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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.

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## 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

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Conduct excellent applied research to generate actionable proposals for reform

## DEBATE

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

## IMPACT

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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



In recognition of its singular contributions to Israeli public life, the State of Israel bestowed upon IDI its highest honor:

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