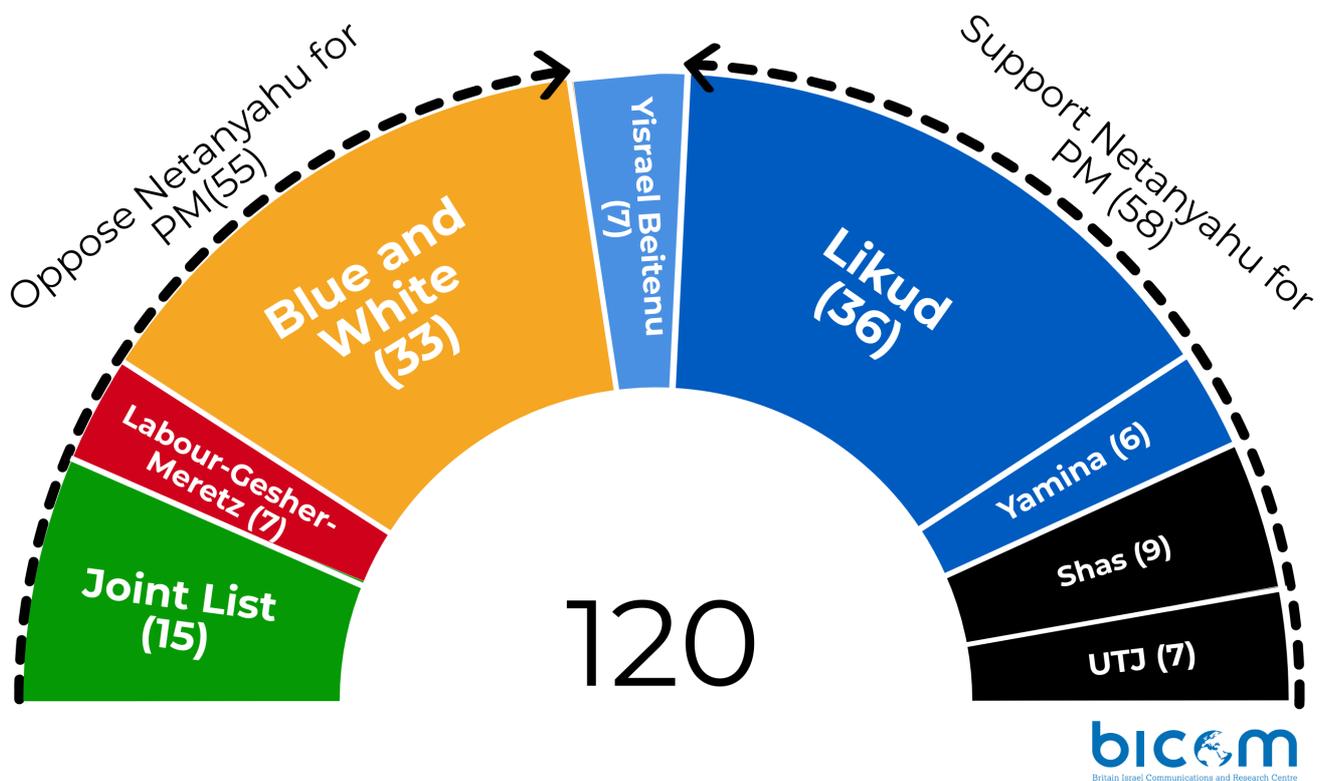


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Final Results



The final, but not yet certified, results of the Israeli election mean the political deadlock will continue. Neither Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu nor Blue and White leader Benny Gantz have a clear path to a 61 seat majority required to build a governing coalition. Netanyahu needs 3 defections from the opposition to form a government, while Gantz's most realistic option is to build a minority government with the active support of both the Joint (Arab) List and Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu party. A national unity government consisting of Blue and White and Likud is a remote possibility, but Blue and White leaders have so far ruled out serving with Netanyahu because of his criminal trial.

