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Why does New Zealand treat the indigenous people better than Australia ?

Māori might be the 'luckiest' Indigenous people - but that's not down to New Zealand exceptionalism
Morgan Godfery

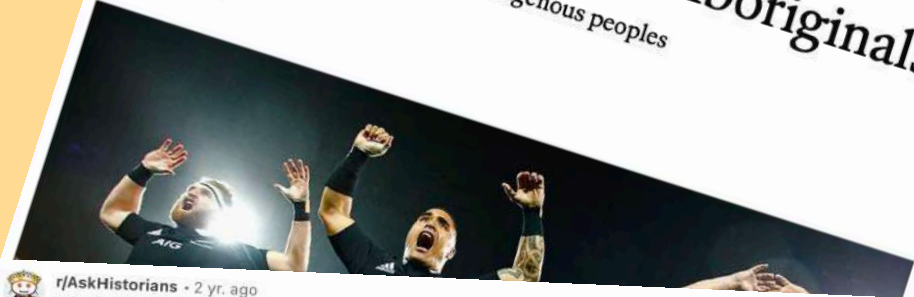
Such gains as Māori have made are no accident, but the result of a willingness to fight for what is rightfully theirs - a struggle that continues to this day



International | The Kiwi model

Why New Zealand's Maori do better than Australia's Aboriginals
The third in a series of articles on indigenous peoples

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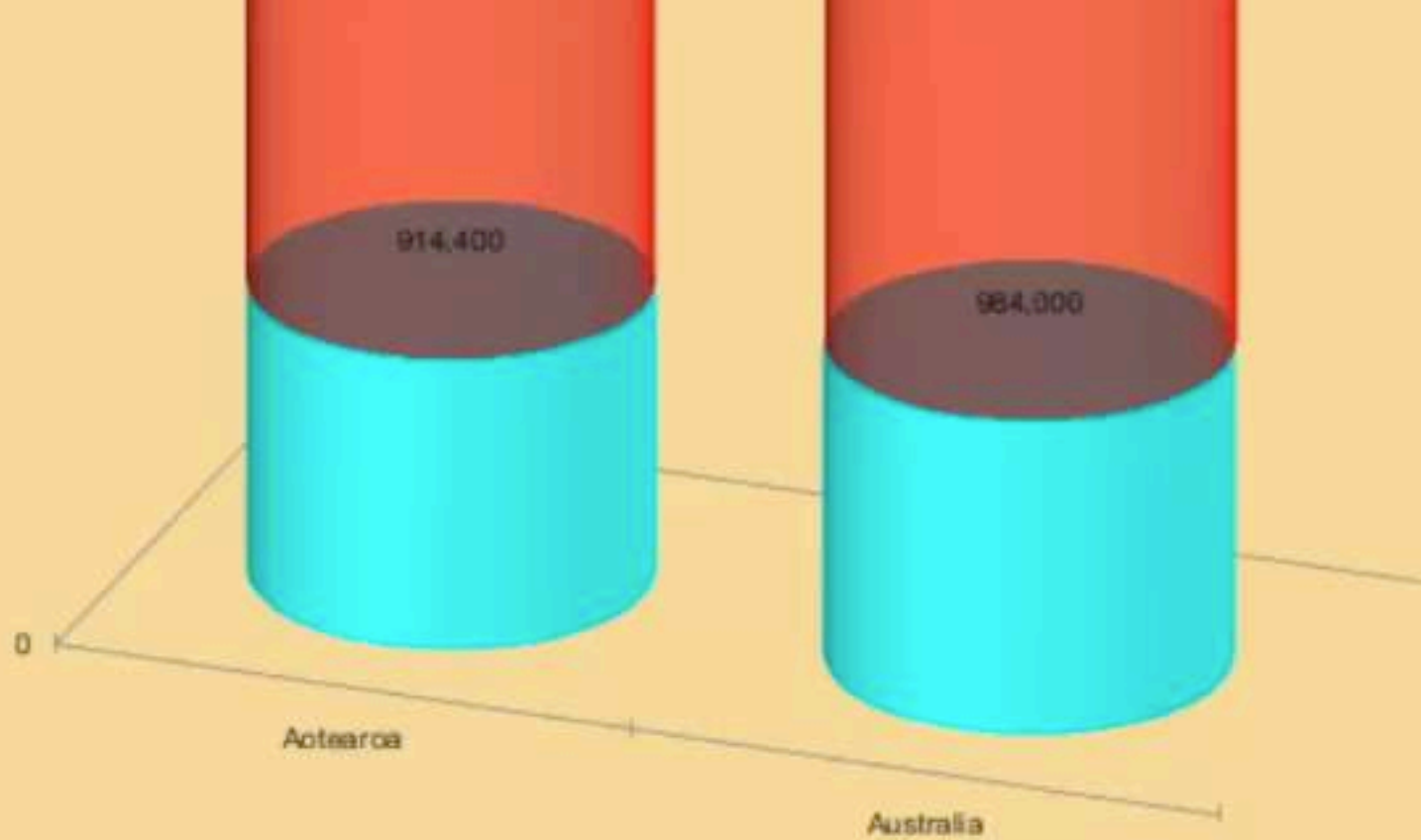
How is it that indigenous Maori culture is much more integrated into New Zealand/Aotearoa culture than, say, its neighbor Australia?

