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Hi

I don't consider myself right wing so here are my responses as an ordinary New Zealander who has friends and relatives of many different ethnicities.

I don't know who the lady presenter is but she is surely confused in her points of view.

She confuses ownership with co governance. She talks about 'our land' and 'our resources' when she is referring to, I think, public land or assets of public good i.e. forests and rivers. Ownership would give you total control because it is yours and only yours. She refers to co cogovernance with the same attitude, as if it is ownership.

She missed the point when she demonstrated her understanding of how the representation is voted for. For 50:50 co governance every New Zealander will vote for 50% of the representation and 16% (Maori only) will vote for the other 50% of the representation (or even worse, Maori will just appoint themselves!) That means Maori have effectively two votes and the New Zealanders without a Maori ancestor gets one vote. That is not democracy. She neglects to mention the veto vote clause in the 50:50 arrangement as well.

She says tangata whenua representatives are always accountable to tangata whenua. This is not demonstrated in the Urewera co governance model. Maori of the same tribe are taking legal action against their tangata whenua representatives because they are not being listened to and the leadership is not being accountable.

Co governance has demonstrated that a prerequisite to compliance by tangata whenua is money. When Auckland had a shortage of water, Tainui were not concerned about the river except for the extra money that they could earn from it. The amount asked for the water was extortionate.

If the Urewera model and the Waikato river model are examples of co governance working well, it is certainly of concern that we are in trouble with this system.

Another example of co governance is the health system where Maori have priority based on ethnicity. Instead of equality for all we have inequality for 84% of New Zealanders.

She refers to lack of council representation for Maori. Is it because Maori are less likely to vote? She seems to indirectly blame others for the lack of Maori representation. I don't know who she is referring to though. I personally do not consider someone's ethnicity when I vote. I vote for sound ideas and consistency of good character.

I am not right wing and feel I am reasonably informed about co governance but I just cannot find a good example of co governance in practice. If co governance was a good idea it would have evolved naturally instead of being imposed on us. I hope we never see New Zealand controlled by this regime in its totality as envisaged by He Pua Pua.

Kind regards

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