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# In the pursuit of justice and courage

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# Outline

- Pervasive anti-Muslim discrimination in NZ: how it looked before 15 March?
- Have the attitudes changed past March 15?
- Justice and courage – possible? How?



# Changing face of Islamophobia in New Zealand

# In the USA and Europe, there is evidence for rising nationalism.

**"The country of Mexico is pushing people in. And why not? You know what? If we're so stupid to take them, why wouldn't they do that?"**

– Donald Trump

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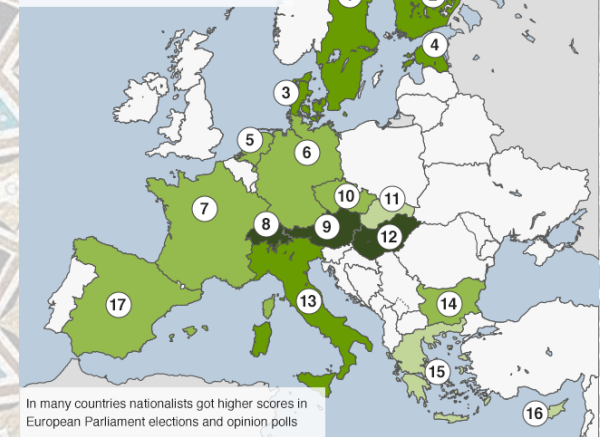


CNN politics

## Rise of nationalism in Europe

% of votes won by nationalist party in most recent national elections

1-8 9-16 17-24 25+



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| ① <b>Sweden</b><br>Sweden Democrats <b>17.6%</b>             | ⑩ <b>Czech Republic</b><br>Freedom and Direct Democracy <b>11%</b> |
| ② <b>Finland</b><br>The Finns <b>17.7%</b>                   | ⑪ <b>Slovakia</b><br>Our Slovakia <b>8%</b>                        |
| ③ <b>Denmark</b><br>Danish People's Party <b>21%</b>         | ⑫ <b>Hungary</b><br>Fidesz <b>49%</b> , Jobbik <b>19%</b>          |
| ④ <b>Estonia</b><br>Conservative People's Party <b>17.8%</b> | ⑬ <b>Italy</b><br>The League <b>17.4%</b>                          |
| ⑤ <b>Netherlands</b><br>Freedom Party <b>13%</b>             | ⑭ <b>Bulgaria</b><br>United Patriots <b>9%</b>                     |
| ⑥ <b>Germany</b><br>Alternative for Germany <b>12.6%</b>     | ⑮ <b>Greece</b><br>Golden Dawn <b>7%</b>                           |
| ⑦ <b>France</b><br>National Rally <b>13%</b>                 | ⑯ <b>Cyprus</b><br>ELAM <b>3.7%</b>                                |
| ⑧ <b>Switzerland</b><br>Swiss People's Party <b>29%</b>      | ⑰ <b>Spain</b><br>Vox <b>10.3%</b>                                 |
| ⑨ <b>Austria</b><br>Freedom Party <b>26%</b>                 |  |

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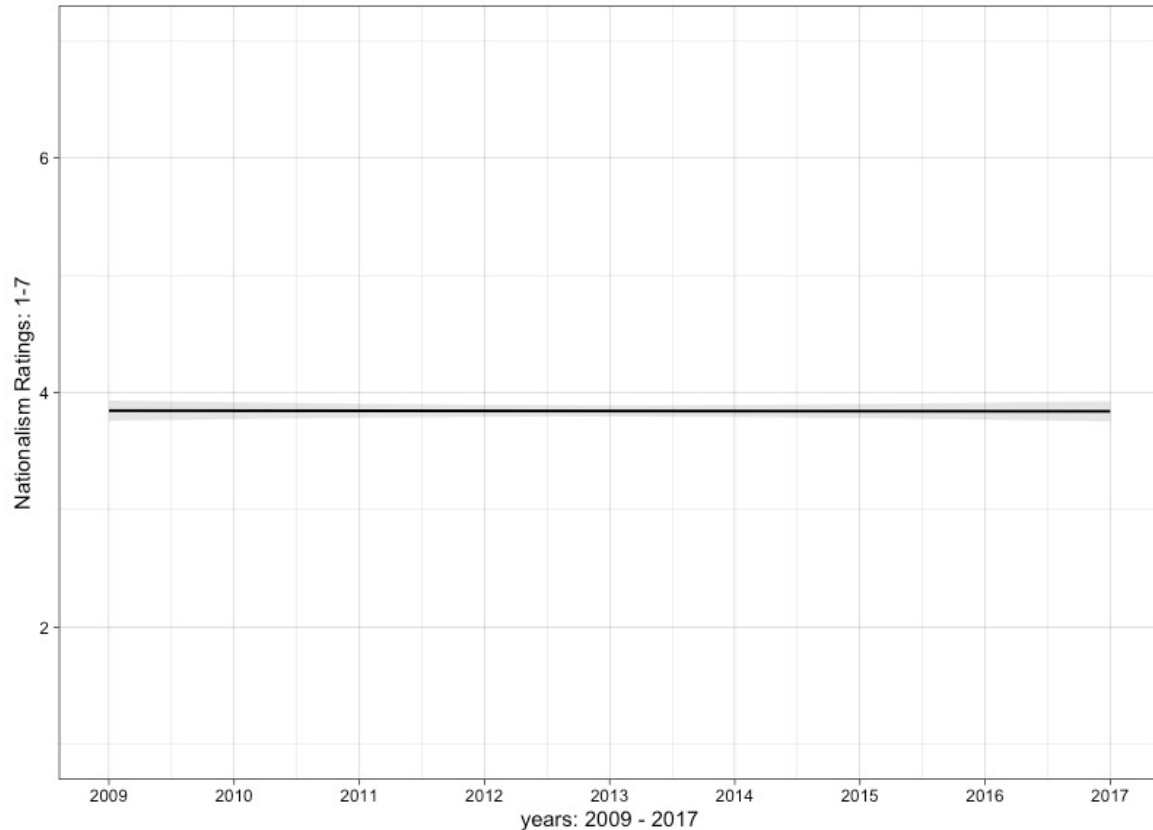
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# There is no evidence for change in nationalism or patriotism in New Zealand from 2009-2011

