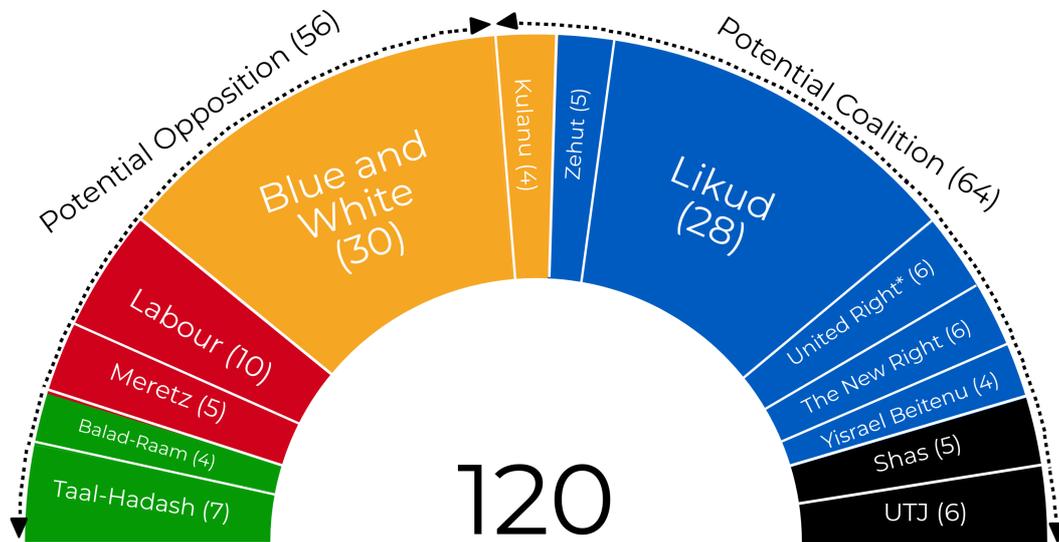


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The Next Israeli Government?

