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About IDI

The Israel Democracy Institute (IDI) is an independent, nonpartisan “think-and-do tank,” dedicated to strengthening the foundations of Israeli democracy. The Institute harnesses rigorous applied research to educate decision makers and help shape policy, legislation and public opinion.

OUR GOALS

1. Bolster the values and institutions of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state in the spirit of Israel’s Declaration of Independence
2. Improve government performance so as to strengthen public trust in the democratic system and contribute to sustainable economic growth
3. Cultivate social cohesion and solidarity, political participation, shared values, and a common civic denominator among the different communities making up the mosaic of Israeli society



OUR **3 STAGE** MODEL OF OPERATION

RESEARCH

Conduct excellent applied research to generate actionable proposals for reform

DEBATE

Convene relevant stakeholders for a rigorous, practical debate on these proposals

IMPACT

Work with partners in government, civil society, the business sector, and the media to advance our policy recommendations and ensure their implementation in the field



RECENT POLICY IMPACT

- Israel 2050, IDI's plan for sustainable economic development, adopted by the Prime Minister and four government ministries
- IDI experts shape a new government multi-billion-shekel plan for development of Arab sector including a 120 million NIS program for a Gap Year program for Arab youth
- President Herzog publicly endorsed IDI proposal for a new Basic Law on Legislation
- Government adopts IDI's plans for lowering the military exemption age and boosting Ultra-Orthodox employment





IDI AND THE PANDEMIC

- Keeping the Knesset open and ensuring parliamentary oversight over emergency regulation
- Defining limits of IDF involvement in a civilian crisis
- Striking the proper balance between public health and individual rights
- Facilitating government outreach to the ultra-Orthodox community
- Shaping government policy on unemployment, remote work and vocational training



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