Key Dates

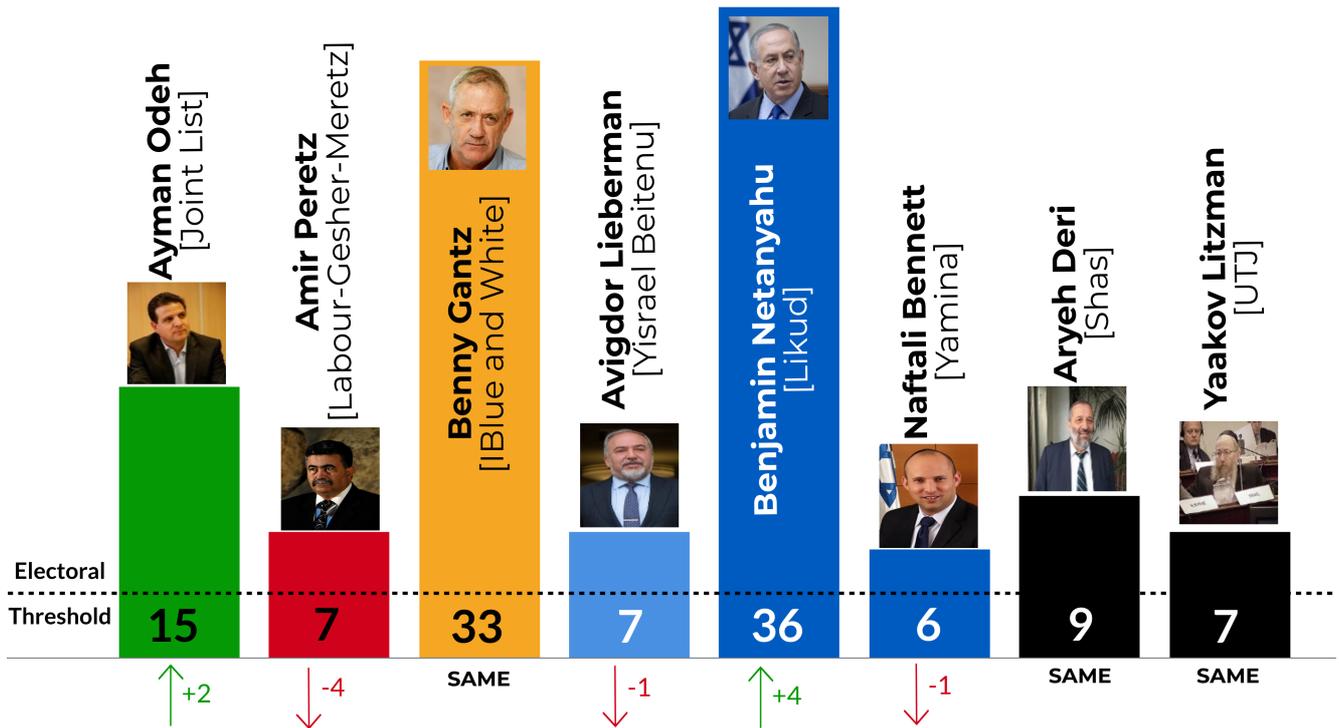
10 March: Official election results presented to Israel's President Reuven Rivlin

10-17 March: President Rivlin likely to begin consultation meetings with party leaders

17 March: Deadline for President Rivlin to ask a party leader to form a Government. That leader will then have 28 days (plus an additional 14 day extension) to form a governing coalition

