

# COVID-19 PARLIAMENT PROTEST 2022

## MEDIA COVERAGE ANALYSIS



## Background

It is our view, and we believe the view of most New Zealanders, that when significant social issues are being discussed and debated in our nation, the mainstream media should *report* the full debate – not *lead* it – and leave the public to come to their own conclusions. The media should present both sides, and actively seek out those countering viewpoints. Sadly, many of our recent social debates have shown that it is difficult to trust the mainstream media to participate in social debates in a non-partisan way.

An in-depth analysis of media coverage of the 2020 euthanasia<sup>1</sup> and cannabis<sup>2</sup> referendums found that while both sides of the **euthanasia referendum** were given reasonably fair and balanced coverage, the YES position in the **cannabis debate** received a heavily biased share (66%) in the media coverage during the campaign period.

An analysis of the media coverage of the **'conversion therapy' bill** which was passed in Parliament in February 2022 found that support for the law received a heavily biased share (78%) in the media coverage during the campaign period. The analysis looked at 126 New Zealand-based media articles and opinion pieces.<sup>3</sup>

An analysis of the media coverage of the 2022 decision by the **US Supreme Court to overturn Roe v Wade** and its implication for New Zealand found that the significant media coverage was very heavily bias (82%) to a pro-abortion narrative. The analysis looked at 135 New Zealand-based media articles and opinion pieces.<sup>4</sup>

This report reviews the media coverage of **one of the most significant events in 2022 – the Parliament Protest** which lasted almost four weeks.<sup>5</sup>

All the articles obtained were based on the list provided by *NZ Politics Daily*, a comprehensive, non-partisan list of articles, columns, and analysis relating to New Zealand politics and government, produced by the Democracy Project at Victoria University Wellington.<sup>6</sup> This list was used to maintain the neutrality of the analysis and to avoid any accusation of searching for articles that leaned to one side or the other of the debate.

## Introduction

Previously, it has been our approach to score each story on a series of criteria related to the bias or coverage of perspectives relating to the issue. With respect to the protest, this was not possible as there were a wide range of approaches to coverage; from traditional news-based coverage of events to a variety of opinion, comment, editorial and analysis pieces.

More importantly, this was not simply a public debate around the validity of vaccine mandates. Stories covered a wider range of issues; the legality of the protest, the validity of the concerns, the behaviour of the protestors and the response of both police and politicians. Many of these appeared in a single story, making it almost impossible to categorise in a consistent manner.

It was equally complex to categorise some of the commentators. Some were anti-mandates but not supportive of the protest. Others supported the protestors' right to speak out, but did not

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1 <https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/EUTHANASIA-MEDIA-COVERAGE-REPORT.pdf>

2 <https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CANNABIS-MEDIA-ANALYSIS-REPORT.pdf>

3 <http://familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CONVERSION-THERAPY-Media-Coverage-Report.pdf>

4 <http://familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Roe-v-Wade-Abortion-Media-Coverage-REPORT.pdf>

5 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022\\_Wellington\\_protest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_Wellington_protest)

6 <https://democracyproject.nz/nz-politics-daily/>

agree with their sentiments.

Consequently, **the essential concern was to review the extent to which the New Zealand media made efforts to explore and record the concerns of the protestors, and to present both sides of this significant social issue.**

**This review examined 599 News and Op-Ed pieces.** Personal blogs and blog sites were omitted on the basis that they are often self-published and do not have the same editorial controls in place to address bias.

The 599 pieces analysed were published over a period of just 22 days. That's an average of **over 27 articles each day in the mainstream media.**

## Analysis

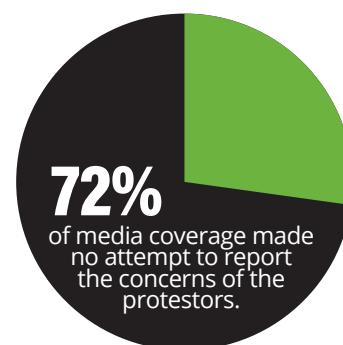
Of the 599 News and Op-Ed pieces reviewed, only 166 made some mention of the concerns of the protestors.