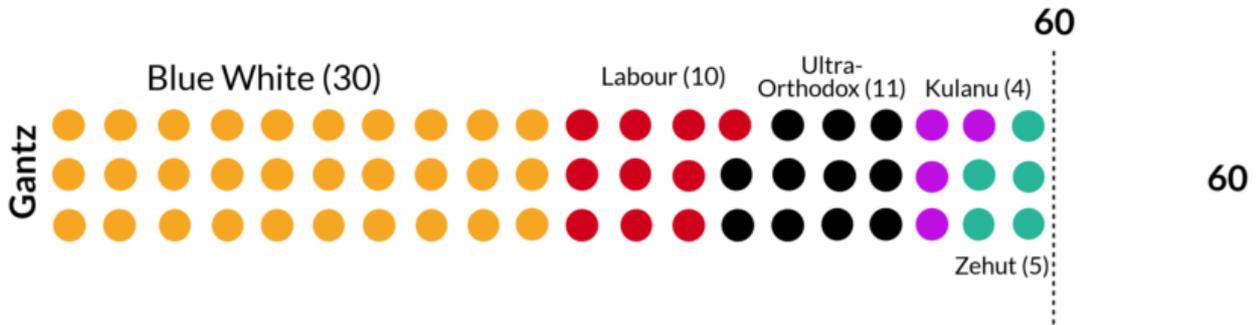


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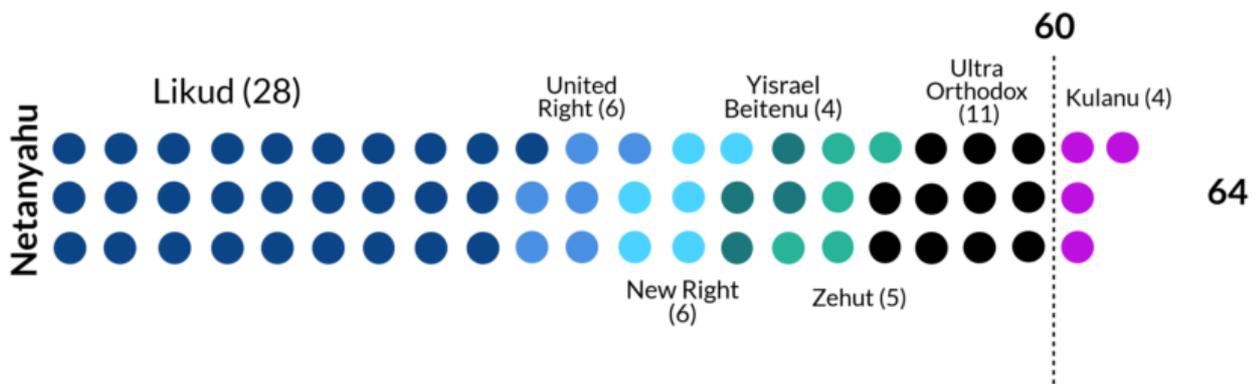
BICOM's aggregated polling from March 22 to April 5 predicts that the Blue White party, led by Benny Gantz and Yair Lapid, will win slightly more seats than Likud, but Benjamin Netanyahu will be better placed to form a governing coalition because of the relative strength of small right wing parties, including those that joined his 2015 coalition and possibly Zehut - a right-wing libertarian party supported by right and left wing voters - that has refused to say at this stage whether it would join a Gantz or Netanyahu led Government.

The fate of the small parties could ultimately decide who forms the next Government. According to current polls, a Benjamin Netanyahu led right wing coalition looks likely, but two of the parties who served in his last Government – Yisrael Beitenu (right) and Kulanu (centrist) are predicted to win little more than the minimum 3.25% of votes required to win 4 seats. The margin of error in the polls is between 3-4% so it is unclear if they will win 4 seats or no seats. If either party failed to win 4 seats it would damage the chances of a new right wing coalition. In addition, Shas, Zehut, Meretz, New Right and Balad/Raam are all predicted to win 4 or 5 seats and could also fail to win any seats.

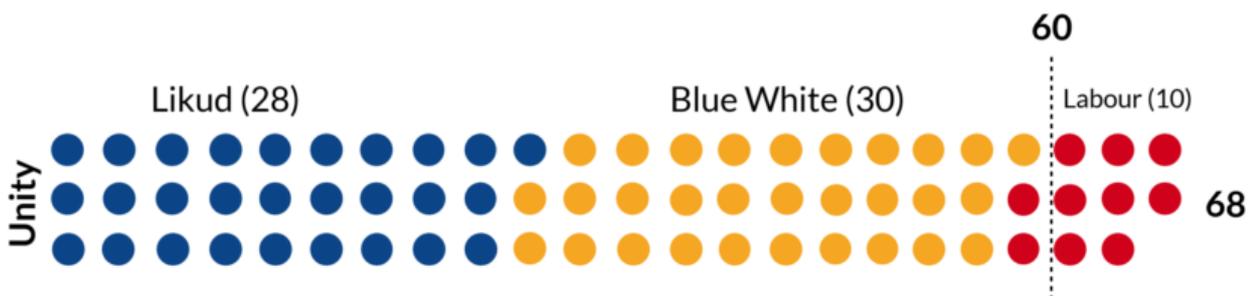
Getting to 61 - possible coalitions



Blue White's potential partners but according to current polls they may struggle to form a 61 majority coalition.

