

# New Zealand

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Responding to new challenges  
in a low corruption culture

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# International perceptions...

- Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index
- Based on 13 indices in total, New Zealand measured on 8



# International perceptions...

- Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index
- But what does TI measure?
- Perceptions – including opinion surveys
- Public sector only
- Focus is on bribery and misappropriation of public money
- More broadly, integrity systems

# International conventions

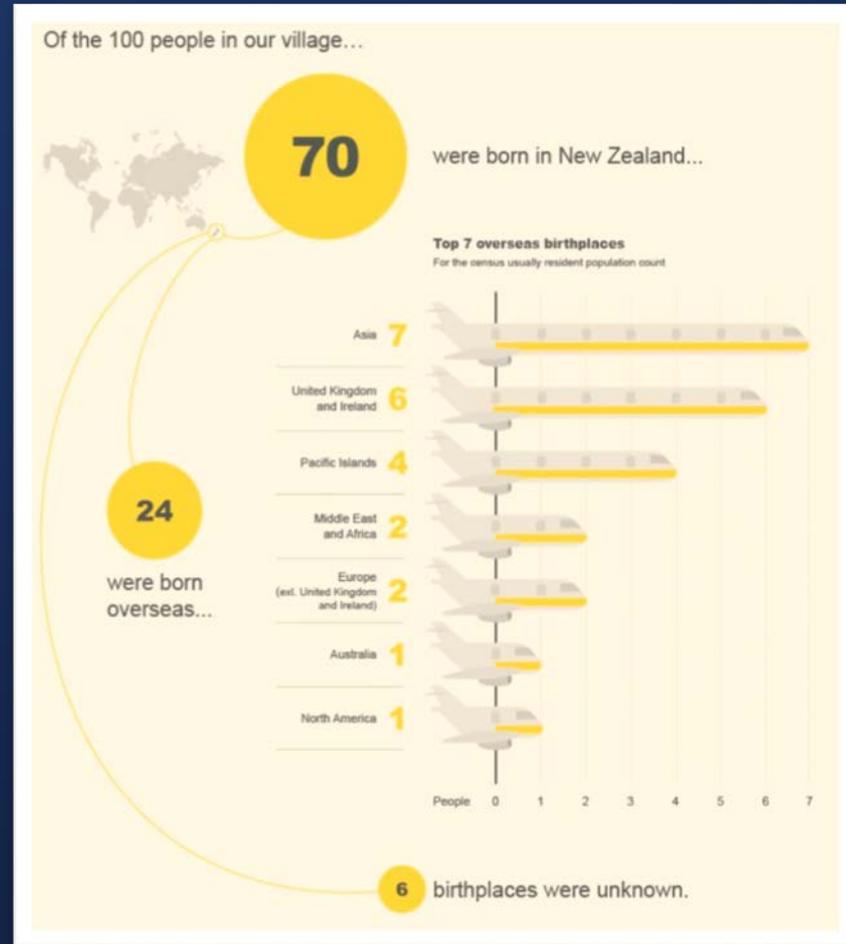
- OECD Convention on Combatting Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions.
- Ratified August 2001
- UN Convention Against Corruption
- Ratified December 2015
- Indicators

# Does low corruption mean no corruption?

- New Zealand not the subject of the sorts of corruption you see in developing or emerging and frontier economies
- BUT we have a number of risks
  - i. Risks for developed economies
  - ii. Risks for countries with a low corruption culture
  - iii. Risks for small countries

## Top 7 overseas birthplaces

- Asia
- UK and Ireland
- Pacific Islands
- Middle East and Africa
- Europe
- Australia
- North America



# Risks

- A culture of low corruption



# Risks

- Risks for small countries



# And...

- We should be more alert to the fact that developed 'low corruption' cultures are part of the problem for the developing world.
- We have seen a lot of grand corruption in some parts of the world
- Despite the OECD bribery convention, developed economies are often a part of that corruption:
  - We shelter the stolen funds in our banks and economies
  - We are reluctant to return what is held

# What needs to be done?

- We need to understand corruption better
- We need to have more formal mechanisms
- We need to be proactive in fighting and preventing corruption
- New Zealand has started an anti-corruption work programme to proactively improve our understanding of corruption and respond to it.
- A good reputation is easily lost.



Corruption is worse than prostitution. The latter might endanger the morals of an individual, the former invariably endangers the morals of the entire country.

(Karl Kraus)

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