

Current political issues

Hugo Group panels

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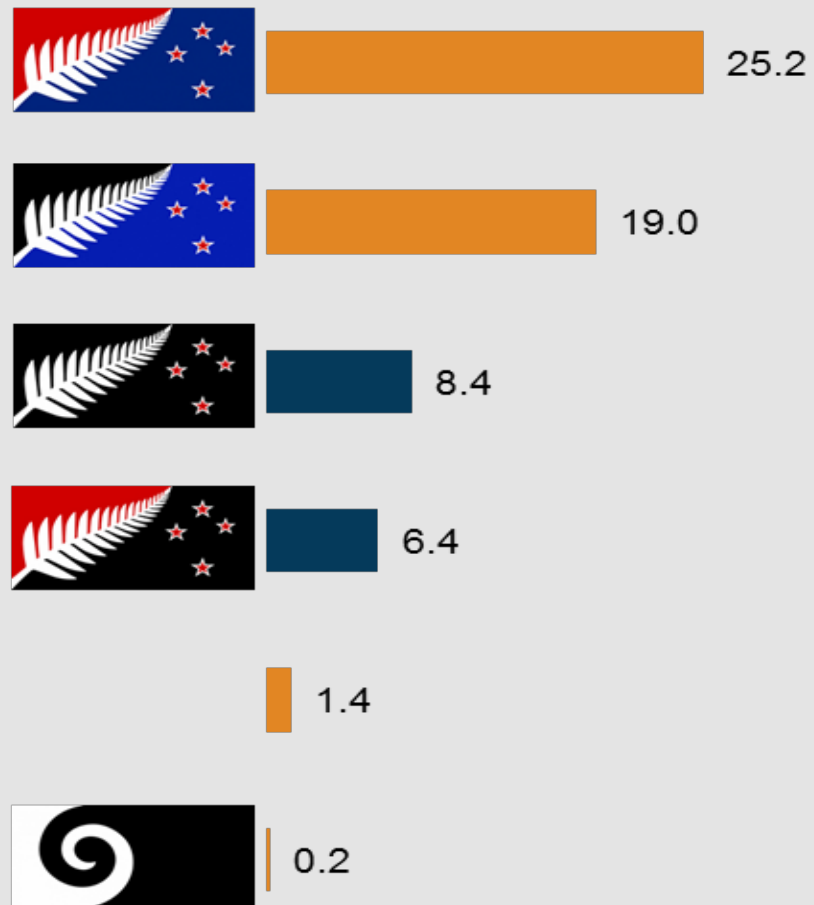
Chinese foreign direct investment

- Timing of the Lochinver announcement appears to have been timed carefully
- Fear of 'chilling effect' real – but the politics works
- Coincides with 'welcome' Chinese investments
 - In Silver Fern Farms – and potentially Alliance Group
 - China Southern direct flights to Chch - \$1.5m in govt tourism promotion
 - WCC MoU on civic capex plans