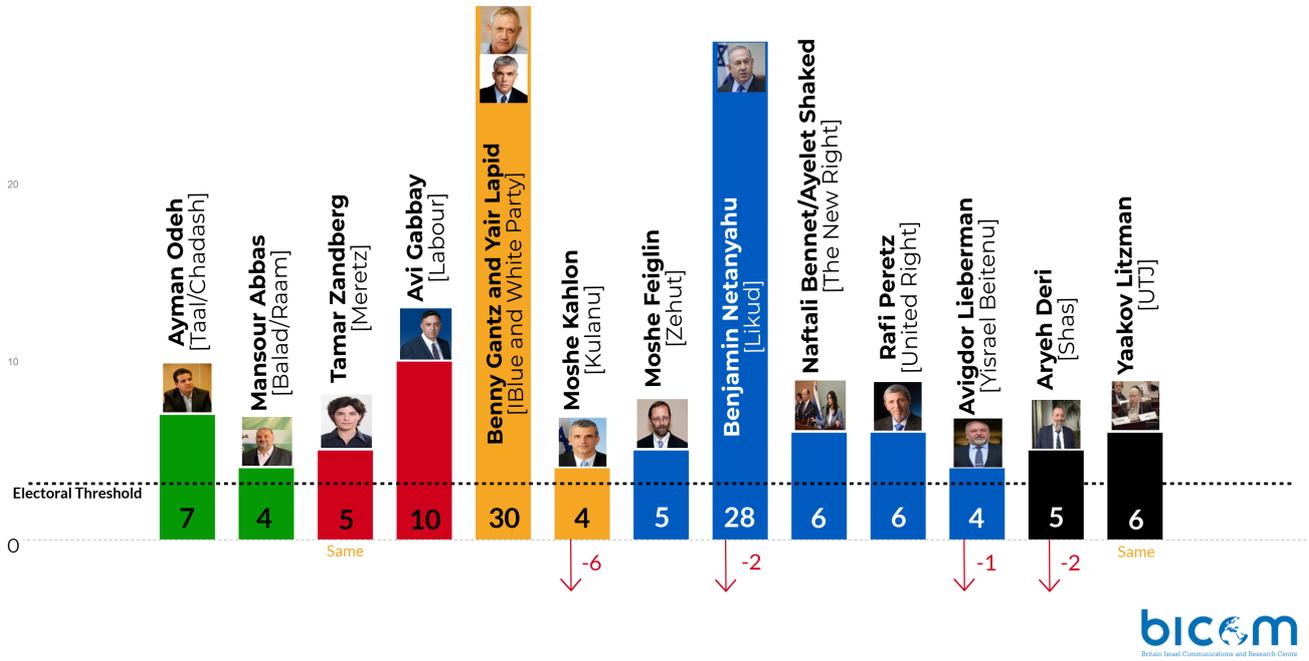


Currently the most likely option but Netanyahu will have to pay a high price for each party to join his coalition and convince them to stick with him if his corruption case proceeds to court.

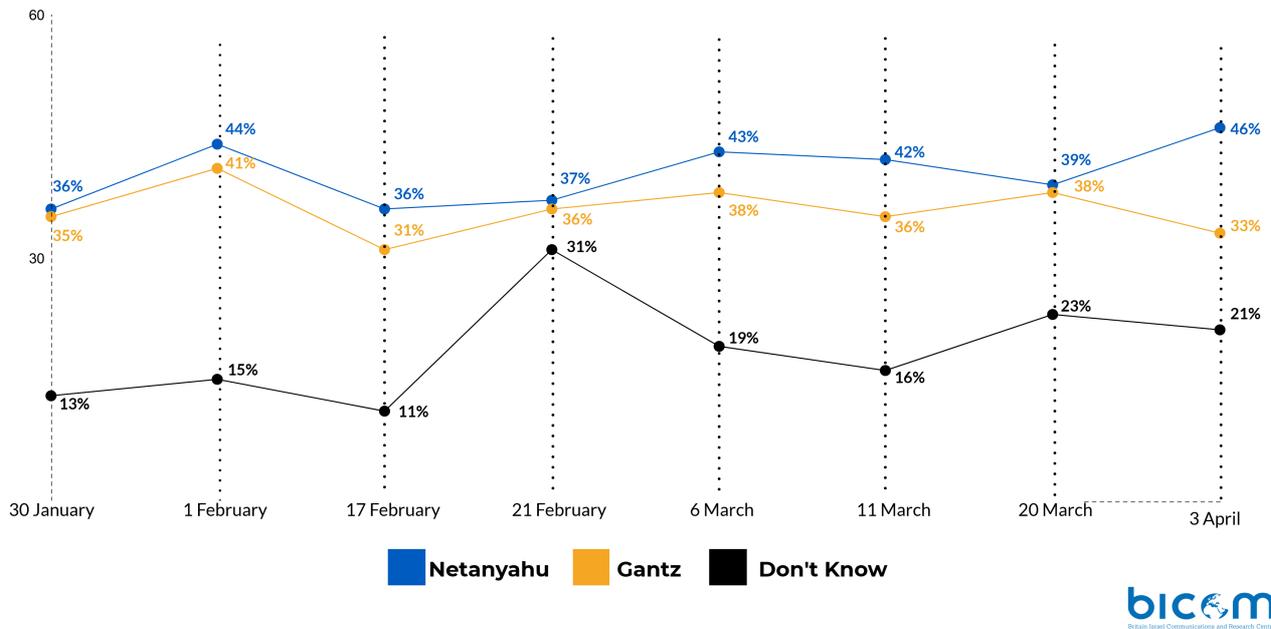


If Netanyahu were to resign this could become a more likely scenario.

