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Parties neck-and-neck in New Zealand 12 months before NZ Election: National Party (44.5%) just behind Labour/ Greens (45%)

Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows John Key's National Party (44.5%, down 1%) just trailing a potential Labour/ Greens Alliance (45%, up 0.5%). Support for Key's Coalition partners has changed little overall with the Maori Party 1.5% (unchanged), United Future 0.5% (unchanged) and ACT NZ 0.5% (up 0.5%).

Support for the Labour Party has risen to 34% (up 2%), the Greens have fallen to 11% (down 1.5%), New Zealand First 3.5% (down 1.5%), Mana Party 1% (unchanged), Conservative Party of NZ 2% (up 0.5%) and Others 1.5% (up 1%).

If a National Election were held now the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows that the result would be too close to call and depend on minor party support.

The latest NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating has fallen 3.5pts to 130 with 59% (down 2%) of New Zealanders saying New Zealand is 'heading in the right direction' compared to 29% (up 1.5%) that say New Zealand is 'heading in the wrong direction'.

Gary Morgan says:

"Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows National (44.5%, down 1%) now just behind a potential Labour/ Greens alliance (45%, up 0.5%) twelve months before New Zealand heads to the polls for the 2014 New Zealand Election.

"Support for the minor parties shows left-leaning New Zealand First (3.5%, down 1.5%) and the right-leaning Conservative Party (2%, up 0.5%) are the two best supported minor parties that could determine which parties form Government after the election.

"A big test for Prime Minister John Key is the citizen-initiated referendum on the Key Government's privatisation programme New Zealanders are currently voting on. The referendum asks 'Do you support the Government selling up to 49% of Meridian Energy, Mighty River Power, Genesis Power, Solid Energy and Air New Zealand?'

"The referendum is a big test of Key's authority and mandate after the Government last week sold more than 220 million shares in Air New Zealand raising \$365 million as a result. After the sales Finance Minister Bill English indicated the Government would put partial asset sales on hold after the Genesis Power sale."

Electors were asked: "If a New Zealand Election were held today which party would receive your party vote?"

This latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll on voting intention was conducted by telephone – both landline and mobile telephone, with a NZ wide cross-section of 884 electors from November 11-24, 2013. Of all electors surveyed 2.5% (down 0.5%) didn't name a party.

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
500	±4.5	±3.9	±2.7	±1.9
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
1,500	±2.6	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1
2,000	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

Voting Intention Summary

The following table compares the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Polls on Voting Intention with the result from the November 26, 2011 General Election:

<u>PRIMARY VOTE</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Green Party</u>	<u>NZ First</u>	<u>Maori Party*</u>	<u>Mana Party*</u>	<u>ACT NZ</u>	<u>United Future</u>	<u>Conservatives</u>	<u>Other</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Election, July 27, 2002	20.9	41.3	7	10.4	n/a	n/a	7.1	6.7	n/a	6.6
Election, September 17, 2005	39.1	41.1	5.3	5.72	2.12	n/a	1.51	2.67	n/a	2.48
Election, November 8, 2008	44.93	33.99	6.72	4.07	2.39	n/a	3.65	0.87	n/a	3.38
Election, November 26, 2011	47.31	27.48	11.06	6.59	1.43	1.08	1.07	0.60	2.65	0.73
<u>ROY MORGAN POLL</u>										
Jan. 3-15, 2012	47	27.5	14.5	5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	n/a	2.5
Jan. 16-29, 2012	46	30.5	13	5.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	1.5
Jan. 30 – Feb. 12, 2012	45.5	31	11.5	6	1.5	1	1	0.5	n/a	2
Feb. 13-26, 2012	45.5	31.5	13	5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	n/a	1.5
Feb. 27-March 11, 2012	48.5	30	12.5	5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	1.5
March 12-April 1, 2012	44	30.5	17	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	0.5
April 2-15, 2012	49.5	26.5	12.5	6.5	1.5	1	^	1	n/a	1.5
April 16-29, 2012	47	28.5	15	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	1.5
April 30-May 13, 2012	44.5	30	15	5.5	1	0.5	^	1	n/a	2.5
May 14-27, 2012	44	30.5	13.5	5	2	1	1	0.5	n/a	2.5
May 28-June 7, 2012	46	31	12.5	5.5	1.5	1	^	0.5	n/a	2
June 8-24, 2012	47.5	32	12	4	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	1.5
June 25 – July 8, 2012	45.5	32.5	13	4.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	2
July 9-22, 2012	47.5	30	11	5.5	1	0.5	1	0.5	3	^
July 23-August 5, 2012	44	32	14	4	2	1	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
August 13-26, 2012	44.5	32	14.5	5	2.5	^	1	^	0.5	^
August 27-Sep. 9, 2012	46.5	31	12.5	4.5	2.5	1	0.5	^	1	0.5
Sep. 10-23, 2012	43.5	33	11.5	5	2.5	1.5	0.5	^	2	0.5
Sep. 24 – Oct. 7, 2012	41.5	33.5	13.5	6.5	1.5	^	0.5	0.5	2	0.5
Oct. 8-21, 2012	43.5	29	13	7.5	3.5	0.5	0.5	^	2	0.5
Oct. 29 – Nov. 11, 2012	45.5	32.5	10.5	5	2	1	0.5	0.5	1.5	1
Nov. 12-25, 2012	45	31.5	13.5	6.5	1	^	0.5	0.5	1.5	^
Nov. 26 – Dec. 9, 2012	45.5	33.5	11	5	1.5	1	1	^	1	0.5
Jan. 2-13, 2013	46	31.5	12	5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
Jan. 14-17, 2013	46	31.5	13.5	5.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	^	0.5	0.5
Jan. 28 – Feb. 10, 2013	44	34.5	13.5	4	0.5	0.5	0.5	^	2	0.5
Feb. 11-24, 2013	47.5	30.5	12.5	3	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	0.5
Feb. 25 – March 10, 2013	43.5	32.5	13.5	5	2	^	0.5	0.5	2	0.5
March 11- 24 , 2013	44	34.5	13	3	2.5	0.5	0.5	1	1	^
April 1-14, 2013	40.5	35.5	13.5	5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
April 15-28, 2013	46.5	31.5	11	4.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	2	1
April 29 – May 12, 2013	44	32	12	5	2	1	1.5	0.5	1.5	0.5
May 13-26, 2013	41	35	12	4.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	1.5
June 3-16, 2013	44	33	11.5	6	2	1	0.5	-	2	^
June 17-30, 2013	46.5	31.5	13	3.5	1.5	0.5	-	0.5	2	1
July 1-14, 2013	47	31	11.5	4.5	2	1.5	0.5	^	1.5	0.5
July 15-28, 2013	51	29	10	4	1.5	1	1	^	1.5	1
July 29 – August 11, 2013	44	34	14	3	2	0.5	0.5	^	1	1
August 12-25, 2013	44	31.5	14	5.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5
August 26 – Sep. 8, 2013	41	32.5	15	6.5	1	0.5	1	0.5	1.5	0.5
Sep. 16-29, 2013	42	37	11.5	4.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	0.5
Sep. 30-Oct. 13, 2013	41.5	37	12.5	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	^	0.5	1
Oct 14-27, 2013	42	35.5	11	4.5	1.5	0.5	1	0.5	2.5	1
Oct 28-Nov 10, 2013	45.5	32	12.5	5	1.5	1	-	0.5	1.5	0.5
Nov 11-24, 2013	44.5	34	11	3.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	2	1.5

*The Maori Party was launched in July 2004; ^ Result less than 0.5%. The Mana Party was launched in July 2011.

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Two-Party Preferred: National Party-led Government vs. Parliamentary Opposition Parties

The following table compares the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Polls on Voting Intention with the result from the November 26, 2011 General Election:

	<u>National Party-led Government*</u>	<u>Parliamentary Opposition Parties#</u>
Election, November 8, 2008	51.84	48.16
Election, November 26, 2011	50.41	46.21

