Newshub	Activists praise Labour's commitment to ban conversion therapy	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/10/nz-election-2020-activists-praise-labour-s-commitment-to-ban-conversion-therapy.html
7-Oct	Jamie Ensor	Newshub	Jacinda Ardern still refuses to reveal cannabis vote, Judith Collins won't commit to banning gay conversion therapy	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/10/nz-election-2020-jacinda-ardern-still-refuses-to-reveal-cannabis-vote-judith-collins-won-t-commit-to-banning-gay-conversion-therapy.html
	Thomas Coughlan	Stuff	Judith Collins says she needs to do more research on conversion therapy before making mind up	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/300125792/election-2020-judith-collins-says-she-needs-to-do-more-research-on-conversion-therapy-before-making-mind-up
	Lana Andelane	Newshub	Andrew Little hits back at suggestion that Labour shouldn't prioritise conversion therapy ban	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/10/nz-election-2020-andrew-little-hits-back-at-suggestion-that-labour-shouldn-t-prioritise-conversion-therapy-ban.html
	Harry Lock	Radio NZ	Labour's promise to ban conversion therapy receives mixed response from other parties	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/427686/labour-s-promise-to-ban-conversion-therapy-receives-mixed-response-from-other-parties
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2-Feb	Thomas Coughlan	Stuff	Labour urged to hurry on promised conversion therapy ban	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/300219124/labour-urged-to-hurry-on-promised-conversion-therapy-ban

5-Feb	Aaron Dahmen and Courtney Winter	NewsTalk ZB	Govt urged to move on banning conversion therapy; Collins labelled 'ignorant' for taking no position	https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/politics/government-making-no-moves-to-ban-conversion-therapy-despite-election-promise/
8-Feb	Rachel Sadler	Newshub	Simon Bridges criticised for 'shameful' conversion therapy comments	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/simon-bridges-criticised-for-shameful-conversion-therapy-comments.html
	Jenna Lynch	Newshub	Greens accuse Labour of dragging chain on banning conversion therapy	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/greens-accuse-labour-of-dragging-chain-on-banning-conversion-therapy.html
	Jason Walls and Michael Neilson	Herald	'We have an obligation': Ardern wants conversion therapy ban bill before MPs this year	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/we-have-an-obligation-ardern-wants-conversion-therapy-ban-bill-before-mps-this-year/P3CZ26M2ZAASJV7HKVCKAYWTW4/
	Martyn Bradbury	Daily Blog	Doesn't cancelling Simon Bridges over Gay Conversion Therapy comments prove him right?	https://thedailyblog.co.nz/2021/02/06/media-watch-doesnt-cancelling-simon-bridges-over-gay-conversion-therapy-comments-prove-him-right/
	Greg Presland	The Standard	Simon Bridges, Conversion Therapy and free speech	https://thestandard.org.nz/simon-bridges-conversion-therapy-and-free-speech/
10-Feb	Breanna Barraclough	1News	National commits to banning conversion therapy after Collins googles it	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/national-commits-banning-conversion-therapy-after-collins-googles
	Shaneel Lal	Spinoff	While the ban on conversion therapy is delayed, queer people are being tortured	https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/09-02-2021/while-the-ban-on-conversion-therapy-is-delayed-queer-people-are-being-tortured/
	Dan Satherley	Newshub	National's support for ban on conversion therapy a 'consensus' decision, despite concerns - Judith Collins	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/national-s-support-for-ban-on-conversion-therapy-a-consensus-decision-despite-concerns-judith-collins.html
	Vita Molyneux	Newshub	Green Party calls for Government to urgently prioritise banning 'harmful, traumatising' conversion therapy	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/green-party-calls-for-government-to-urgently-prioritise-banning-harmful-traumatising-conversion-therapy.html
		Stuff	Green Party calls to end conversion therapy, launches petition	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/124237100/green-party-calls-to-end-conversion-therapy-launches-petition
		1News	Green Party to launch petition calling on Govt to prioritise banning conversion therapy	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/green-party-launch-petition-calling-govt-prioritise-banning-conversion-therapy
		Radio NZ	Green Party calls on Labour Government to ban gay conversion therapy	Republished on https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/politics/green-party-calls-on-labour-government-to-ban-gay-conversion-therapy/RYB3AV5DXAUNV4ERTHRQINKSQI/