How the parties and their leaders are shaping up



Netanyahu's favourability vs Gantz



Result of head to head polling asking the question "who is most suited for Prime Minister?"

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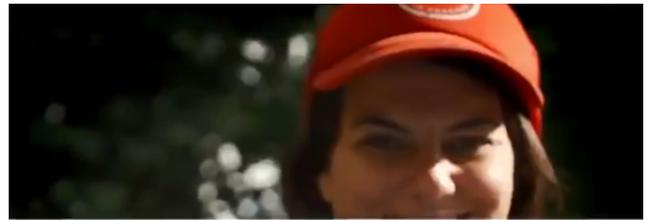


Over the last few weeks, the Fathom Journal has published 18 articles relating to different aspects of the election. An Ebook of these essays can be read [here](#)

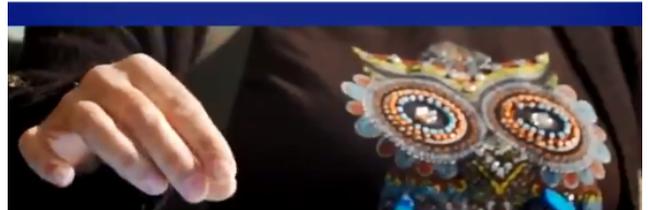
Selected campaign ads

A Likud clip charges *Yediot Ahronoth* with claiming Likud voters are 'Bots' and calls on those Likud voters – who represent a cross section of Israeli society – to come out in droves on election day to stop the left from taking power.

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ב-9.4 ה"בוטים" נוהרים לקלפיות



A Blue White ad – 'Bibi listen to Bibi' – shows a clip of Netanyahu from 2009 calling for term limits and promising to destroy Hamas. The clip argues Netanyahu hasn't dealt with Hamas for 13 years and should leave it to the Blue White party.

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A New Right ad shows party leader Naftali Bennett putting his suit on while Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh can be heard in the background. Bennett then warns Haniyeh in Arabic that he isn't Avigdor Lieberman, with the inference being he doesn't make idle threats - Lieberman said that if he were defense minister he would give Haniyeh 48 hours to return the bodies of dead Israeli soldiers or be assassinated.

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Standing in Rabin Square, Naftali Bennett holds a dove and first asks the bird 'do you know what your problem is?' He then lectures the bird on a 'right wing peace'

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An ad by the ultra-Orthodox Shas party claims Yair Lapid (number 2 on the Blue and White list) plans to introduce a gay pride parade at the Western Wall, cancel child allowances and allow pig meat to be sold throughout the country. The ad argues that that only a strong Shas party can prevent this

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Best Cartoons



This [Haaretz](#) cartoon shows all the parties fighting in a frying pan. As it gets hotter, some of the smaller parties, such as Geshet, Raam-Balad, Yisrael Beiteinu and Kulanu (all currently near the electoral threshold of 3.25%) may be falling out

[Yediot Ahronot's](#) cartoon shows Netanyahu's trip to Washington and Trump recognising sovereignty over the Golan was overshadowed by a missile attack from Gaza on a house in central Israel. In this cartoon, Netanyahu tries to change the conversation back to his diplomatic success



To mark the festival of Purim, on which Jews dress up, a [Haaretz](#) cartoon displays all the major political leaders. Netanyahu and his wife and held aloft a submarine by Likud MKs. Moshe Feiglin, the leader of the right-wing libertarian Zehut party, which may be the surprise of the election holds aloft the Temple (which he'd like rebuilt) and a marijuana bong which he'd like to legalise. Meanwhile, Labour and Meretz leaders are dressed as clowns, Finance Minister Kahan is throwing out money, Ahmad Tibi has a card with Netanyahu's slogan 'its Bibi or Tibi' and Benny Gantz wears a phone with Iran's Supreme Leader on it

In this [Maariv](#) cartoon Netanyahu is seen hugging four people with radical, homophobic and racist opinions saying 'Atleast you are not bots'. This week the Prime Minister responded to a study claiming an army of internet bots were promoting Likud material by finding one individual behind some offensive tweets and doing a press conference with him