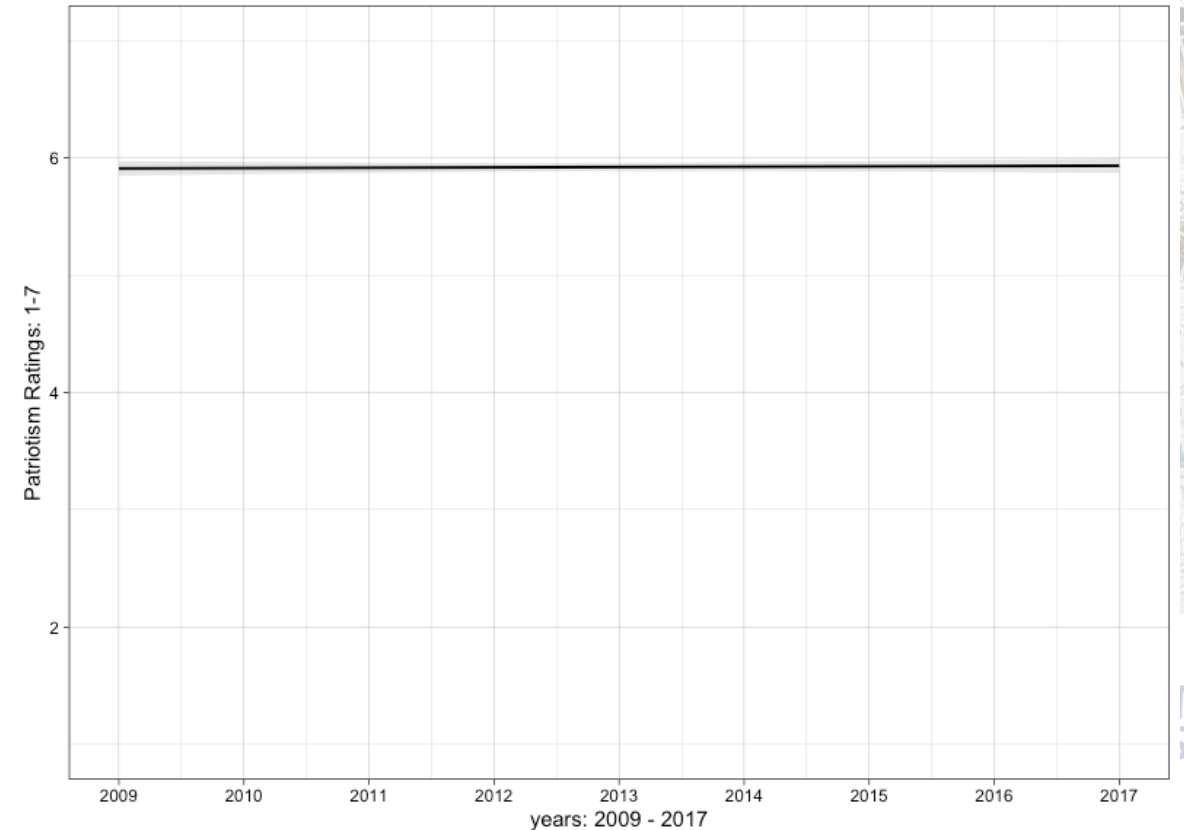
e.g. “Generally, the more influence NZ has on other nations, the better off they are.”

