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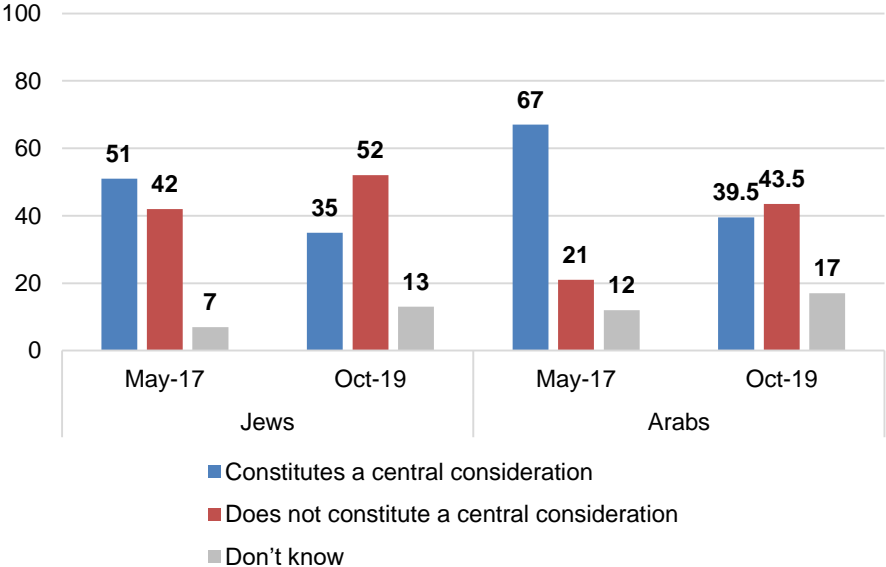
**Majority of Israelis Support their Parties Joining a Blue and White coalition
Israel's security not a Central Consideration for President Trump's Foreign Policy - say
Half of Israelis**

November 3, 2019 – the October 2019 **Israeli Voice Index** - a monthly survey conducted by the Guttman Center at the Israel Democracy Institute – revealed a decline in Israelis' assessment of President Trump's commitment to Israel's security. The survey also found that 62% of Israelis support the parties they voted for in the last elections joining a Blue and White led coalition. [Full Column](#)

Main Findings

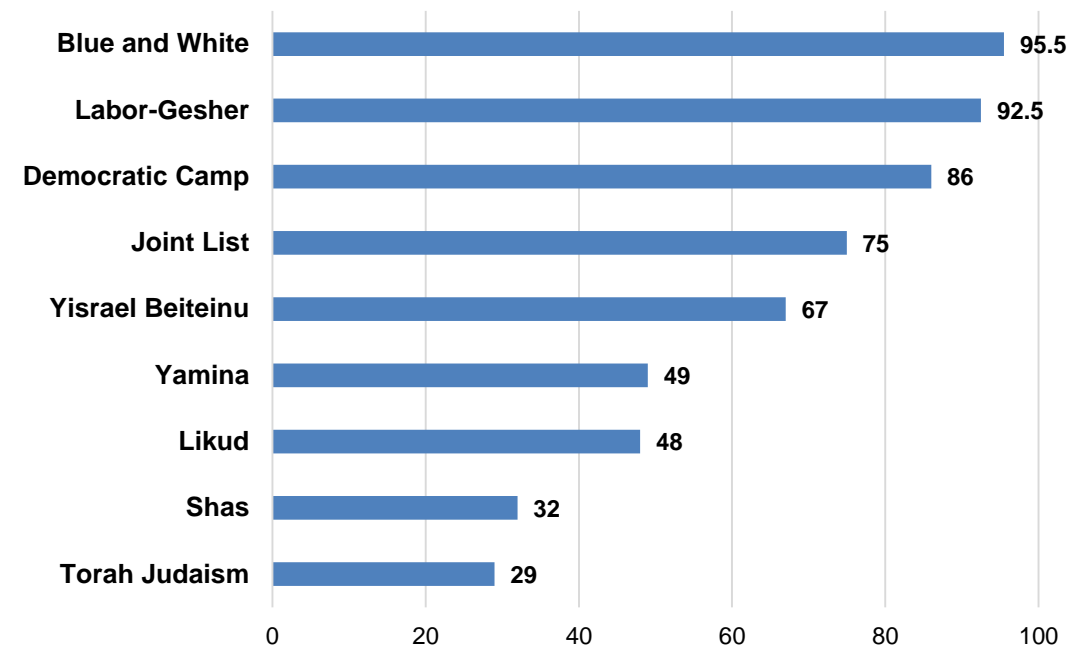
President Trump and Israel's Security – in light of the U.S. decision to withdraw from northern Syria, only 36% of those surveyed believe that Israel's security is a central consideration for President Trump when formulating U.S. foreign policy. This is down from 54% of Israeli who, at the time of President Trump's visit to Israel in May 2017, believed the country's security did play an important role in U.S. foreign policy.