I just watched a video on reddit featuring a young Maori woman who is an MP performing a haka in Parliament. Maori culture seems to be much more represented in Kiwi culture than indigenous cultures of Australia are in Australia or other former Anglophone British colonies (Canada, the US). I think it's wonderful but why is it this way?

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Population





Language Proficiency

| | Aotearoa | Australia | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Report: | <i>2021 Census</i> | <i>2019 NILS</i> | <i>2021 Census</i> |
| % of speakers: | 34% | 9.5% (2-4%) | 9.5% |

Language





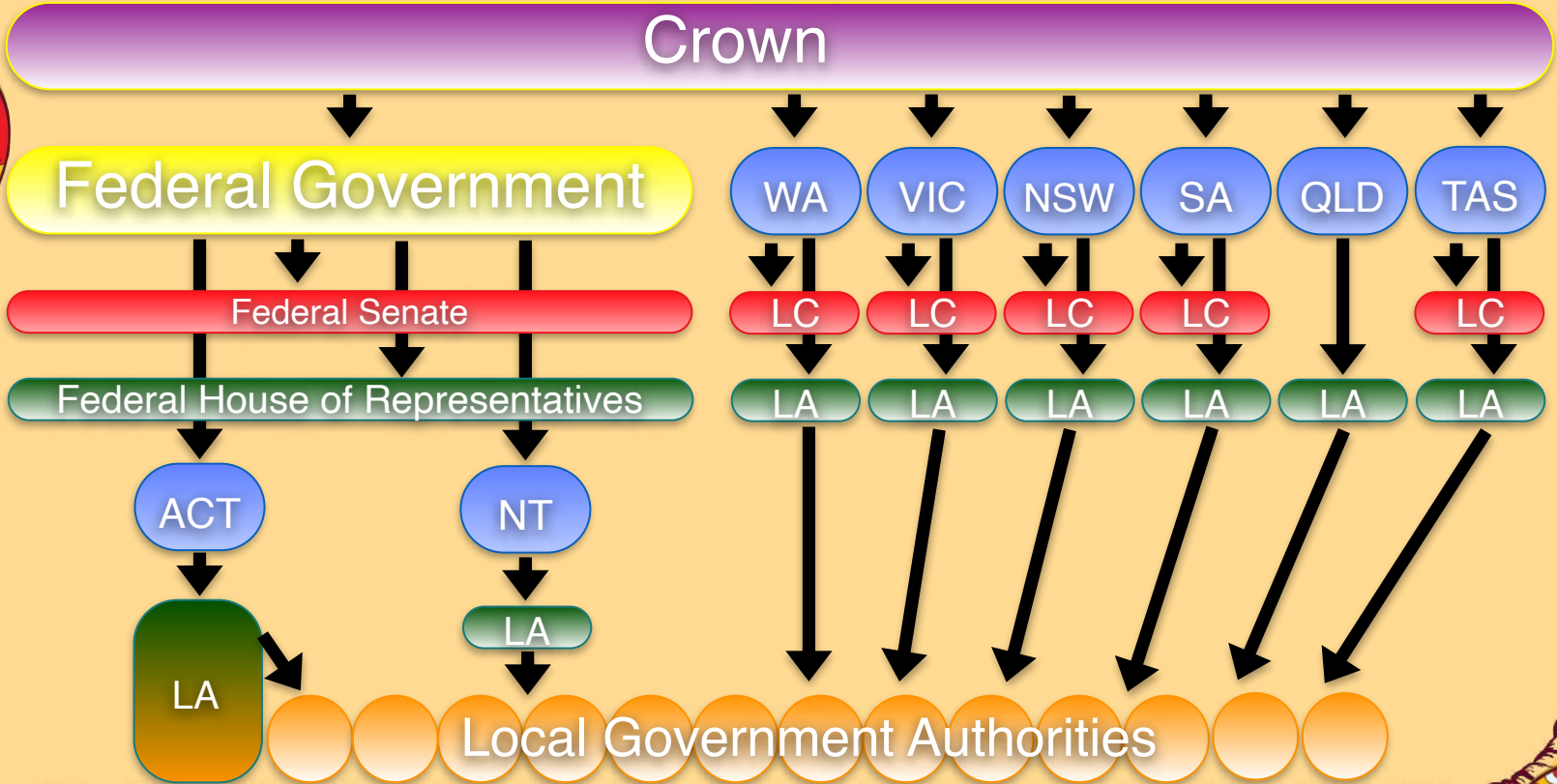
THE AIATIS MAP OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