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Jan. 3-15, 2012	49.5	48
Jan. 16-29, 2012	49	49.5
Jan. 30 – Feb. 12, 2012	48.5	49.5
Feb. 13-26, 2012	48	50.5
Feb. 27-March 11, 2012	50.5	48
March 12-April 1, 2012	46.5	53
April 2-15, 2012	52	46.5
April 16-29, 2012	49.5	49
April 30-May 13, 2012	46.5	51
May 14-27, 2012	47.5	50
May 28-June 7, 2012	48	51.5
June 8-24, 2012	50	48.5
June 25 – July 8, 2012	47.5	50.5
July 9-22, 2012	50	47
July 23-August 5, 2012	47	51
August 13-26, 2012	48	51.5
August 27-Sep. 9, 2012	49.5	49
Sep. 10-23, 2012	46.5	51
Sep. 24 – Oct. 7, 2012	44	53.5
Oct. 8-21, 2012	47.5	50
Oct. 29 – Nov. 11, 2012	48.5	49
Nov. 12-25, 2012	47	51.5
Nov. 26 – Dec. 9, 2012	48	50.5
Jan. 2-13, 2013	49	49
Jan. 14-17, 2013	48	51
Jan. 28 – Feb. 10, 2013	45	52.5
Feb. 11-24, 2013	51	46.5
Feb. 25 – March 10, 2013	46.5	51
March 11- 24 , 2013	48	51
April 1-14, 2013	43.5	54.5
April 15-28, 2013	49	48
April 29 – May 12, 2013	48	50
May 13-26, 2013	44	52
June 3-16, 2013	46.5	51.5
June 17-30, 2013	48.5	48.5
July 1-14, 2013	49.5	48.5
July 15-28, 2013	53.5	44
July 29 – August 11, 2013	46.5	51.5
August 12-25, 2013	47	51.5
August 26 – Sep. 8, 2013	43.5	54.5
Sep. 16-29, 2013	44	53.5
Sep. 30-Oct 13, 2013	43.5	55
Oct 14-27, 2013	45	51.5
Oct 28-Nov 10, 2013	47.5	50.5
Nov 11-24, 2013	47	49.5

*National-led Government: National Party, Maori Party, ACT NZ, United Future; #Opposition Parties: Labour Party, Green Party, NZ First, Mana Party. Conservative Party & Other not included as they are not represented in Parliament.

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No other public opinion poll taken in Australia or New Zealand has this qualification.

NEW ZEALAND: HEADING IN "RIGHT" OR "WRONG" DIRECTION?

Electors were asked: "Generally speaking, do you feel that things in New Zealand are heading in the right direction or would you say things are seriously heading in the wrong direction?"

NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Apr 30-May 13,	May 14-27,	May 28-June 7,	June 8-24,	June 25-July 8,	July 9-22,	Jul 23-Aug 5,	Aug 13-26,
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	51	49	48	52	51.5	50	49	49.5
Wrong direction	35.5	38	37.5	34.5	34	36.5	34.5	34.5
Roy Morgan GCR#	115.5	111	110.5	117.5	117.5	113.5	114.5	115
Can't say	13.5	13	14.5	13.5	14.5	13.5	16.5	16
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Aug 27-Sep 9,	Sep 10-23,	Sep 24-Oct 7,	Oct 8-21,	Oct 29 – Nov 11,	Nov 12-25,	Nov 26-Dec 9,	Jan 2-13,
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	51	47.5	44	49	51.5	48.5	53	53.5
Wrong direction	34.5	37.5	38	39	34	37.5	34	33.5
Roy Morgan GCR#	116.5	110	106	110	117.5	111	119	120
Can't say	14.5	15	18	12	14.5	14	13	13
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Jan 14-17,	Jan 28-Feb 10,	Feb 11-24,	Feb 25-Mar 10,	Mar 11-24,	Apr 1-14,	Apr 15-28,	Apr 29- May 12,
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	57	55	54	51.5	53.5	51.5	54.5	56.5
Wrong direction	30.5	30.5	32.5	37.5	34	35.5	34	30.5
Roy Morgan GCR#	126.5	124.5	121.5	114	119.5	116	120.5	126
Can't say	12.5	14.5	13.5	11	12.5	13	11.5	13
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

