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NZ Should Change Its Flag?

Reason/Evidence For Changing	Evidence Category (highlight)		Reason/Evidence For Keeping the Flag the Same	Evidence Category (Highlight)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build our image internationally : in terms of global branding, there is no identification with our existing flag 	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion		The flag represents the history that makes us uniquely Kiwi. It unites our present with our past and encompasses the heritage that shaped and formed the pioneering and innovative people that we are today.	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The silver fern is widely representative of New Zealand and New Zealanders. The colours of 'black and white' have special significance for New Zealanders and a strong and distinct identity internationally as the colours for a national flag. 	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion yes Statistics Expert Opinion		New Zealanders treasure our flag. It will be flown at Gallipoli when we remember the centenary of the Anzac landings, it was featured at the final of the Cricket World Cup and will be held aloft when we contest the Rugby World Cup, it's displayed on jackets and clothing around the world by people proud to be called Kiwi and will be an iconic symbol when thousands of New Zealanders commemorate this Anzac Day.	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current flag lacks identity : the current flag has the Union Jack in the left hand corner ("first quarter" or "canton"), reflecting our colonial heritage. Numerous other countries, most notably 	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion yes		Since 1902 when the New Zealand flag was adopted, our forces have	Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics

<p>Australia, also have the Union Jack in the first quarter, as well as many, many official naval, military and other flags internationally - not to mention every yacht squadron in the Commonwealth. New Zealand's current flag is similar to, perhaps, another hundred or so other official flags! Until Canada changed its flag in 1965 its official flag had the Union Jack in the first quarter. Canada's change of flag is a terrific example of what can be achieved! The silver fern is widely representative of New Zealand and New Zealanders. The colours of 'black and white' have special significance for New Zealanders and a strong and distinct identity internationally as the colours for a national flag. The strength and profile of the Swiss and Japanese flags show that simplicity is a hallmark of good flag design. Our design aims to capture in strong simplicity of colour and design the essence and dynamism of the silver fern as New Zealand's image.</p>	<p>Statistics Expert Opinion</p>	<p>served under it. It's symbolic of the sacred oath that our forces have made to protect the peace and security of New Zealand. When they have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, our flag has been draped over their casket at military funerals. It is to the flag that we turn to honour their courage, commitment and sacrifice.</p>	<p>Expert Opinion</p>
<p>We venture to suggest that no visitor to, for example, Canada, Japan, the UK or Switzerland would have any doubts about the identity of the national flag of those countries. On the contrary, visitors to New Zealand probably have little idea of the difference between the New Zealand flag and that of Australia, if they even have a vague idea of its image. It is as innocuous as the Australian flag, referred to by Jerry Seinfeld as "the Union Jack at night time"!</p>	<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>	<p>The flag will become particularly meaningful as we commemorate the centenary of the First World War and mark those milestones involving New Zealand forces throughout the four years of conflict from 1914-1918.</p>	<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>
<p>We need a flag which is more symbolic of New Zealand as a free, independent country with its own culture: a melting pot of Maori, Polynesian, European and, more recently, Asian influences evolved over 150+ years. By contrast, the existing flag has strong colonial links, lacks identity and does not reflect the strengths of our culture today;</p>	<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>	<p>Yes, the flag really matters and, to lose it, is to destroy too much of our Kiwi pride, heritage and identity.</p>	<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inspire us as a nation : for New Zealanders there is far greater inspiration and identification with the silver fern, for example, than with the colonial flag. For years New Zealanders have identified proudly on sports fields with the silver fern - it conjures up images of Snell, Halberg, the Munich eight, not to mention the obvious; it is incorporated in the badges of most Army units; Fernleaf butter is one of our most famous 	<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>		<p>Common Knowledge Personal Opinion Statistics Expert Opinion</p>

international brand names - in short, the silver fern has come to represent the heart of the nation when it really counts;			
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