In your opinion, to what extent, is Israel’s security now a central consideration for President Trump when formulating U.S. foreign policy? (Jews and Arabs, % 2017 and 2019)



Blue and White led coalition – 62% of Israeli support the party they voted for in September joining a Blue and White led coalition. Almost half of right-wing voters (49% Yamina, 48% Likud, 67% Yisrael Beitenu) are willing to join such a government that would be led by Benny Gantz. Among voters for the ultra-Orthodox parties, however, only a minority favor such a move – Shas 32% and United Torah Judaism 29%.

Agree that the party I voted for join a coalition headed by Benny Gantz (general public, %)

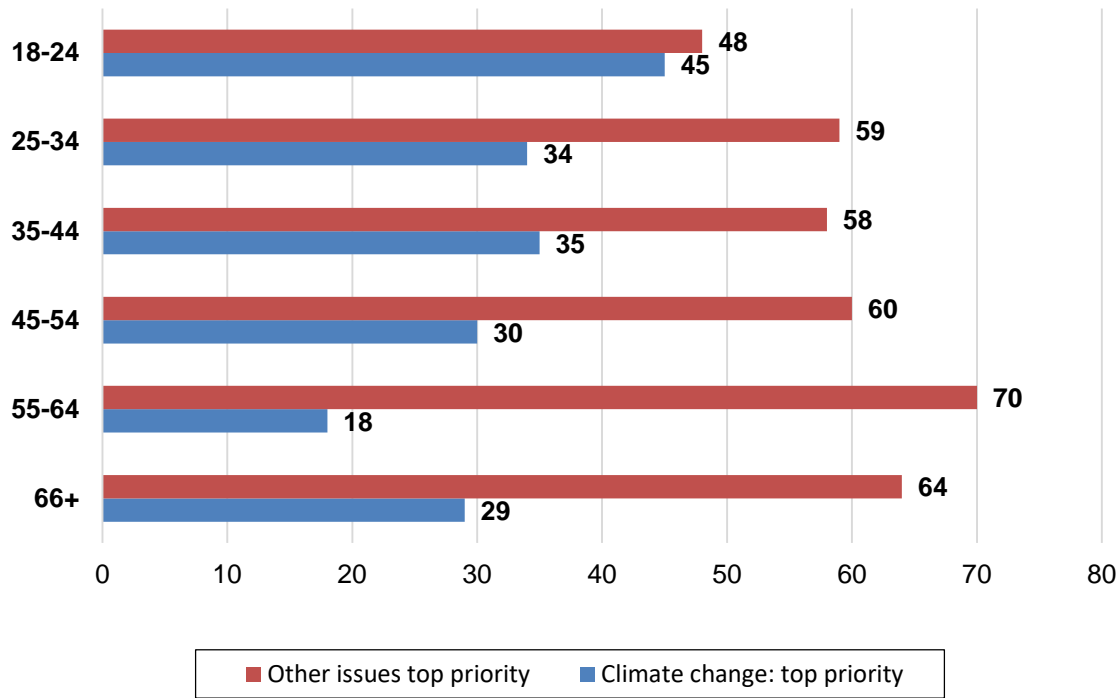


Unity government or new elections – A majority of Israelis prefer a national unity government (53%) over other possible resolutions to the current political impasse. Just 17.5% would rather the country head to a third round of elections, and only 13% support a minority government that does not enjoy a majority of 61 seats in the Knesset. 17% stated that they do not know which option they prefer, or they refused to answer.

When Jewish Israelis were polled, 60% of said that they prefer a unity government, compared to only 15.5% who favor new elections. Among Arab Israelis, 27% want new elections and 21% prefer a national unity government.

Concern about the environment – 58% of Israelis support legislation prohibiting the use of disposable tableware. At the same time, 57% of Israelis think that the government has more pressing issues to address and only 35% think that climate change should be its top priority. Age is the variable with the greatest impact on perception on this issue among both Jews and Arabs with almost half of Israelis ages 18-24 thinking that this environmental concern should be the government's top priority.

Should climate change be at the top of the order of priority of the world's governments? (Jews, Arabs, distribution by age, %)



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 October 24 to October 29, 602 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 151 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>