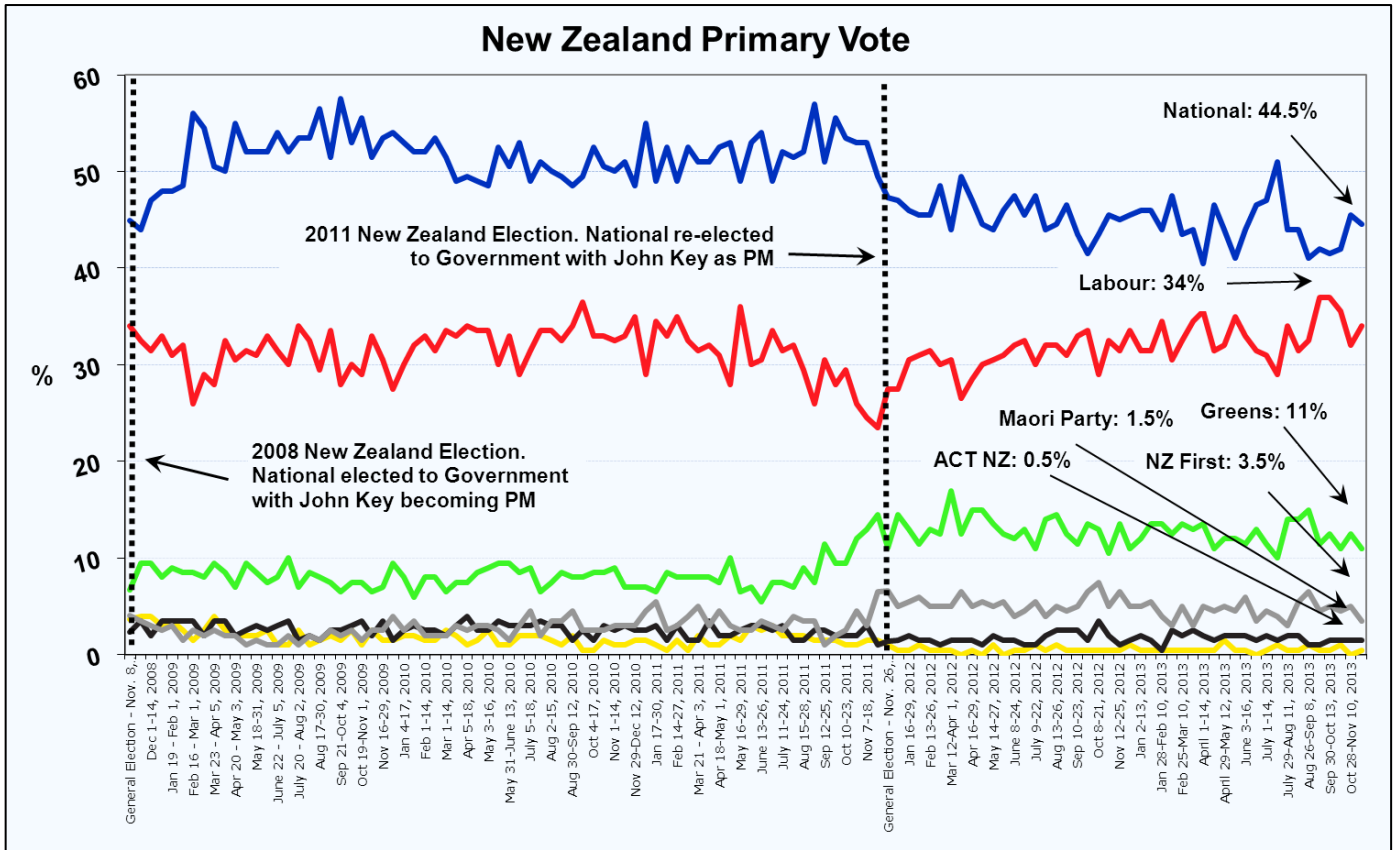
NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	May 13-26,	June 3-16,	June 17-30,	July 1-14,	July 15-28,	July 29-Aug 11,	Aug 12-25,	Aug 26-Sep 8,
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	55.5	54	57	58	58.5	58	58	52.5
Wrong direction	32.5	33.5	32	29.5	30	30	30.5	35.5
Roy Morgan GCR#	123	120.5	125	128.5	128.5	128	127.5	117
Can't say	12	12.5	11	12.5	11.5	12	11.5	12
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