**72% of media coverage made no attempt to report the concerns, and many of those articles which *did* mention their concerns reported them alongside critical commentary.**

Even among those which made mention of the impact and opposition to vaccine mandates, most did so as part of a wider critique of the protests.

**It was also difficult to categorise the stories as either news or opinion pieces as commentary seemed a feature of most content.**

In order to provide more nuanced analysis, the stories that featured any legitimate attempt to explain the perspectives of the protestors (28%) were collated under the following headings.



### 1. Coverage of the Protests

The main themes of the coverage were to focus on the diversity of groups in attendance and a perceived lack of unity in messaging.

In particular, the conflating of the anti-vaccine sentiment with the anti-mandate issue was often presented. Whilst it was likely true that protestors were more likely to be unvaccinated (the mandates would negatively affect them directly) it was not necessarily true that the protest was about the COVID vaccines per se. In fact, a survey conducted at Parliament grounds by Curia Market Research found that one in four protestors had been vaccinated. (*See further discussion, page 5-6.*)

All groups are diverse, and members often have wide ranging concerns beyond the scope of the gathering. This protest was no different. However, **the media coverage seemed to portray a protest without a clear unified message, although the unifying concern was the use of vaccine mandates to terminate employment.**

Significantly, more focus was given to highly emotive slogans; “*Hang em high*” and “*Nazis on masks*”, rather than to one of the main issues – **when would the mandates end?**

Occasionally the reporting noted the impact on those who had lost jobs or who were concerned about the health effects of the vaccines on themselves or others.

There is no doubt that the more volatile comments made by protestors made for more interesting soundbites and did little to commend themselves to the wider public.

The media coverage was hampered by a few issues. Firstly, the lack of a clear leader or spokesperson meant that the protestors lost control of the messaging and allowed more hostile voices to represent them. Secondly, the lack of engagement from politicians and guidance to the media to stay away from the protest encouraged reporting from a distance.

In conclusion, **the direct coverage of the protests focused on the more controversial and possibly fringe elements of the group. Little effort was made to report the impact mandates had had on the lives of the protestors or the validity of questioning the use of mandates.**

## 2. Protestor interviews

**Around 20 stories (out of the total 599 reviewed) featured quotes from protestors**, many of whom were happy to be named. There were only a couple of stories that profiled protestors in any depth. Most comments were limited to one or two sentences.

Most of the quotes focused on the personal impact of the vaccine mandate on employment and related reservations about the vaccine.

The primary theme was around perceived loss of freedoms and a hope that ending mandates would restore these freedoms.

Most of the quotes were expressed without commentary or critique from the author. This represented the most neutral portrayal of the protestors, although **in-depth interviews were mostly lacking.**

These articles reflected the human side of the protest and the genuine impact being experienced by protestors.



## 3. Protest Spokespersons

The absence of representatives appointed to speak on behalf of the protestors represented a significant challenge to the media and protestors.

Leighton Baker, the former New Conservatives leader, eventually emerged as the most consistent spokesperson, but he would ultimately be usurped by the use of Press Releases on behalf of multiple groups.

These official communications often focused on the behaviour of the protestors, and pleas to the government to engage in meaningful dialogue.

This form of communication was almost never cited by the media as a mechanism for explaining the purpose and goals of the protest.

The lack of organisation between the various protest groups is largely responsible for the lack of a coherent and strategic approach to communicating the core issue.

## 4. Notable supporters

In the absence of official voices, the media often looked to politicians and celebrity supporters to speak about the mandate protests.

ACT leader David Seymour was one of few MPs willing to speak with the protestors and was often a conduit for their concerns. Seymour was opposed to mandates but disagreed with the protestors on most other points. He was not much of a 'supporter'.

Former ACT leader Rodney Hide was more willing to stand with the protestors, as was NZ First Leader Winston Peters.

Former MPs Matt King and Tariana Turia offered varied levels of support.

