

■ = Consistent with Family First position ■ = Not consistent with Family First position / no response / no position

# Where do party leaders stand on key family issues?



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LABOUR



**WINSTON PETERS**  
NZ FIRST



**JAMES SHAW**  
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**JUDITH COLLINS**  
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Go to ValueYourVote.nz for any additional comments made by the leaders						
<b>MARRIAGE</b>						
Define marriage as one man and one woman	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
Freedom of conscience for belief in traditional marriage	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE *	DIDN'T VOTE	SUPPORT
Redefine marriage to allow polygamy, group marriage	NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	NO RESPONSE	NO POSITION	OPPOSE
Policies promoting marriage	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	NO RESPONSE	NO POSITION	SUPPORT
Same-sex adoption by non-biologically related adults	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT *	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<b>ABORTION</b>						
Decriminalisation of abortion	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Ban on sex selection abortions	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Foetal pain provision for late term abortions	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	DIDN'T VOTE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Ban on disability discrimination abortions	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Late term abortions only for exceptional circumstances	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	DIDN'T VOTE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Born-alive law (care of children who survive abortion)	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	DIDN'T VOTE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Full conscientious objection for health practitioners	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	DIDN'T VOTE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
<b>ASSISTED SUICIDE / EUTHANASIA</b>						
Decriminalisation of euthanasia / assisted suicide	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT <sup>1</sup>	SUPPORT	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Full freedom of conscience for medical professionals	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
1-week cooling off period	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
<b>ANTI-SMACKING LAW / REFERENDUMS</b>						
Decriminalise non-abusive smacking	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
Independent Oranga Tamariki (CYF) Complaints Authority	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
Binding Citizens' Initiated Referendums	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NO RESPONSE	NO POSITION	SUPPORT
<b>PARENTING &amp; FAMILY</b>						
Parental notification for teen pregnancies	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT
Expert Panel to investigate harms of pornography	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
<b>GENDER 'IDENTITY'</b>						
Gender 'identity' is separate from biological sex	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	NO POSITION	OPPOSE
Counselling ban for youth with gender confusion <sup>4</sup>	SUPPORT *	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE	OPPOSE
<b>DRUGS</b>						
Legalisation of cannabis for recreational use	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE
De facto decriminalisation of ALL drugs	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT <sup>2</sup>	SUPPORT	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE
Medicinal marijuana (Government bill which incl smoking)	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE <sup>3</sup>	DIDN'T VOTE	SUPPORT
<b>PROSTITUTION</b>						
Repeal of Prostitution law - prosecute buyer	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
Ban on brothels in residential areas	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NO RESPONSE	NO POSITION	SUPPORT
Ban on street prostitution	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
<b>ALCOHOL</b>						
Raise drinking and purchase age to 20	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
Alcohol law reform (5+ Solution) <sup>5</sup>	NO RESPONSE	PARTIAL SUPPORT	PARTIAL SUPPORT	NO RESPONSE	PARTIAL SUPPORT	SUPPORT
<b>TAXATION OF FAMILIES</b>						
Income splitting for parents	NO RESPONSE	SUPPORT	PARTIAL SUPPORT	SUPPORT *	NO POSITION	SUPPORT
Paid parental leave (6 months)	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
<b>OTHER ISSUES</b>						
Three Strikes' legislation (based on current position)	OPPOSE *	SUPPORT *	OPPOSE	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	SUPPORT
Easter Sunday Trading	OPPOSE *	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	SUPPORT *	SUPPORT	OPPOSE

1. Supported on the basis of also holding a public referendum  
 2. NZ First supported this bill, but did force Labour / Greens to accept an amendment which helped maintain the ability for legal sanction - rather than full decriminalisation as intended by Labour / Greens  
 3. National support medicinal marijuana, but opposed this bill because "smoking is not medicine", a concern that Family First shares.  
 4. A counselling ban for youth with gender confusion (aka "conversion therapy") is a ban on any attempt by parents or counsellors to reduce gender dysphoria by helping the child become comfortable with their biological sex. These bans are really about locking children into transgenderism.  
 5. Raise price, raise purchase age, reduce accessibility, reduce advertising & sponsorship, target drink-driving (plus increase treatment availability).

\* Based on public statements or votes  
 "Didn't vote" = was a current MP but either abstained or didn't show up for the vote  
 Labour leader **Jacinda Ardern** refused to complete our questionnaire. Where possible, we have recorded a response based on her voting record and/or public statements. We surveyed co-leader **Marama Davidson** whose responses were identical to **James Shaw**. The **Māori Party** also refused to respond to our questionnaire.  
 The **New Conservatives** were surveyed because a significant number of their policies align with the positions of Family First NZ, and they are currently appearing in the political polls. This in no way should be taken as an endorsement of the party as a whole.  
 # Since the new appointment of Judith Collins as leader of the National Party, we have sent our questionnaire for her to complete. At time of reprinting this Guide, we had not received a response. Check our website for updates.