

Psychopathic Leaders

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Response to Article: [Secret plan for psychopaths to rule in post N-holocaust Britain](#)

It is not unbelievable that psychopaths were considered to be able to reconstitute 'society' after a nuclear attack (NZ Herald, Nov 1st). In selecting UK Fleet Air Arm pilots in the 60's, the psychological testing, selected IN for psychopathic traits, as 'normal' people are not likely to cope with falling off the Carrier deck, once in 70 landings and dying after three such mishaps.

What is surprising, is that New Zealand seems to be leading the world in institutionalising psychopathic traits in some of our leaders, rather than in the rare jobs, which do require some psychopathic traits. These traits of craving power and having no empathy for other people, are now almost a requirement for the heads of business, academic institutions and government and para-governmental organisations.

If seekers of fairly lowly jobs are now required to have aptitude tests (mainly for subservience), all our prospective leaders should have psychological tests, including ones for psychopathy, and the more florid examples of the 'attack-dog' personality, selected permanently out.