This map attempts to represent the language, social or ethnic groups of Indigenous Australia. It is based on the general consensus of the AIATSIS (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) research. It is not intended to represent the exact boundaries of language groups. It is not intended to represent the exact boundaries of language groups. It is not intended to represent the exact boundaries of language groups.

 Tribal Language group name
 No published information available

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Australian Government Structure



Aotearoan Government Structure

Crown



National Government



House of Representatives



Local Government Authorities



Aoteaoran Electorates

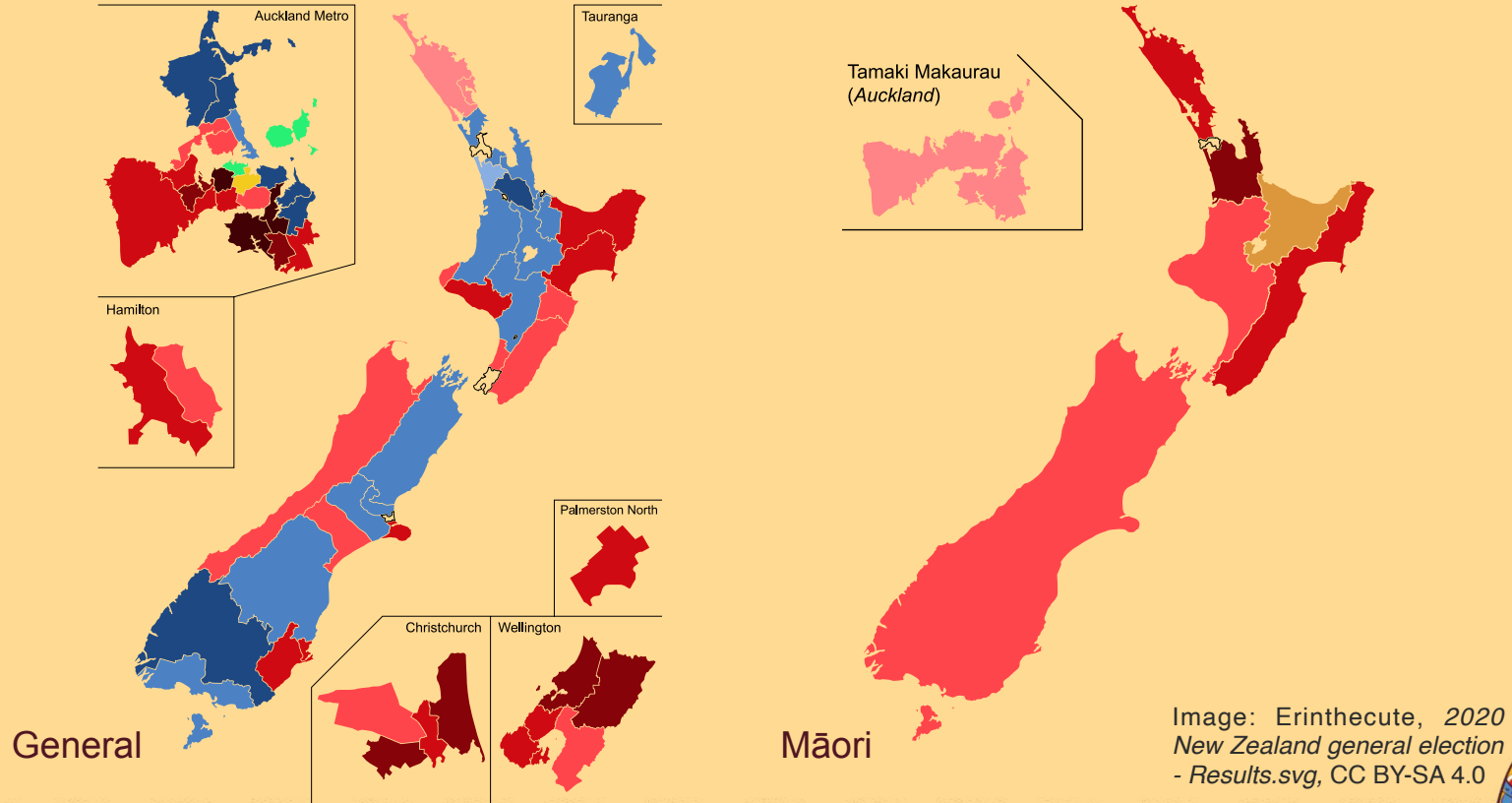
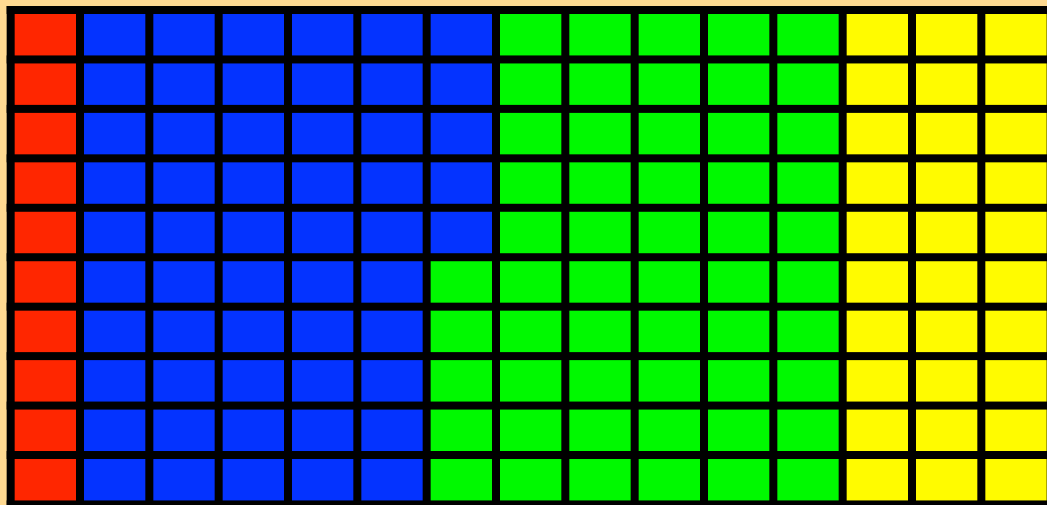
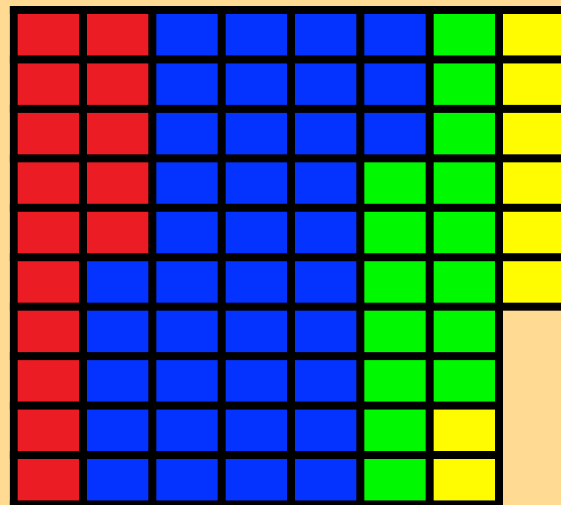


