What positions were voters electing people into?

Athenians were choosing by lot first 10 people from their tribe to stand as candidates for one of the 9 archonships. These nine archonships would then be chosen by lot out of the candidates who were chosen from each tribe by lot. Then the people of each tribe would also elect 50 people from their tribe to serve in the council known as the boule. The boule was made up of 500 people, 50 from each tribe.

In New Zealand voters are electing people into positions of one of the 120 seats in the House of Representatives which we refer to as parliament. The first vote is the party vote which makes up 50 of these seats. As long as a party gets at least 5% of the total vote, they will be allocate at least one of these 50 seats. Of these party votes, the party with the most votes will become the elected government and the leader of that party will become the Prime Minister. The prime minister will then select his cabinet of ministers from members of the elected government. So a person’s party vote is also choosing who they would like to lead the government. The other 70 seats are made up of the general electorates. The second vote a voted gets is to choose which Member of Parliament from their region they would like to vote into parliament.