The flag



UMR poll of flag preferences – virtually unreported

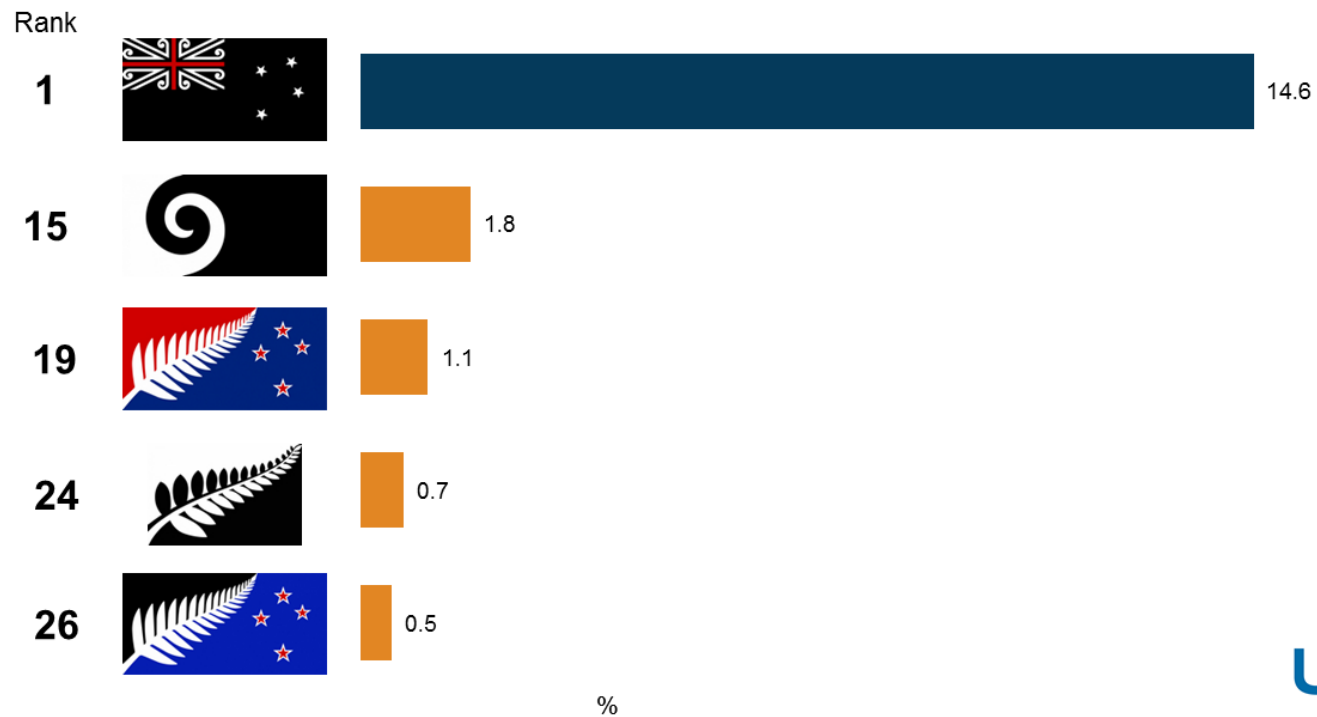


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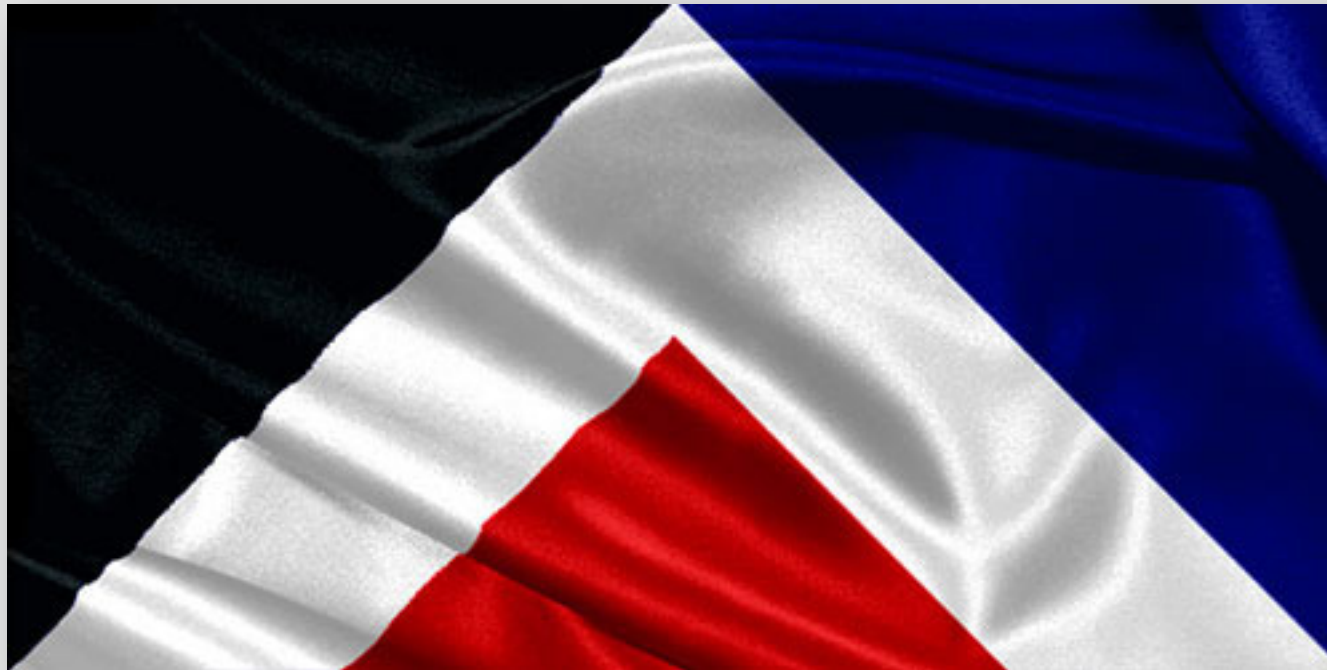
Least favourite design



Now, we would like you to select your least favourite design.



Red Peak – 35th from 40 ‘most preferred’



International politics

- Australian leadership change:

Immediate 5 point improvement in polling for Liberals in Canning

Potential to shift economic sentiment positively

Places huge pressure on ALP's Bill Shorten

Briefing at next meeting

- Jeremy Corbyn

C.f., Syriza, Potemos, Bernie Sanders

Ignore whether Corbyn will ever be PM

What matters is the political impulse he is tapping