Among the celebrity supporters were Tiki Taane, Jason Kerrison and Russell Coutts. Most of these were widely criticised for their involvement. However, they served to pique interest in the protest, if not add some credibility to the cause.

## 5. Controversial Supporters

The vacuum of official representatives also created space for the more fringe personalities to dominate.

In particular, Kelvyn Alp of Counterspin seemed to grow in popularity and influence throughout the protest coverage. His extreme views on COVID and the government made for highly-charged content.

The media were also fascinated by the presence of a white supremacist and a Hell's Angels gang leader. These figures represented the fringes of the protest and distorted the image of the protestors in the imagination of the public.

Other supporters included social media influencers who were, rightly or wrongly, criticised for their lack of supposed credible expertise regarding COVID and the vaccine.



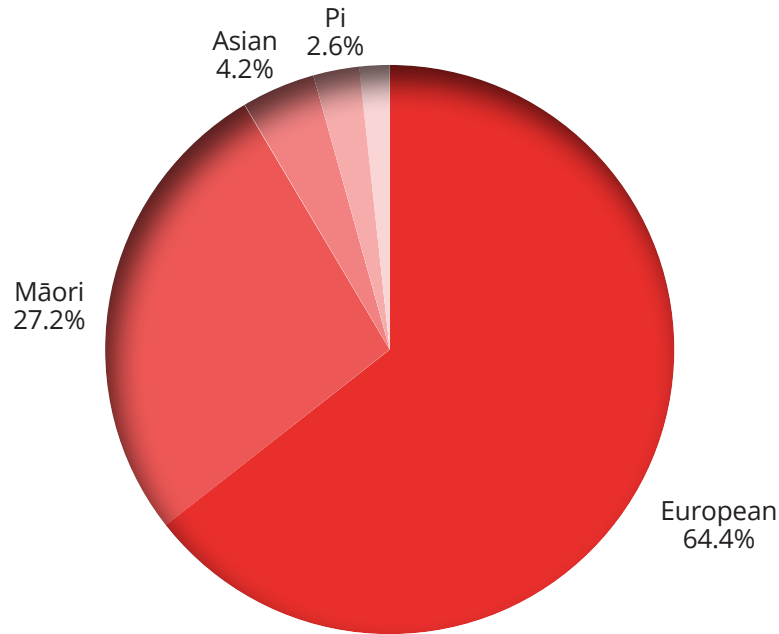
## 6. Who were the protesters?

One of the real issues which the media seemed to avoid was to do a true assessment of what kind of people made up the protest.

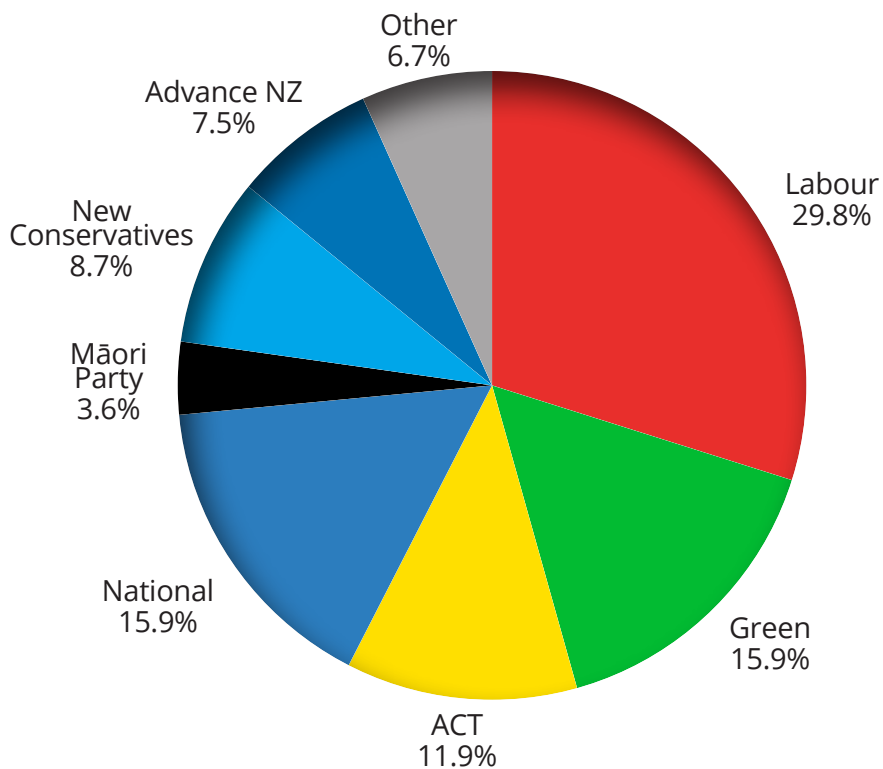
On 21 February, *Curia Market Research* published the results of a poll commissioned by media site *The Platform* surveying 312 protesters on Parliament grounds between 19 and 20 February.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20220221115658/https://theplatform.kiwi/opinions/parliamentary-protest-poll-results-february-2022>

