10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU

1) The vast majority of Israelis want Netanyahu to resign.
   • According to a July 2024 poll, 72% of Israelis want Netanyahu to resign. Nearly half (44%) want him to quit immediately; 28% say he should resign after the Gaza war ends.

2) Israelis believe Netanyahu is failing to end the war and free the hostages.
   • A majority of Israelis (53%) believe personal interests drive Netanyahu’s decisions.
   • Most Israelis see freeing the hostages as the top priority and 67% think Netanyahu’s government is not doing enough to secure their release.
   • Only 33% believe Netanyahu is prioritizing Israeli interests.

3) Israelis believe Netanyahu must take responsibility for failures leading to October 7.
   • An overwhelming majority of Israelis (80%) want Netanyahu to take responsibility for October 7 failures, as senior military and intelligence commanders and other political leaders have done.
   • Netanyahu has refused to launch a commission of inquiry into the October 7 failures.

4) Netanyahu is facing indictment for his conduct of the war in Gaza leading to mass casualties and a humanitarian crisis.
   • The Netanyahu government’s conduct of the war – and statements from senior ministers in his government – has led to criminal allegations that he has deliberately used starvation as a weapon of war.
   • Dozens of US lawmakers have raised serious concerns that his government has blocked and restricted delivery of US humanitarian assistance in Gaza, likely violating international and domestic US law.
   • President Biden has said “indiscriminate” bombing is costing Israel international support.
   • Vice President Harris has said “international humanitarian law must be respected. Too many innocent Palestinians have been killed.”

5) Netanyahu’s coalition is advancing annexation and rejects a two-state solution.
   • Contrary to international law and warnings from US partners and Israeli security experts, Netanyahu is proceeding with “stealth annexation” of the West Bank via legal and administrative changes, settlement expansion, and aiding settler/soldier violence.
Prior to his US trip, his coalition provocatively passed a resolution opposing Palestinian statehood, making a show of rejecting the position of both President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the international community.

6) Netanyahu deliberately strengthened Hamas and weakened Palestinian moderates.

- Netanyahu invited and facilitated Qatari payments to Hamas prior to October 7 as a means of keeping Palestinians divided and thwarting Palestinian statehood.
- The Netanyahu government continues to undermine the moderate Palestinian Authority in the West Bank with his allies seeking to force its collapse so they can assert total control. Former IDF Generals say this would create an impossible security challenge.

7) Netanyahu mounted a judicial coup and undermined Israeli democracy.

- After assembling the most right-wing coalition in Israel’s history, including key radical figures, Netanyahu launched an assault on Israel’s judiciary and democratic institutions, perpetuating religious coercion and exclusion, as well as discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel.
- Much like his political ally Donald Trump, Netanyahu is widely thought to be seeking reforms and using his power to avoid numerous criminal indictments.

8) Netanyahu has aided Republican efforts to turn Israel into a wedge issue.

- Through his upcoming speech at Speaker Johnson’s invitation, his 2015 speech to Congress attacking President Obama’s Iran nuclear deal, and other instances in which he has acted antagonistically toward US administrations for political advantage at home, Netanyahu has jeopardized US-Israel relations and undermined bipartisan support.
- Netanyahu has directly and speciously attacked Biden, despite the President’s deep and consistent support for Israel.

9) Netanyahu facilitated the acceleration of Iran’s nuclear program.

- In 2018, Netanyahu pushed then-President Trump to unilaterally withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal, which blocked Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.
- Thanks to the Trump-Netanyahu withdrawal, it would now take Iran about a week to produce enough uranium for a nuclear weapon.

10) Netanyahu has cultivated ties with populist far-right autocrats around the globe.

- In authoritarians and strongmen, Netanyahu has found kindred spirits who do not criticize deepening occupation and international law violations – including Viktor Orban, Vladimir Putin, Narendra Modi, Jair Bolsonaro, and Rodrigo Duterte and other far-right leaders – whose antisemitism and Holocaust revisionism he has whitewashed.