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New Zealand general election
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Australian Instant Runoff & Single Transferable System



House of Representatives



Senate

Muffin Party 20%

Cake Party 50%

Biscuit Party 20%

Lamington Party 10%

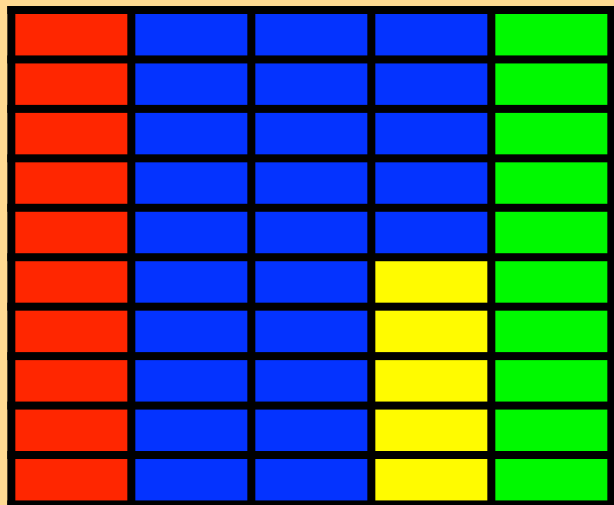
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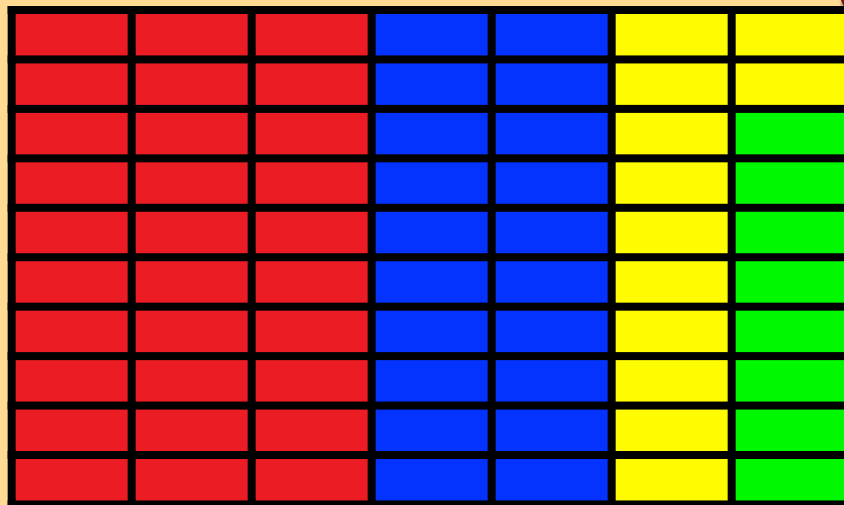
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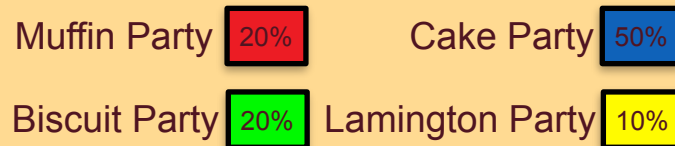
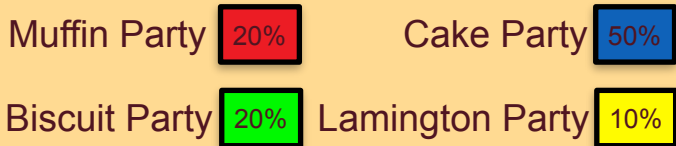
Aotearoan Mixed-Member Proportional System