In terms of ethnicity, 64.4% percent of protesters identified as Europeans, 27.2% as Māori, 4.2% as Asians, and 2.6% as Pacific Islanders.



In terms of voting patterns during the 2020 New Zealand general election, 29.8% of the protesters had voted for Labour, 15.9% for the Greens, 15.9% for National, 11.9% for ACT, 8.7% for the New Conservatives, 7.5% for Advance New Zealand, and 3.6% for the Māori Party.



In terms of origins, 41% of protesters came from provincial cities, 18.9% from towns, 7.7% from rural areas, 17% from Auckland, 8.7% from Wellington, and 6.7% in Christchurch.

55% of the protesters were female while 45% were male.

The survey found that 76.9% of protesters were unvaccinated, 4.8% had received one shot, 13.8% had received a double shot, and 2.9% had been triple boosted.

The survey also found that **most protesters were motivated by opposition to mandates, support for freedom of choice, concerns about children being vaccinated, and the loss of jobs.**

## Commentary

Just under half of all coverage of the protesters' concerns was by those speaking *about* the protest rather than *to the protesters directly*.

Most writers claimed knowledge of the protesters and their opinions whilst rarely offering any primary sources for their assessment.

**Nearly all the commentary was negative and critical, at times derisive and dismissive.** The analysis often reduced the group to names such as "*feral*" or "*a rag tag group of deluded fools*".

The more colourful descriptions were offered in the opinion pieces, but **the critical tone was all but universal.**

The concerns of the protesters were mostly used as a way of exposing the perceived folly of the protesters and their demands.

Very few took the protest seriously, although Newstalk ZB's Heather Du Plessis-Allan and Mike Hosking were rare examples of those whose commentary handled the protest in a respectful tone.

## Conclusion

**The media failed in its duty to present the Parliament Protest in a fair and balanced manner.**

**Hiding behind parliamentary directives and excusing themselves from finding the full story, the coverage was for the most part heavily biased against the protest.**

**The coverage was curated to focus on the fringes and avoid the key questions at the centre of the protest.**

**The public were never invited to draw their own conclusions but were fed a pre-determined diet of anti-protest content.**

We believe the majority of politicians were equally remiss, and responsible for creating the environment for this approach to prosper.



Finally, the protesters must acknowledge that opting for a 'grassroots' style event made it harder for the media, and made space for the wrong voices to dominate.

It is difficult not to conclude that **a protest perceived and reported (unjustifiably) as being by predominantly right-wing political voices would not be given fair coverage by a predominantly left-wing media.**

# List of News Articles and Opinion Editorials

(Note: Personal blogs and blog sites were omitted from the analysis)

