

Rescuing Parliament

True democracy sometimes hangs by a thread. Not because of colonel's coups, but insidious undermining of proper choice that Richard Nixon specialized in, now copied by John Key.

Nixon's Watergate break-in, to discover opposition election policy and dirt, was part of a calculated policy of dumbing down issues and voter's apparent choices. Here, ever-increasing evidence supports what has been long suspected, that senior National Party leaders have forsaken even rudimentary moral values, to stay in power.

We are to blame for electing MP's who are in politics to bolster their egos, not to help society. Are we allowing our unique democracy to be undermined by a clique of superficial 'ad-people' who use squalid means to justify an end in which one sector of society is advantaged?

Let's stop voting for the carefully manipulated messages of the Parties, and think more about candidate's backgrounds and characters. Without the carpetbaggers we might get more people of honour, like Bill English, Trevor Mallard and the Green co-leaders, to rescue Parliament from the sewer of self-serving lies it has become.

If we vote for honest people, whatever their party, and let MMP finalise the balance, we just might return to democracy and fairness.

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