Country: Israel

Years: 1948-1952

Head of government: David Ben-Gurion

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate left. Political Handbook of the World identifies Gurion’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1953-1954

Head of government: Moshe Sharett

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate left. Political Handbook of the World identifies Sharett’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1955-1962

Head of government: David Ben-Gurion

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies leader party as Mapai-LAB noting “The component parts of ALNM—MPAI and AA—merged with Rafi to become the Israel Labor Party (LAB)… on January 23, 1968”. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate left. Political Handbook of the World identifies Gurion’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1963-1968

Head of government: Levi Eshkol

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies leader party as Mapai -LAB noting “The component parts of ALNM—MPAI and AA—merged with Rafi to become the Israel Labor Party (LAB)… on January 23, 1968”. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Mapai. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate left. Political Handbook of the World identifies Eshkol’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1969-1973

Head of government: Golda Meir

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). CHISOLS identifies leader party as Mapai -LAB noting “The component parts of ALNM—MPAI and AA—merged with Rafi to become the Israel Labor Party (LAB)… on January 23, 1968”. Political Handbook of the World identifies Gurion’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1974-1976

Head of government: Yitzhak Rabin

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). CHISOLS identifies leader party as Mapai -LAB noting “The component parts of ALNM—MPAI and AA—merged with Rafi to become the Israel Labor Party (LAB)… on January 23, 1968”. DPI identifies Labour as left. Political Handbook of the World (2015) notes “The ILP was formed in January 1968 through merger of the Israel Workers’ Party (*Mifleget Poalei Eretz Yisrael*–Mapai), a Western-oriented socialist party”. The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1977-1982

Head of government: Menachem Begin

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LIK (Likud). DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

Year: 1983

Head of government: Yitzhak Shamir

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LIK (Likud). DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

Years: 1984-1985

Head of government: Shimon Peres

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as (Labour). DPI identifies Labour as left. Political Handbook of the World (2015) notes “The ILP was formed in January 1968 through merger of the Israel Workers’ Party (*Mifleget Poalei Eretz Yisrael*–Mapai), a Western-oriented socialist party”. The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1986-1991

Head of government: Yitzhak Shamir

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LIK (Likud). DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

Years: 1992-1994

Head of government: Yitzhak Rabin

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party as Avoda. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LAB (Labour). DPI identifies Labour as left. Political Handbook of the World (2015) notes “The ILP was formed in January 1968 through merger of the Israel Workers’ Party (*Mifleget Poalei Eretz Yisrael*–Mapai), a Western-oriented socialist party”. The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Year: 1995

Head of government: Shimon Peres

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party as Avoda. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LAB (Labour). DPI identifies Labour as left. Political Handbook of the World (2015) notes “The ILP was formed in January 1968 through merger of the Israel Workers’ Party (*Mifleget Poalei Eretz Yisrael*–Mapai), a Western-oriented socialist party”. The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 1996-1998

Head of government: Benjamin Netanyahu

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LIK (Likud). World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party Lik. DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. Rulers notes that “in 2005, Netanyahu won the leadership of Likud, [who] now consist[ed] mainly of hardline right wingers” adding that “under Netanyahu… Israel kept moving further to the right.” The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

Years: 1999-2000

Head of government: Ehud Barak

Ideology: Left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center left. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Labour Party (Havoda). World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party as Avoda. CHISOLS identifies party as LAB (Labour). Political Handbook of the World identifies Barak’s party as Israel Labour Party (ILP) and left: “a Western-oriented socialist party.” Political Handbook of the World (2015) notes “The ILP was formed in January 1968 through merger of the Israel Workers’ Party (*Mifleget Poalei Eretz Yisrael*–Mapai), a Western-oriented socialist party”. The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies Israel Labour Party as one of its members.

Years: 2001-2005

Head of government: Ariel Sharon

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party as Lik. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as LIK (Likud). DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

Years: 2006-2008

Head of government: Ehud Olmert

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as center right. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Kadima. CHISOLS identifies head of government’s party as KAD (Kadima). World Statesmen (2020) identifies head of government’s party Kad. DPI identifies Kadima as right. Rulers notes that “He entered parliament for the right-wing Likud party in 1973. [and] In August 2005… he joined Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in breaking away from Likud and forming the new Kadima party.” DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2.

Years: 2009-2020

Head of government: Benjamin Netanyahu

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Perspective monde identifies head of government’s ideology as moderate right. CHISOLS identifies Netanyahu’s party as Likud. Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as Likud-National Liberal Movement. Perspective monde identifies leader party as Likud. Political Handbook of the World identifies head of government’s party as Likud. DPI identifies Likud as right. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 16 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Likud as 8.2. The rightist International Democrat Union (2020) identifies Likud as one of its members.

References:

[Rulers.org](file:///C:\Users\austi\Documents\Research\Bastian\Country%20profiles\Rulers.org). 2020. Netanyahu, Benjamin. <http://www.rulers.org/indexn1.html#netan> (last checked on May 4, 2020)

[Rulers.org](file:///C:\Users\austi\Documents\Research\Bastian\Country%20profiles\Rulers.org). 2020. Olmert, Ehud. <http://www.rulers.org/indexo.html#olmer> (last checked on May 4, 2020)

"Israel." In Political Handbook of the World 2015, edited by Thomas Lansford, 703-18. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2015.

<http://library.cqpress.com/phw/phw2015_Israel>.

Norris, Pippa. 2020. Global Party Survey dataset.

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/GlobalPartySurvey>”

International Democrat Union. 2020. *Member Parties.* Party webpage. <https://www.idu.org/members/>.

Socialist International. 2020. *Member Parties and Organizations.* Party webpage. <https://www.socialistinternational.org/about-us/members/>.