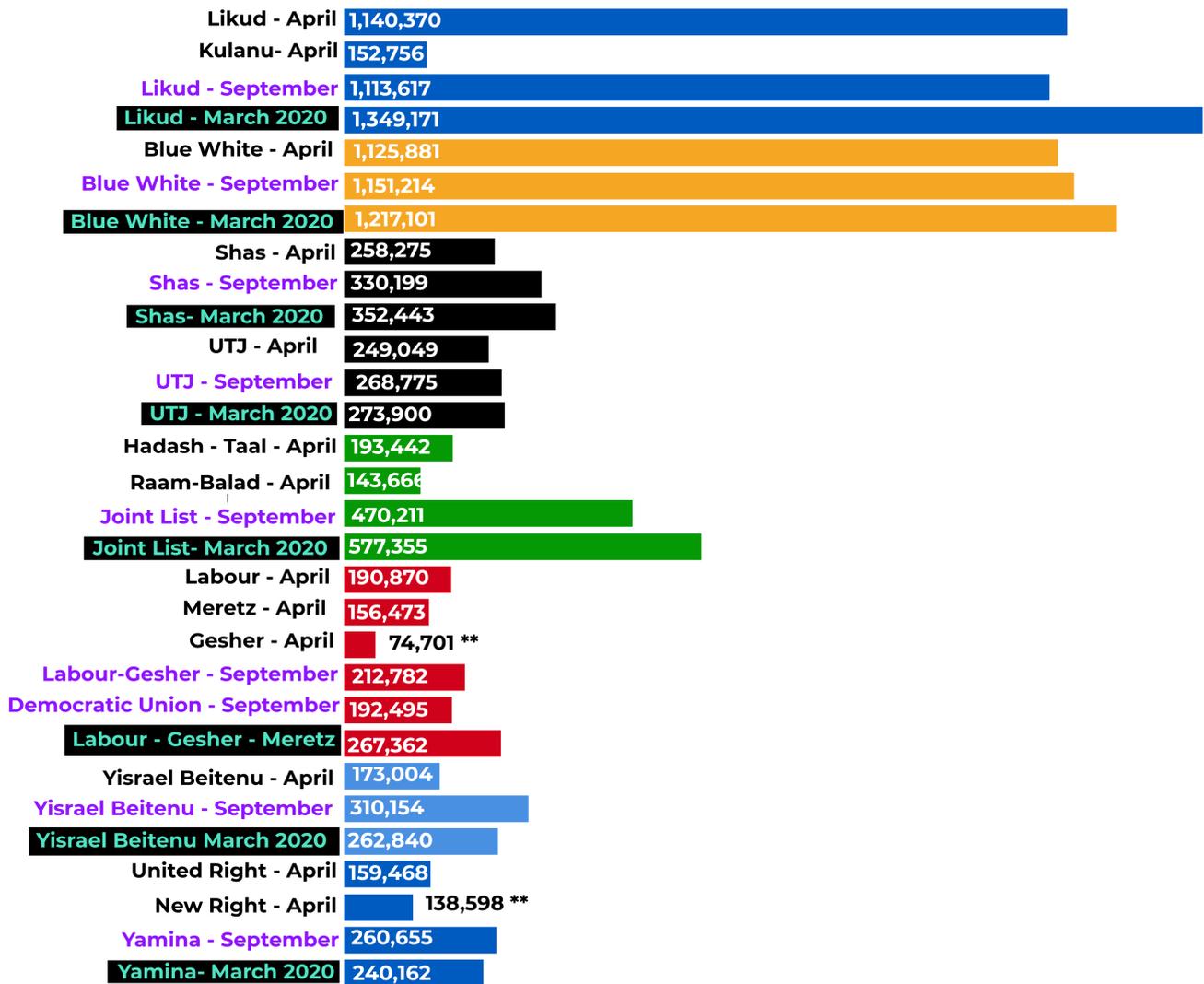
17 March: Netanyahu's criminal trial for bribery, fraud and breach of trust opens in the Jerusalem District Court.