16-Feb	David Farrar	Kiwiblog	Is there any actual conversion therapy occurring in NZ?	https://www.kiwiblog.co.nz/2021/02/is_there_any_actual_conversion_therapy_occurring_in_nz.html
	Lana Andelane	Newshub	Conversion therapy: Green Party's petition to end conversion therapy amasses 100,000 signatures in 48 hours	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/conversion-therapy-green-party-s-petition-to-end-conversion-therapy-amasses-100-000-signatures-in-48-hours.html

		Teao Maori	Ban Conversion Therapy petition gains overwhelming support	https://www.teaomaori.news/ban-conversion-therapy-petition-gains-overwhelming-support
	Joel Maxwell	Stuff	Petition pushing for fast tracked ban on conversion therapy hits 100,000 mark in two days	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/124258743/petition-pushing-for-fast-tracked-ban-on-conversion-therapy-hits-100000-mark-in-two-days
19-Feb	Martyn Bradbury	Daily Blog	Sooooo let's talk about banning 'Conversion Therapy'	https://thedailyblog.co.nz/2021/02/18/sooooo-lets-talk-about-banning-conversion-therapy/
	Ed Coomber	Stuff	Gay conversion therapy is harmful, hateful, and doesn't work	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/opinion/124284012/gay-conversion-therapy-is-harmful-hateful-and-doesnt-work
23-Feb	Graham Adams	Democracy Project	Greens stir the pot on banning conversation therapy	https://democracyproject.nz/2021/02/23/graham-adams-greens-stir-the-pot-on-banning-conversation-therapy/
	Sophie Trigger	Herald	Conversion therapy banned by early next year, Government reveals	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/conversion-therapy-banned-by-early-next-year-government-reveals/BBC2N7YZQBVNSEMAHNLIGLHXE/
		Teao Maori	Fafoi reaffirms ban on harmful 'conversion' practices	https://www.teaomaori.news/fafoi-reaffirms-ban-on-harmful-conversion-practices?_ga=2.190775147.1538439354.1614015526-227206613.1614015526
		The BFD	The Heart of the Conversion Therapy Debate	https://thebfd.co.nz/2021/02/22/the-heart-of-the-conversion-therapy-debate/
		1News	Government aiming to ban conversion therapy by February next year	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/government-aiming-ban-conversion-therapy-february-next-year
24-Feb	Sophie Trigger	Herald	'Protect us, and mean it': Conversion therapy survivors call for bill without religious exemptions	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/protect-us-and-mean-it-conversion-therapy-survivors-call-for-bill-without-religious-exemptions/QULUTKJMMN4ALNNB6XPMEATBMY/
	Zane Small	Newshub	Greens table conversion therapy petition despite Government's promise to ban it by 2022	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/02/greens-table-conversion-therapy-petition-despite-government-s-promise-to-ban-it-by-2022.html
		1News	'Wonderful'- Gay man who worked as conversion therapist backs Government's move to ban practice	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/wonderful-gay-man-worked-conversion-therapist-backs-governments-move-ban-practice
	Clive Aspin	Waatea News	Gay therapy on way out	https://www.waateanews.com/waateanews/x_news/MjY2NjA/Paakiwaha/Gay-therapy-on-way-out
		Stuff	Greens' petition to fast-track ban on conversion therapy presented to Parliament	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/124337971/greens-petition-to-fasttrack-ban-on-conversion-therapy-presented-to-parliament
		Radio NZ	Greens present petition in support of gay conversion therapy ban	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/436993/greens-present-petition-in-support-of-gay-conversion-therapy-ban
		Herald	Gay conversion therapy ban: Survivor of ECT shock treatment welcomes legislation change	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12423907

9-Mar		Radio NZ	Conversion therapy ban petition: Takatāpui 'inherent to our culture'	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/te-manu-korihi/437894/conversion-therapy-ban-petition-takatapui-inherent-to-our-culture
15-Apr	Dan Satherley	Newshub	Eight years on, Labour MP Aupito William Sio stands by vote against same-sex marriage	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/05/eight-years-on-labour-mp-aupito-william-sio-stands-by-vote-against-same-sex-marriage.html
30-Jul	Michael Neilson	Herald	Gay conversion therapy ban - next steps to be announced by Government	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12461380
	Katie Scotcher	Radio NZ	Conversion therapy legislation to cover religious groups	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/448033/conversion-therapy-legislation-to-cover-religious-groups
	Zane Small	Newshub	Up to five years in prison for conversion practices under new law	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/07/up-to-five-years-in-prison-for-conversion-practices-under-new-law.html
	Anna Whyte	1News	Jail possible as Govt introduces Bill to ban conversion therapy	https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/jail-possible-govt-introduces-bill-ban-conversion-therapy