Predicted values of Nationalism in New Zealand 2009 -2017, N = 31,464)



e.g. “I feel a great pride in the land that is our NZ

Predicted values of Patriotism in New Zealand 2009 -2017, N = 31,464)



2020

*Prejudice Toward Muslims in New Zealand*

## **Prejudice toward Muslims in New Zealand:**

### **Insights from the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study**

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2019

*New Zealand national identity and attitudes towards Muslims and diversity*

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# **Exploring New Zealand National Identity and Its Importance for Attitudes toward Muslims and Support for Diversity**

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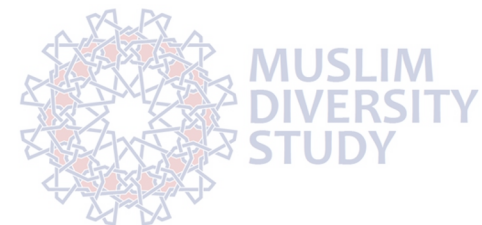
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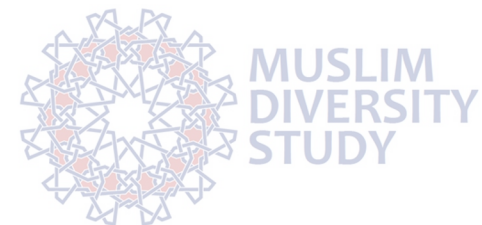
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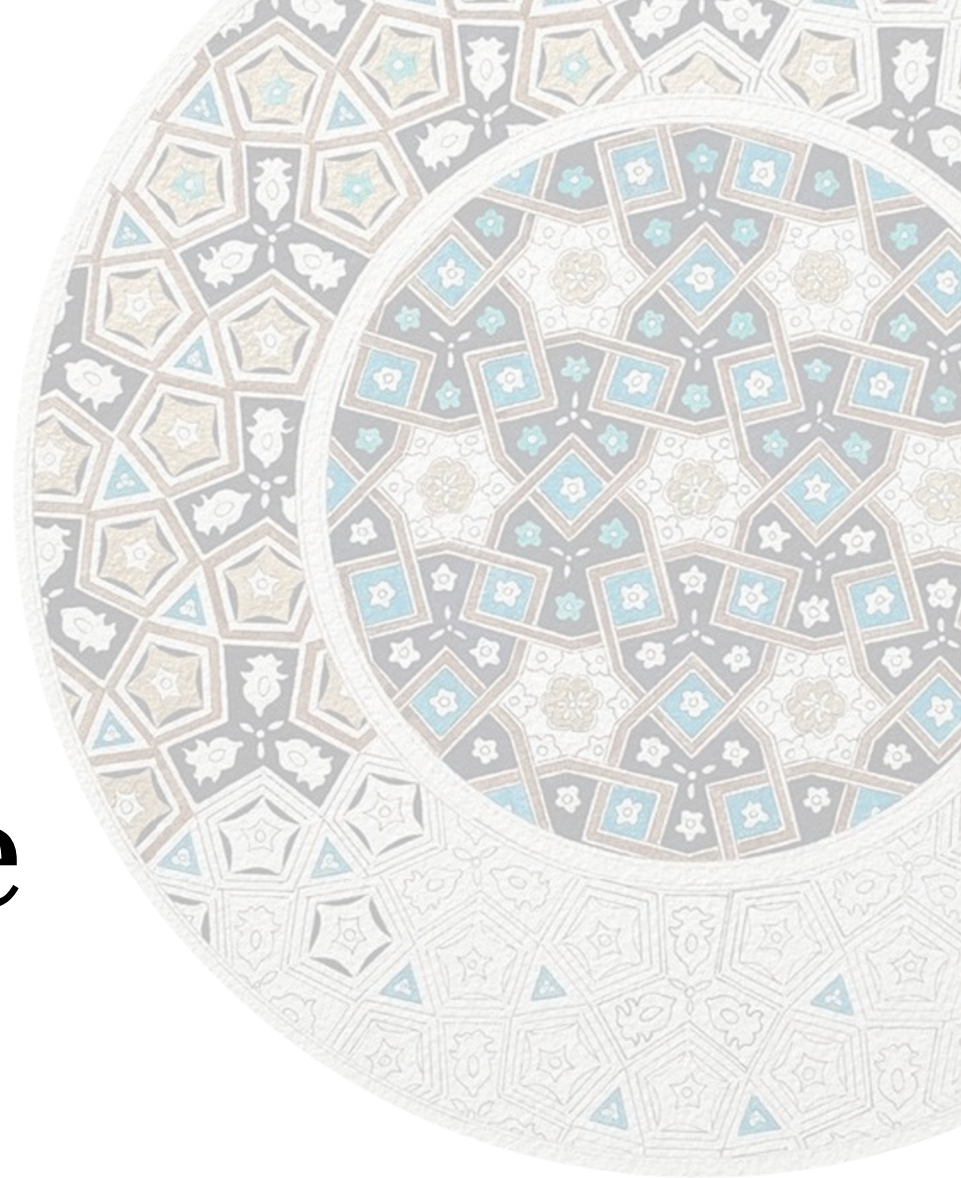
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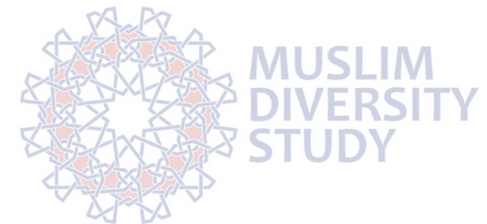