Date 2022	Author
9-Feb	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Ireland Hendry-Tennent (Newshub): Trevor Mallard orders anti-mandate protesters to remove tents or face trespass from Parliament grounds</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Stuff: Anti-vaxxers target primary schools with 'extreme' messages</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Erin Gourley (Stuff): Protesters continue to block streets around Parliament</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Kristy Frame (RNZ): Protesters, vehicles occupy Parliament grounds for hours</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">Stuff Editorial: A protest more passionate than persuasive</a></li> <li>6. <a href="#">Sophie Trigger (Herald): Thousands of anti-mandate protesters 'in it for the long haul'</a></li> <li>7. <a href="#">Ben Strang, Tom Hunt and Sophie Cornish (Stuff): Anti-vaccine mandate protesters at Parliament pitch tents for the night</a></li> <li>8. <a href="#">Stuff: Congestion eases after anti-vaccine mandate protest stalls capital traffic</a></li> <li>9. <a href="#">Jane Nixon (1 News): 'This too will pass' - Ardern dismisses anti-mandate protest</a></li> <li>10. <a href="#">Rachel Sadler (Newshub): Jacinda Ardern's message to New Zealand after anti-mandate protest descends on Parliament</a></li> <li>11. <a href="#">Andrea Fox (Herald): Exec who entered NZ via Fiji ruse starts work next week - and his company will welcome him (paywalled)</a></li> </ol>
10-Feb	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <a href="#">Toby Manhire (Spinoff): Signs of a schism as anti-mandate protesters turn on each other</a></li> <li>13. <a href="#">Luke Malpass (Stuff): The protest that the MPs deliberately ignored</a></li> <li>14. <a href="#">Thomas Manch (Stuff): Parliament's MPs appear united against protesters camped outside</a></li> <li>15. <a href="#">Michael Neilson (Herald): Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Parliament protesters, 'it's a part of New Zealand'</a></li> <li>16. <a href="#">Jenna Lynch (Newshub): Jacinda Ardern confirms she will remove COVID-19 vaccine mandates when they are no longer needed</a></li> <li>17. <a href="#">RNZ: National leader Christopher Luxon calls for vaccine mandate timeline, doesn't support protesters</a></li> <li>18. <a href="#">Russell Palmer (RNZ): Politicians decry protest disruption, say restrictions will end eventually</a></li> <li>19. <a href="#">Mark Quinlivan (Newshub): Vaccine mandates 'may have already past their use by date' - David Seymour</a></li> <li>20. <a href="#">André Chumko (Stuff): What should authorities do about the anti-vaccine mandate protesters?</a></li> <li>21. <a href="#">Eva Corlett (Guardian): 'Let's remember why we are here': New Zealand anti-vax protest splinters into jibes and jabs</a></li> <li>22. <a href="#">Justin Giovannetti (Spinoff): The global movement fuelling anti-mandate protests</a></li> <li>23. <a href="#">Democracy Project: Photos of Anti-vaccination protests at Parliament</a></li> <li>24. <a href="#">1News: Anti-mandate protesters camp outside Parliament for second night</a></li> <li>25. <a href="#">Stuff: Anti-vaccine mandate protest: Campers wake to third day of occupation</a></li> <li>26. <a href="#">Erin Gourley, Tom Hunt, Matthew Tso and Sophie Cornish (Stuff): Three anti-vaccine mandate protesters arrested, charged with obstruction</a></li> <li>27. <a href="#">Michael Neilson (Herald): Three arrested amid heated day of protests at Parliament</a></li> <li>28. <a href="#">1 News: Parliament protest arrests 'extremely disappointing', police say</a></li> <li>29. <a href="#">Sophie Trigger (Herald): Protesters arrested after trying to breach gates of Parliament</a></li> <li>30. <a href="#">Herald: Mask-wearing 17-year-old egged by aggressive convoy protesters</a></li> <li>31. <a href="#">Erin Gourley and Matthew Tso (Stuff): Protest forces businesses around Parliament to close</a></li> </ol>
11-Feb	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. <a href="#">Morgan Godfery (Guardian): New Zealand police are right to remove 'freedom' protesters who have cohered around violence</a></li> <li>33. <a href="#">Steven Cowan (Against the current): Crushing dissent</a></li> <li>34. <a href="#">Kristin Hall (1 News): Hostility at Parliament: 1News reporter reflects on protest</a></li> <li>35. <a href="#">Philip Matthews (Stuff): Freedom protests reveal an ugly side</a></li> <li>36. <a href="#">Matthew Hooton: Beyond the fringe, anger is real (paywalled)</a></li> <li>37. <a href="#">Bernard Hickey (Spinoff): 'This too will pass' says Ardern of the anti-mandate fury. But will it really?</a></li> <li>38. <a href="#">Bernard Hickey (The Kākā): Morning chorus: Finally, the Police act</a></li> <li>39. <a href="#">Don Franks (Redline): Former protesters cheering on the police is disgusting</a></li> <li>40. <a href="#">Martyn Bradbury (Daily Blog): No need to send the riot cops in today Trev, you've done enough damage for 1 year</a></li> <li>41. <a href="#">Martyn Bradbury (Daily Blog): Trevor Mallard's dangerous gamble: Thursday Stupid Thursday</a></li> <li>42. <a href="#">Lloyd Jones (Herald): Letter to the protesters occupying Parliament grounds (paywalled)</a></li> <li>43. <a href="#">David Farrar (Kiwiblog): The anti-mandate protests</a></li> <li>44. <a href="#">ODT Editorial: Convoy impact limited</a></li> <li>45. <a href="#">Ireland Hendry-Tennent (Newshub): 'Tiny group' of NZers who are 'misguided by garbage' on social media - Labour Minister weighs in on anti-mandate protesters</a></li> <li>46. <a href="#">Jenna Lynch (Newshub): Political irony: Speaker Trevor Mallard and COVID-19 Minister Chris Hipkins' historic arrests make it hard to trespass protesters</a></li> <li>47. <a href="#">Zane Small (Newshub): National MP Maureen Pugh deletes social media post thanking 'Convoy 2022' anti-COVID-19 vaccine mandate convoy</a></li> <li>48. <a href="#">Henry Cooke (Stuff): National MP Maureen Pugh deletes post thanking protesters, says she didn't know they were antivax</a></li> </ol>