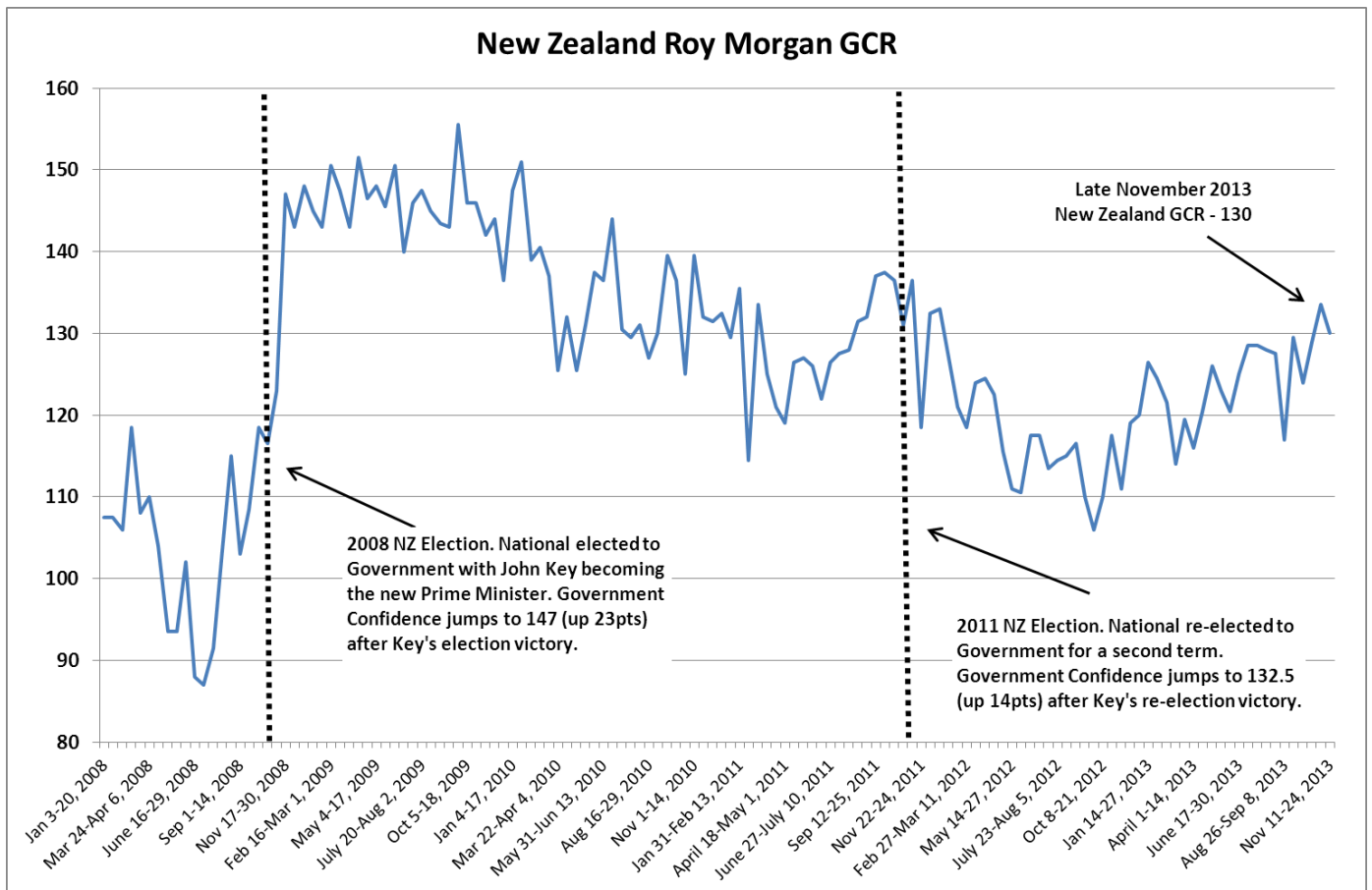
NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Sep 16-29,	Sep 30-Oct 13,	Oct 14-27,	Oct 28-Nov 10,	Nov 11-24,
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	59	55	57.5	61	59
Wrong direction	29.5	31	28.5	27.5	29
Roy Morgan GCR#	129.5	124	129	133.5	130
Can't say	11.5	14	14	11.5	12
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100

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