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## PRESS RELEASE

### *The Israeli Voice Index – November 2019*

#### *After Indictment - 59% of Israelis Think Netanyahu Should Step Aside*

*35% of Israelis think PM Netanyahu should resign and stand trial*

*Who's to blame for failure to form government? 43% say PM Netanyahu and 38% MK Liberman*

**November 28, 2019** – the November 2019 **Israeli Voice Index** - a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center at the Israel Democracy Institute – revealed that 35% of the general public thinks that now that Attorney General Avichai Mandelbilit has decided to indict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – he should resign and stand trial and 16% think he should temporarily leave his post and return after he is cleared in the trial. The survey also found that 82% of the public thinks that it will not be possible to form a government in the remaining days before the December 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. [Full Column](#)

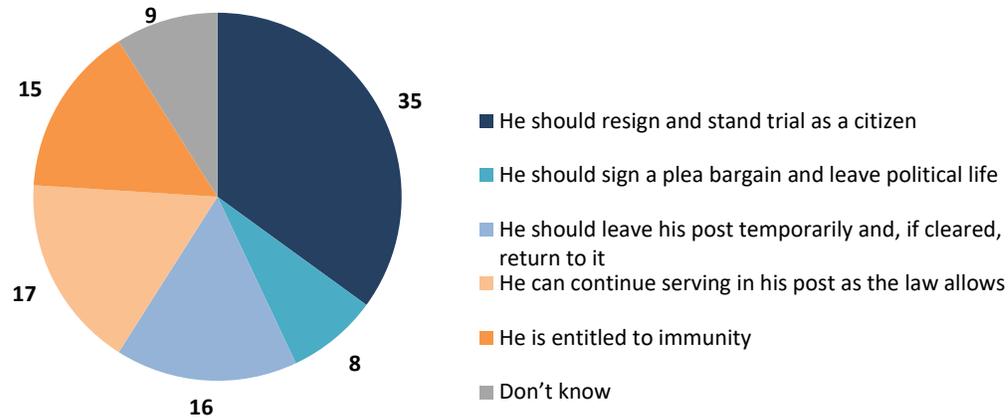
### **Main Findings**

**Prime Minister under indictment** – 35% of Israelis think Prime Minister Netanyahu should resign and stand trial, 16% say he should leave his post temporarily and return if he is cleared in the trial and 8% believe that he should be granted a pardon in return for a commitment to retire from public life.

Alternatively, 17% think PM Netanyahu can remain in his post as the law allows him to, while 15% think he is entitled to immunity from prosecution as long as he remains in office. The rest are undecided.

By political affiliation (Jewish Israelis) almost all of the Left-wing and Center (96% and 90% respectively) think that Prime Minister Netanyahu should step down. Right-wing voters are divided on this question – 50% think he should resign and 42% think he stay in his post.

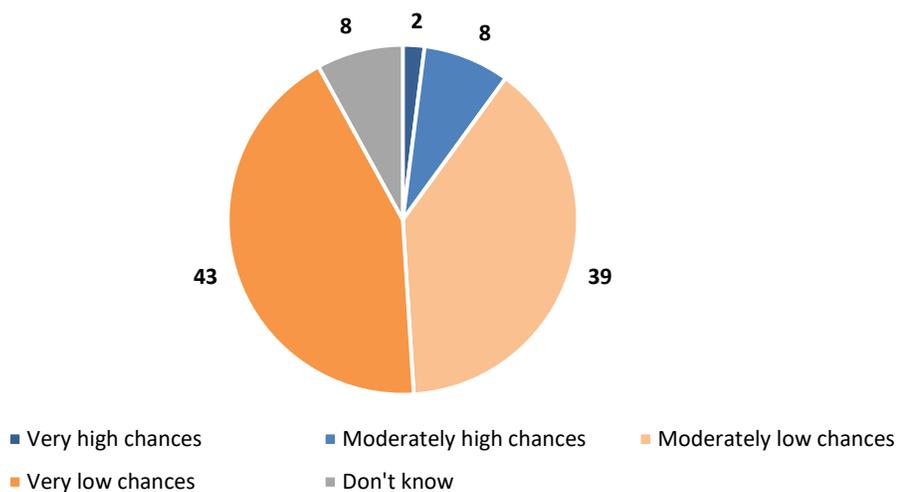
**After the Attorney General's decision to indict Prime Minister Netanyahu, among the following possibilities which, in your opinion, is preferable? (% , entire public)**



**Who is to blame for the failed attempts to form government** – for the failure to form a government over the past two months 43% of Israelis blame PM Netanyahu, 38% blame MK Avigdor Liberman and only 8% blame MK Benny Gantz. The Arab public ascribes the blame first and foremost to Netanyahu (54%), with a minor difference between Liberman (16%) and Gantz (13%).

**Chances of forming a government before 21 day deadline** – 82% of Israelis do not think that it is possible to form a government in the days remaining. Left-wing, center and right-wing Israelis among both Jews and Arabs are in agreement and the large majority of the public thinks that Israel is headed for a third round of elections.

**What are the chances that in the next two weeks one of the members of Knesset will succeed to present a coalition supported by 61 members of Knesset? (% , entire public)**



*The Israeli Voice Index is a project of the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research of the Israel Democracy Institute. In the survey, which was conducted on the internet and by telephone (supplements of groups that are not sufficiently represented on the network) from November 24 to November 26, 607 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 148 in Arabic, constituting a representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was  $\pm 3.7\%$  at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was done by the Rafi Smith Institute under the direction of Rafi Smith. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il>*