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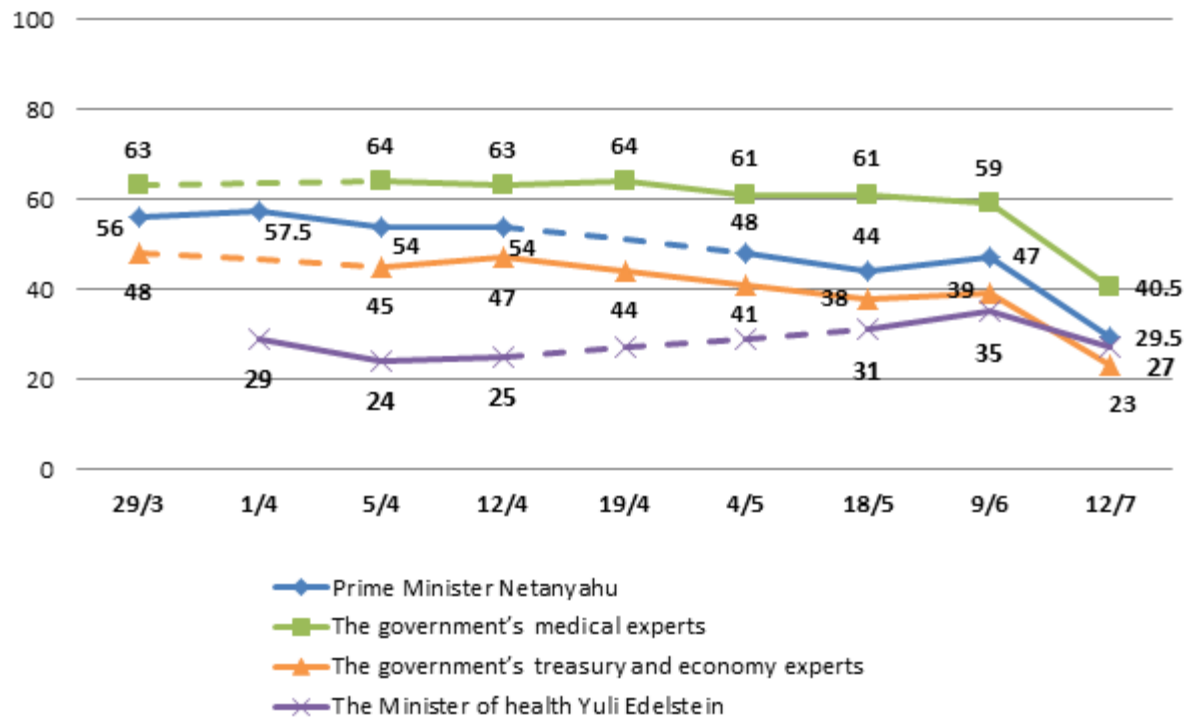
IDI Coronavirus Survey: 75% of Israelis Feel Disappointed, Angry or Alienated Towards Government's Handling of Coronavirus Trust in Prime Minister Netanyahu's Plummets to 29%

A special survey by the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute examined public opinion about government policies relating to the coronavirus outbreak and the economic fallout from the pandemic. The survey, the tenth in this series, finds that the public's trust in Prime Minister Netanyahu, Minister of Health Edelstein and government health and economic experts charged with handling the crisis, has declined dramatically.

Survey Highlights [Link to full survey](#)