Party List Seats



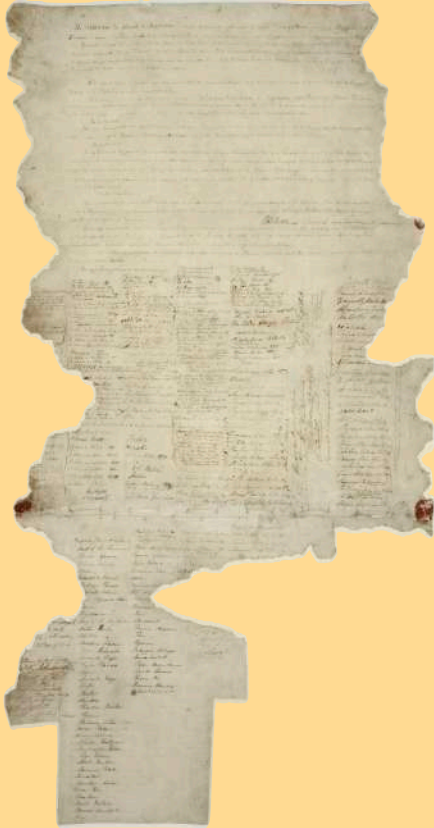
Electorate Seats



Treaty



Te Tiriti o Waitangi

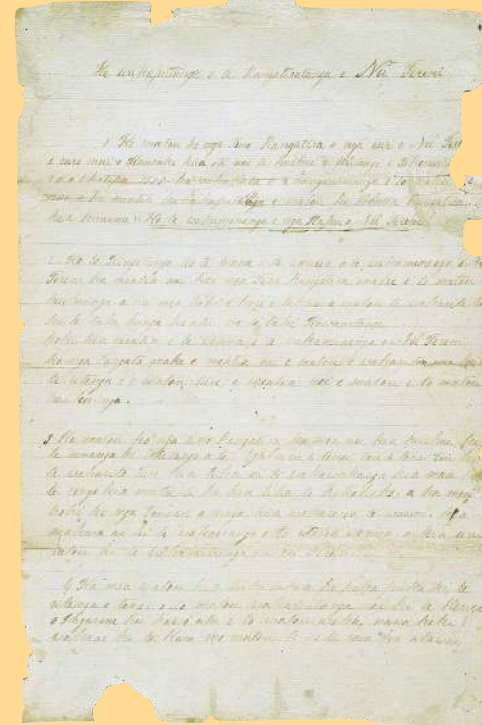


- Signed over the course of 1840 by over 500 **rangatira**
- Sovereignty and/or government ceded by Māori people to the British Crown
- Exclusive right of the Crown to buy land in Aotearoa
- Full ownership rights for Māori people over their land and possessions
- Privileges and rights of British subjects for all Māori people



He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni

- Signed in 1835 by 34 North Island **rangatira**
- Sovereignty and/or government retained by Māori people
- Requested that the British Crown remain the protector of the United Tribes of New Zealand





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