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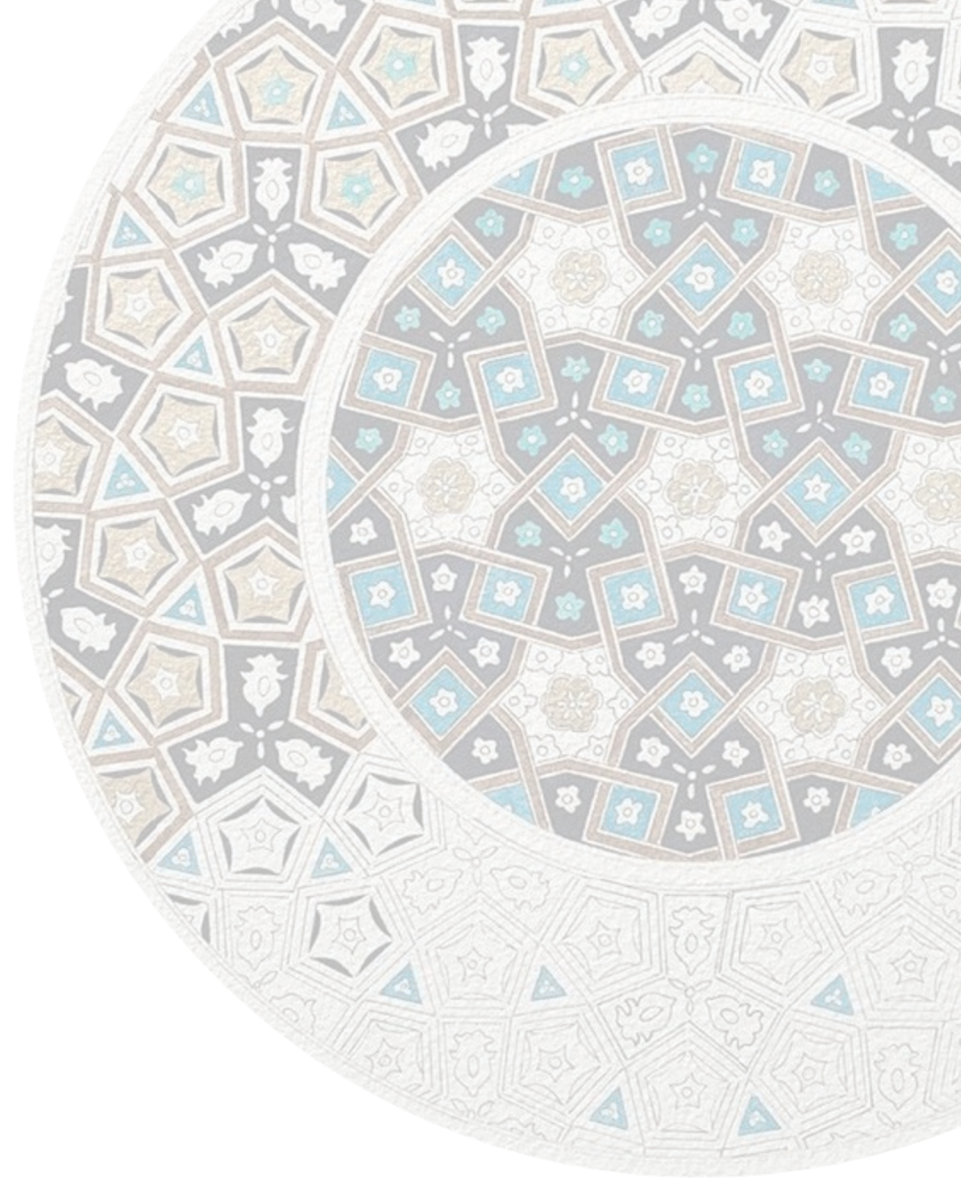


# What it means to achieve justice?





# Two aspects of courage



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