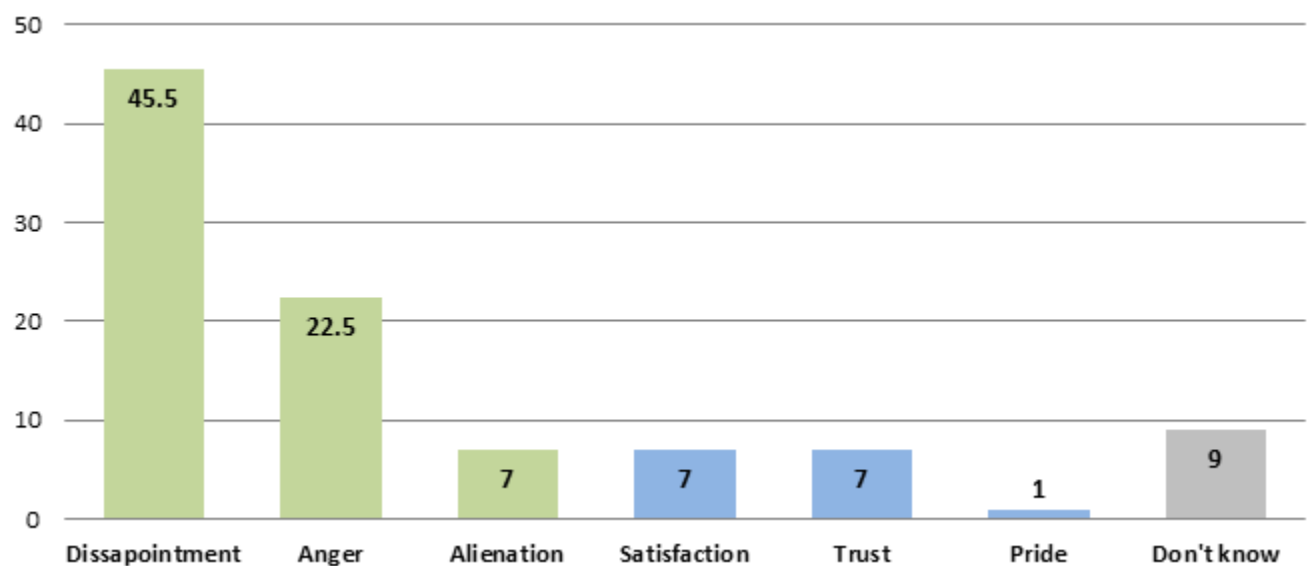
Trust in leadership and experts – There has been a very sharp decline in the degree of trust in in the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health as well as in the professional medical and economic figures in the government. Only 40.5% say they have trust in government medical experts, 29.5% in Prime Minister Netanyahu, 27% in Minister of Health Edelstein and 23% in the government's treasury and economy experts.

Trust in the following people and experts who lead the fight against the coronavirus (% , general public)



Emotions on Government's Functioning – 75% of Israelis chose negative words to describe how they feel the government is functioning during the corona crisis – 45.5% are 'disappointed,' 22.5% are 'angry' and 7 feel 'alienated.' Only 15% chose positive words - 7% expressed 'satisfaction,' 7% 'trust,' 1% 'pride' and 9% said that they don't know how to describe their feelings.

Emotions on Government's Functioning (% , general public)

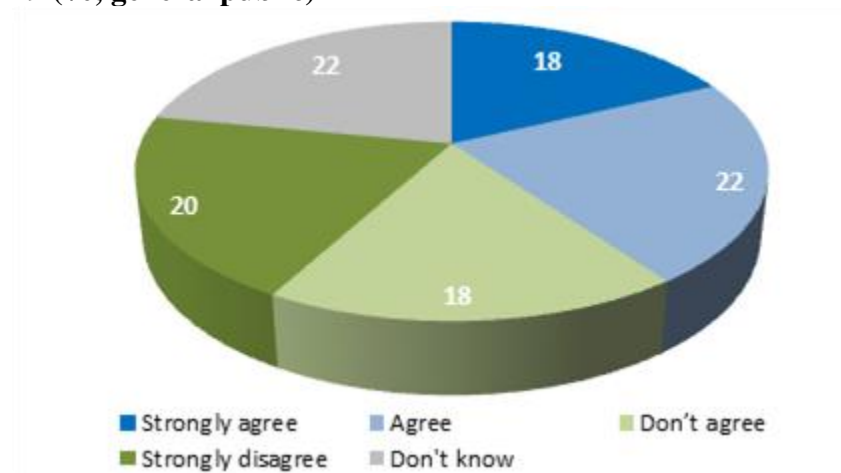


Fear for the future – 69.5% of low-income earners, 61% of average income earners and 35% of above average income earners expressed fear for their economic wellbeing in the foreseeable future.

In addition, the majority of Israelis are afraid that they or a family member will test positive for the coronavirus (73% Jews, 75% Arabs).

Is Bennett the answer? - In light of the Israeli public's dissatisfaction with the way the government is managing the crisis, and against the background of MK Naftali Bennett's declarations that he is the most suitable person to lead the fight against the coronavirus, the public is split on whether he is the right person to tackle this challenge - 40% think that Bennett is indeed suitable for the task and 38% answered that he is not. A high percentage indicated that they do not know (22%). Among Arab Israelis, the level of confidence in Bennett is lower than among the Jewish Israelis (21.5% compared to 44%).

Naftali Bennett is the most suitable person to lead the country in the fight against COVID-19 (% , general public)



The survey Israel in the Times of Coronavirus #10 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 July 9 to July 12 2020, 621 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 156 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 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>