	<p>49. <a href="#">Thomas Coughlan (Herald): Parliament protesters buoyed by support from Winston Peters</a></p> <p>50. <a href="#">Rodney Hide (Bassett, Brash and Hide): I support the protest 100 percent</a></p> <p>51. <a href="#">Thomas Coughlan (Herald): Former Act leader Rodney Hide backs Parliament protest, saying answer is to 'fight'</a></p> <p>52. <a href="#">Zane Small (Newshub): Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern brushes off Parliament protest stand-off with police</a></p> <p>53. <a href="#">RNZ: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern tells anti-vaccine mandate protesters outside Parliament to 'move on'</a></p> <p>54. <a href="#">Herald: Time for protesters to move on, police's job to handle - Prime Minister</a></p> <p>55. <a href="#">1 News: Time for Parliament protesters to move on - PM</a></p> <p>56. <a href="#">Michael Neilson (Herald): 122 arrested in 'unprecedented' day of protest at Parliament</a></p> <p>57. <a href="#">RNZ: Covid 19 Omicron outbreak: Anti-mandate protest enters fourth day at Parliament</a></p> <p>58. <a href="#">1 News: Anti-vaccine mandate protest enters fourth day at Parliament</a></p> <p>59. <a href="#">Ben Strang (Stuff): 'On a knife edge' - Wellington convoy protest unlike anything the city has seen</a></p> <p>60. <a href="#">RNZ: Protest on Parliament grounds has risk of becoming superspreader event, says Michael Baker</a></p> <p>61. <a href="#">RNZ: Police say anti-mandate protest at Parliament 'unprecedented'</a></p> <p>62. <a href="#">Herald: Police say protest may go on for days; 120 people arrested, 2 officers 'assaulted'</a></p> <p>63. <a href="#">Sophie Cornish, Erin Gourley and André Chumko (Stuff): Police arrest 122 Parliament trespassers, warn removal 'will take some time'</a></p> <p>64. <a href="#">RNZ: Parliament protest: Police arrest 120 in efforts to control occupation</a></p> <p>65. <a href="#">Anna Whyte (1 News): Parliament protests: 120 arrested, police say removal could take days</a></p> <p>66. <a href="#">Eva Corlett and Tess McClure (Guardian): New Zealand police clash with anti-vaccine protesters at parliament, over 120 arrested</a></p> <p>67. <a href="#">Erin Gourley (Stuff): Wellington protest day 4: Quiet start after police add cordons, floodlights overnight</a></p> <p>68. <a href="#">Herald: Sinister message left at Parliament by 'freedom' protesters</a></p> <p>69. <a href="#">Herald: Police officers filmed dragging naked protester by her hair on Parliament grounds</a></p> <p>70. <a href="#">Tess McClure (Guardian): Wellington unleashes parking wardens in operation to remove Covid protesters</a></p> <p>71. <a href="#">Rahul Bhattarai (Herald): 'Most volatile protest since Springbok tour': Wellington pub owner hits out as staff abused</a></p> <p>72. <a href="#">Tom Hunt and André Chumko (Stuff): Capital businesses call for targeted support as protest abuse escalates</a></p> <p>73. <a href="#">Stuff: In pictures: Protesters get ready for a third night outside Parliament</a></p> <p>74. <a href="#">RNZ: Police on hand as ticketing of protesters' vehicles begins</a></p> <p>75. <a href="#">Matthew Hampson (Stuff): Anti-mandate protesters to stay in Picton 'as long as we can'</a></p> <p>76. <a href="#">Oscar Francis (ODT): Support in Dunedin for Parliament protesters</a></p> <p>77. <a href="#">Herald: World reacts to 'copycat' anti-mandate protest on Parliament grounds</a></p> <p>78. <a href="#">Dan Bilefsky, Ian Austen and Natasha Frost (New York Times/Herald): From Canada to NZ - copycat Covid protests spread around the globe (paywalled)</a></p>