How the parties shaped up



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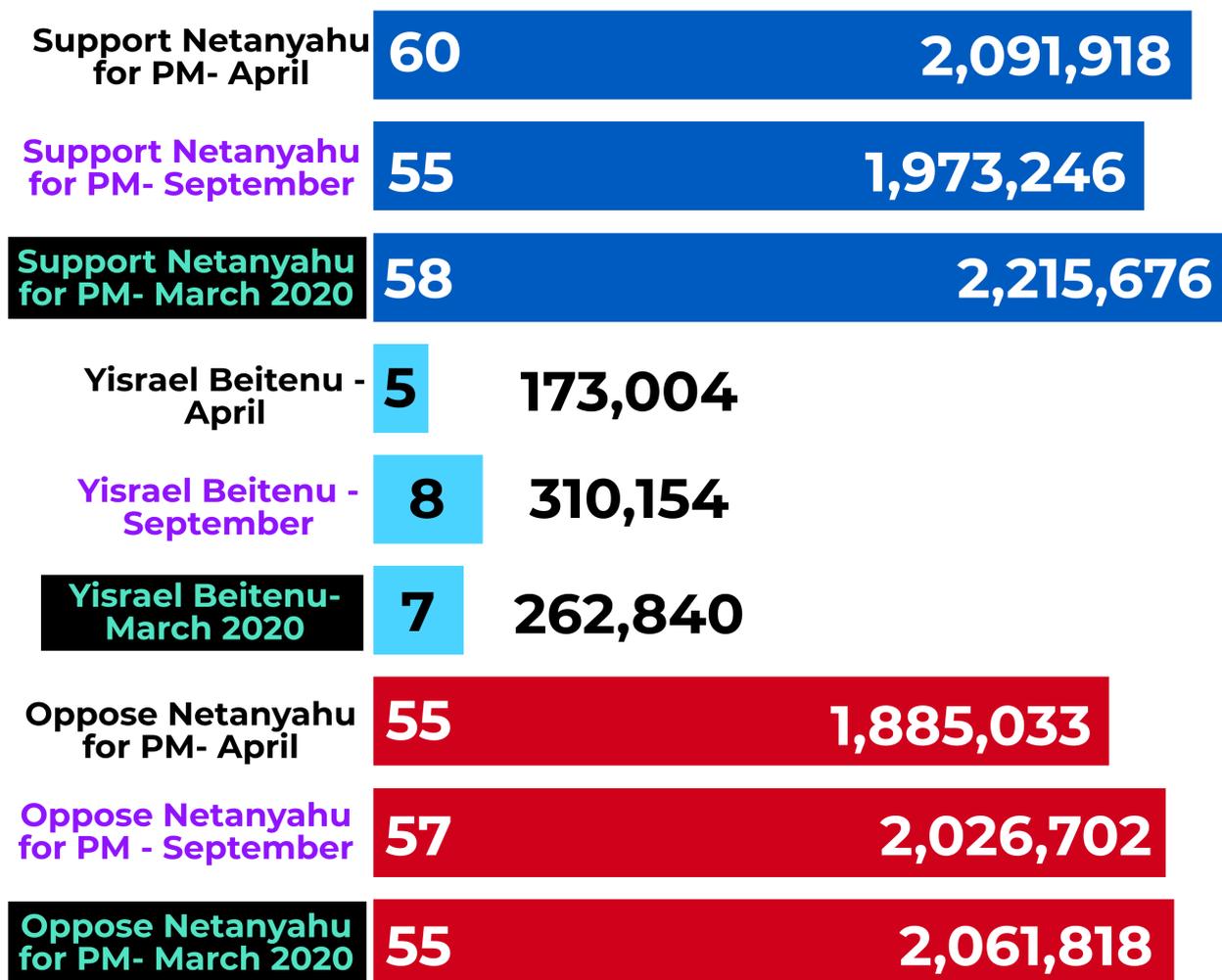
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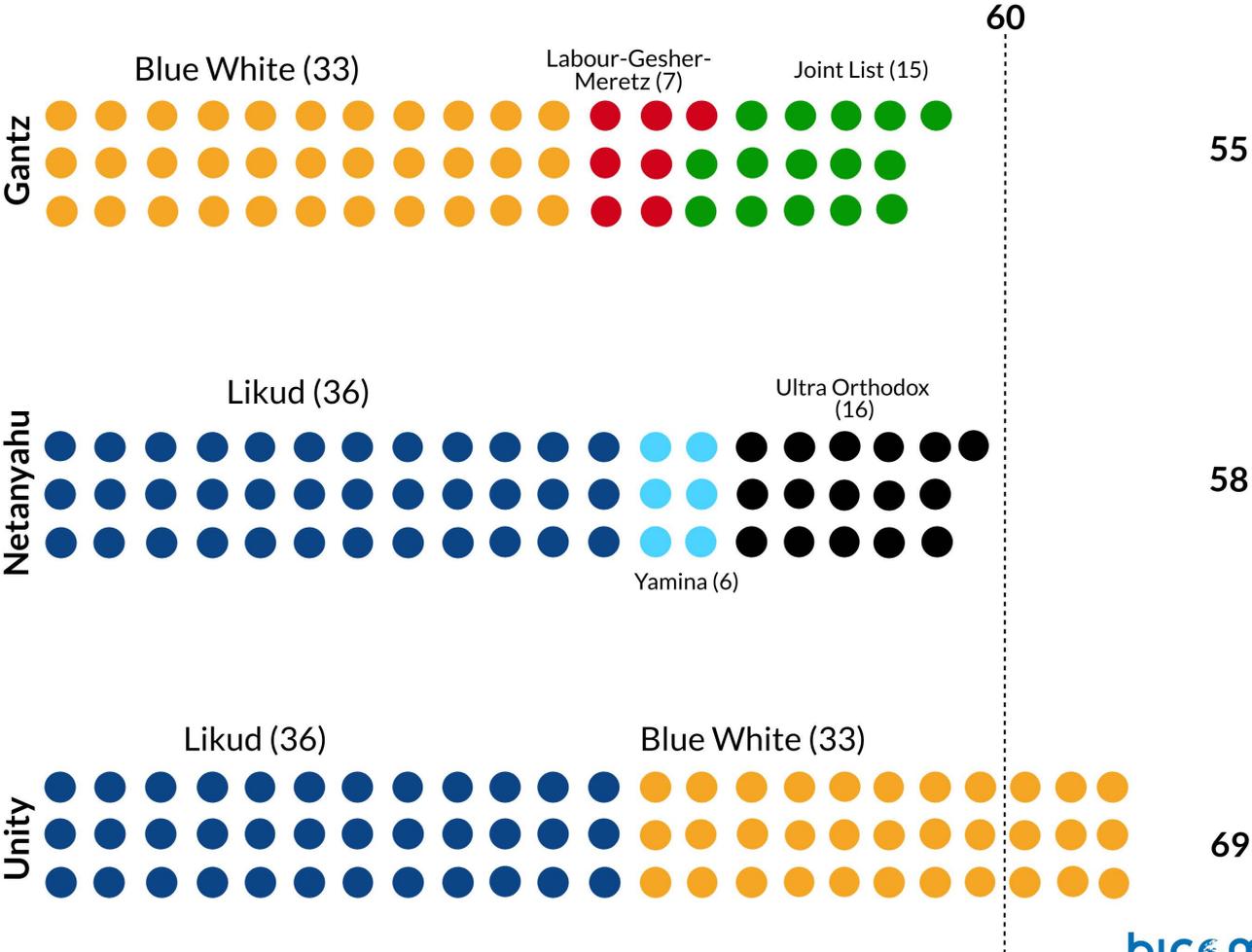
