



OPINION PIECE

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It's constant and one thing after another. The Labour led coalition could only wonder what could get worse than the rape allegations, repeated sexual misconduct, bullying and much more.

One could be forgiven for thinking this could never be a Political Party and one that's actually in Government. While the spotlight is on one party's deep cultural problems, there is a systemic problem within New Zealand politics that requires serious change. That all New Zealanders ought to be deeply concerned about this is an understatement, considering the behaviour of individual politicians, party cover ups, and generally the 'State of Honesty' from our national leaders.

That this is coming from the most important organisation in New Zealand, that in many ways determines and decides morals, money and message is concerning, to say the least. Accountability is almost non-existent; one law for politicians another for the rest of us. Lies, cover ups, dishonesty, conniving and scheming, kickbacks and self-serving nepotism and favouritism, elusive and inclusive, vague and avoiding, hypocritical and shifty and the list goes on...

What employer or company would employ a job seeker with this resume? Exactly none! So why do we (everyday Kiwis) let this lot get away with blue murder, yet hold ourselves to far stricter characteristics and honesty? Why do we tolerate it and at times protect it?

I know, we are not the protest en mass type people. For instance, in many other countries millions have marched upon their Governments and thrown out corrupt, dishonest politicians. But hold on, maybe that's it – we think 'we and ours' do not have corruption in little ol' God's Own?

We need to reconsider that, seriously! Well maybe it's time for the 'casual, sit at home, get on with my life Kiwi's' to get a bit tougher on those we elect to represent us (and not themselves) to work for our good and betterment (not theirs); to listen to the people (and not themselves) remember they work for us, not we for them!

It's time for new politics. Time for politicians and parties that represent us with a level of honesty and integrity that once again allows the people of New Zealand to put a little trust back in politics again.