14-Feb	<p>79. <a href="#">Caitlan Johnston (Stuff): Former police negotiator says protesters aren't 'being heard or listened to' by Government</a></p> <p>80. <a href="#">RNZ: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern says Parliament protesters not 'interested in engaging'</a></p> <p>81. <a href="#">Claire Trevett (Herald): MPs wrote off Parliament's Covid-19 vax protesters but do they need to be answered? (paywalled)</a></p> <p>82. <a href="#">David Farrar: Social cohesion</a></p> <p>83. <a href="#">Bridie Witton (Stuff): 'Acting like a kid': Opposition MPs criticise Speaker Trevor Mallard's actions against protests</a></p> <p>84. <a href="#">Claire Trevett (Herald): Shifting Parliament's protesters: Speaker Trevor Mallard and the police vs protesters (paywalled)</a></p> <p>85. <a href="#">Heather du Plessis-Allan (Herald): The fine line between advice and instruction (paywalled)</a></p> <p>86. <a href="#">Steven Cowan: Why the liberal left hates the Wellington demonstrators</a></p> <p>87. <a href="#">Michael Daly (Stuff): Protest at Parliament looks 'imported', Jacinda Ardern says, questions the motivations of those involved</a></p> <p>88. <a href="#">John Weekes (Herald): Police diverge from Speaker over Celine Dion strategy, say they'll pursue negotiations with occupiers</a></p> <p>89. <a href="#">Jack Tame (Herald): Only a fool wouldn't take some of those messages seriously</a></p> <p>90. <a href="#">The Standard: Parliament protests and the road to splintered societies</a></p> <p>91. <a href="#">David Fisher (Herald): Behind the protest: Organiser's unsuccessful political career and failed gold mining scheme (paywalled)</a></p> <p>92. <a href="#">Andrea Vance (Stuff): Protesters' mistrust and fear makes them easy targets for manipulation</a></p> <p>93. <a href="#">Tracy Watkins (Stuff): Vaccine mandate conversation can't start till protesters leave</a></p> <p>94. <a href="#">Karl du Fresne: How tolerant of diversity are we? I mean, really?</a></p> <p>95. <a href="#">Janet Wilson (Stuff): This ragtag of disaffection highlights the shattering of a once united population</a></p> <p>96. <a href="#">Marc Daalder (Newsroom): 'Splintered realities': How NZ convoy lost its way</a></p> <p>97. <a href="#">Ellen O'Dwyer and Matthew Tso (Stuff): The people behind the capital protest: many adamant days on</a></p> <p>98. <a href="#">Charlie Mitchell (Stuff): Inside the disorienting, contradictory swirl of the convoy, as seen through its media mouthpiece</a></p> <p>99. <a href="#">Colin Peacock (RNZ): Convoy conundrum confronts editors</a></p> <p>100. <a href="#">Toby Manhire (Spinoff): What is Trevor Mallard playing at?</a></p>