	Thomas Manch, Danielle Clent and Bernadette Basagre	Stuff	Man exposed to conversion therapy excited the practice will be criminalised for children and teens	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/125917172/man-exposed-to-conversion-therapy-excited-the-practice-will-be-criminalised-for-children-and-teens
	Michael Neilson	Herald	Gay conversion therapy to become criminal offence, Justice Minister Kris Faafoi announces	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12461548
		Radio NZ	Conversion therapy 'widely discredited by science' - Faafoi	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/448077/conversion-therapy-law-government-reveals-all-the-details
	Derek Cheng	Herald	Conversion therapy ban: Will parents be jailed for stopping their kids taking hormone blockers?	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12461688
	Jenna Lynch	Newshub	Conversion therapy ban: Advocates fear prosecution threshold in law banning conversion practices is 'unattainable'	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/07/conversion-therapy-ban-advocates-fear-prosecution-threshold-in-law-banning-conversion-practices-is-unattainable.html
	Heather Du Plessis-Allan Drive	NewsTalk ZB	Justice Minister: You can't try to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity	https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/heather-du-plessis-allan-drive/audio/kris-faafoi-you-cant-try-to-change-someones-sexual-orientation-or-gender-identity/
	Tess McClure	Guardian	'No place in modern New Zealand': government signals conversion practices ban	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jul/30/no-place-in-modern-new-zealand-government-signals-conversion-practices-ban
31-Jul		Radio NZ	Former victim of gay conversion therapy lauds government's move to ban it	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/448162/former-victim-of-gay-conversion-therapy-lauds-government-s-move-to-ban-it
	Alexa Cook	Newshub	Expert concerned Government's planned gay conversion therapy law could criminalise parents	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/07/expert-concerned-government-s-planned-gay-conversion-therapy-law-could-criminalise-parents.html
3-Aug	Zane Small	Newshub	Justice Minister Kris Faafoi unable to confirm if conversion therapy ban covers kids taking hormone blockers	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/08/justice-minister-kris-faafoi-unable-to-confirm-if-conversion-therapy-ban-covers-kids-taking-hormone-blockers.html

		Radio NZ	ACT, National warn of conversion therapy bill 'risk'	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/448389/act-national-warn-of-conversion-therapy-bill-risk
	Michael Neilson	Herald	Act supports conversion therapy ban bill, National holding out over parental concerns	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/act-supports-conversion-therapy-ban-bill-national-holding-out-over-parental-concerns/QJGIIHIEC6Q57K2JQGQ5RPCPI/
5-Aug	Emile Donovan	Stuff	The Detail: How the proposed conversion therapy ban will work	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/the-detail/300374429/the-detail-how-the-proposed-conversion-therapy-ban-will-work?cid=app-iPhone
	Bridie Witton	Stuff	'Deeply disappointed': Young Nats call for National Party to support conversion therapy bill	https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/125975928/deeply-disappointed-young-nats-call-for-national-party-to-support-conversion-therapy-bill?cid=app-iPhone
		Herald	Young Nats break with National over conversion therapy ban vote	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12462960
	Dan Satherley	Newshub	Young Nats clash with Simon Bridges again, this time over conversion therapy	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/08/young-nats-clash-with-simon-bridges-again-this-time-over-conversion-therapy.html
	Michael Neilson	Herald	Parliament backs bill to ban 'monstrous' conversion therapy	https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/parliament-backs-bill-to-ban-monstrous-conversion-therapy/TKTC4G4D6IT2MRVYS5LVTZJ4CA/
	Katie Scotcher	Radio NZ	Young Nats break with party over conversion therapy vote	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/448541/young-nats-break-with-party-over-conversion-therapy-vote
	Katie Scotcher	Radio NZ	Conversion therapy ban legislation passes first reading at Parliament	https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/448565/conversion-therapy-ban-legislation-passes-first-reading-at-parliament
	Zane Small	Newshub	Tense scenes in Parliament as National stands alone opposing conversion therapy ban law	https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/08/tense-scenes-in-parliament-as-national-stands-alone-opposing-conversion-therapy-law.html
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