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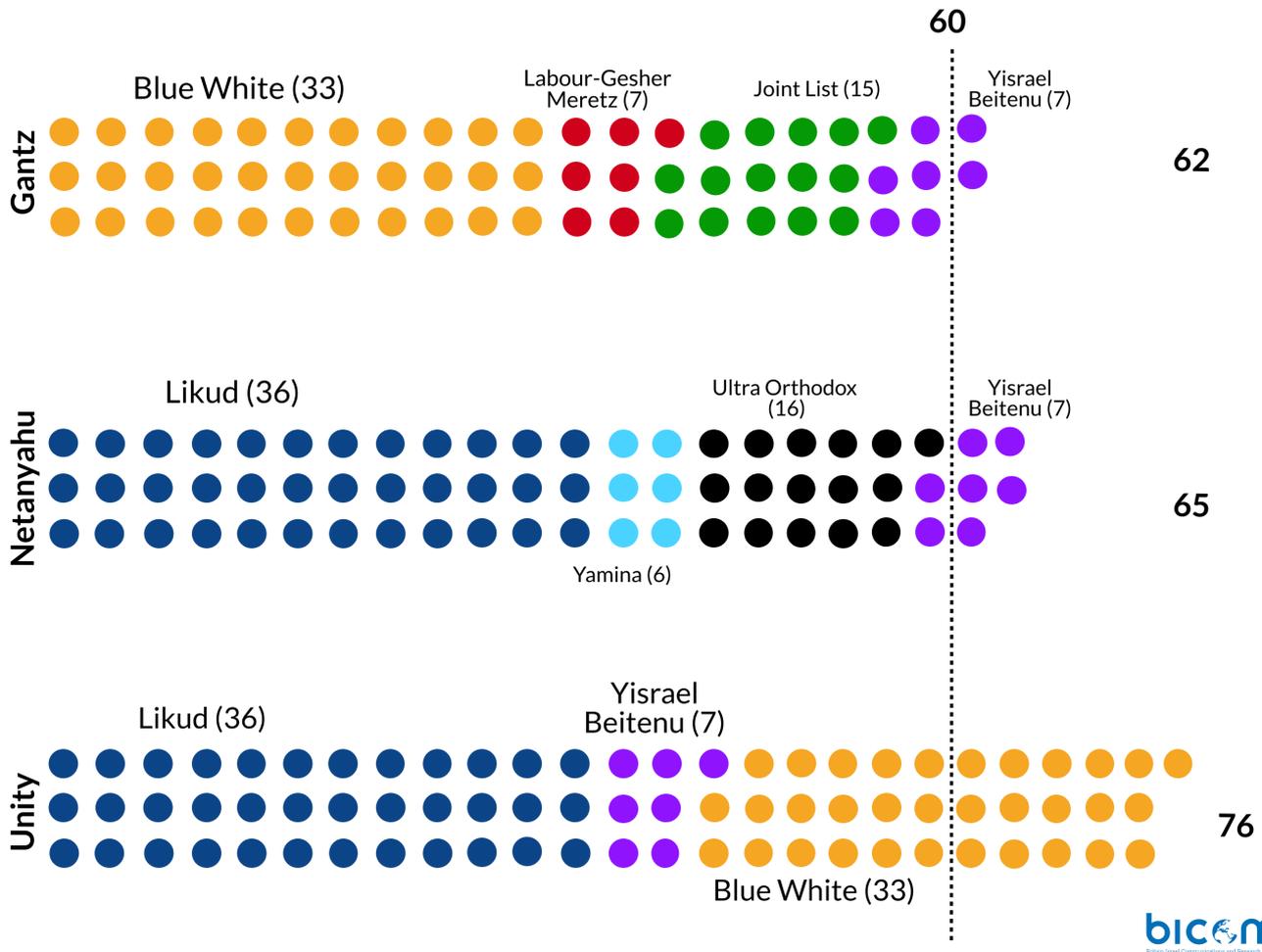
Support - April: Likud, Kulanu, Shas, UTJ, United Right, New Right
Support- September: Likud, Shas, UTJ, Yamina
Support - March 2020: Likud, Shas, UTJ, Yamina

Oppose - April: Blue White, Raam-Balad, Hadash-Taal, Labour, Gesher, Meretz
Oppose - September: Blue White, Joint List, Labour-Gesher, Democratic Union
Oppose - March 2020: Blue White, Joint List, Labour-Gesher-Meretz

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