101. [Richard Harman: Why the Government can't end the protest \(paywalled\)](#)
102. [Martyn Bradbury \(Daily Blog\): Parliament Protest Meltdown – Winners & Losers](#)
103. [Associated Press \(Guardian\): New Zealand authorities deploy Barry Manilow against Covid protesters](#)
104. [Sophie Cornish and Ellen O'Dwyer \(Stuff\): Police say more force on Wellington streets as protest enters second week](#)
105. [Martyn Bradbury \(Daily Blog\): Wow, hasn't middle class NZ Left glee for State violence at Parliament been surprising?](#)
106. [Newstalk ZB: Former Speaker: Mallard's behaviour doesn't do anything for our reputation](#)
107. [1News: Jacinda Ardern says Parliament protest 'feels imported'](#)
108. [Tom Hunt \(Stuff\): Police taking over stadium carpark to move mandate protesters' vehicles](#)
109. [1News: Protests: Police to have 'highly visible' presence in capital](#)
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113. [1News: Law school dean outlines rights of anti-mandate protesters](#)
114. [Bridie Witton \(Stuff\): 'This will make people angrier': Top negotiator criticises decisions to turn sprinklers on, blast music at Parliament protesters](#)
115. [BBC: New Zealand plays Barry Manilow to repel parliament protesters](#)
116. [Francesca Rudkin \(Newstalk ZB\): Soon, no amount of Barry Manilow will save them](#)
117. [Kevin Norquay \(Stuff\): Manilow, the Macarena, and Mallard versus the Parliamentary protesters](#)
118. [Martyn Bradbury \(Daily Blog\): Dear Jacinda – you have to rein Trevor in or he's going to cause an insurrection](#)
119. [Adela Suliman \(Washington Post\): New Zealand switches on sprinklers to deter 'Freedom Convoy'-inspired protesters and is mocked for being mild](#)
120. [Thomas Manch, Matthew Tso, Ethan Te Ora and Tracy Watkins \(Stuff\): Loud music blasted to deter Parliament protesters in Wellington](#)
121. [Ashleigh Stewart \(Global News\): Faced with sprinklers, New Zealand anti-vaccine mandate protesters dig trenches](#)
122. [Bridie Witton \(Stuff\): Parliament protest: Sprinklers, blasting music 'not a tactic we would endorse' police say](#)
123. [Simon Ewing-Jarvie: Mallard's Epic Tactical Fail](#)
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125. [Martyn Bradbury \(Daily Blog\): The Media are the biggest problem in this Parliament protest](#)
126. [Sophie Cornish and Tom Hunt \(Stuff\): Raucous protesters sing and dance in mud as parts of Wellington hit by record levels of rain](#)
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128. [Greg Presland \(The Standard\): The right to protest](#)
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130. [Glenn McConnell \(Stuff\): The week started with calls for my execution, and ended at a strange festival](#)
131. [Michael Neilson \(Herald\): Matt King joins Parliament protest, reveals he has resigned from National](#)
132. [Mikaela Wilkes \(Stuff\): Tiki Taane voices support for vaccine mandate protestors at Parliament](#)
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136. [Denise Irvine \(Stuff\): Separating the political and personal: Seeking moments of everyday good humour in the Covid climat](#)
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