

## 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 Bolstonaro](#), and [Rodrigo Duterte](#) and other [far-right leaders](#) – whose antisemitism and Holocaust revisionism he has [whitewashed](#).