

Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Module 3: Macro Report

Israel

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Data Pertinent to the Election at which the Module was Administrated

1a. Type of Election: Parliamentary

1b. Lower House.

2b. The original party was Likud. In November 2005 Ariel (Arik) Sharon, the prime minister, together with 13 other Likud members established Kadima. In December and January 2006 Sharon suffered two strokes.

2c. Name of Political Party Number of Cabinet Ministers (Prior the 2006 Election)

Kadima	10
Not Knesset Member	2

2d. Number of ministers of the cabinet prior the elections: 12 ministers and prime minister, and 6 deputy ministers.

3b. Kadima**3c. Name of Political Party Number of Cabinet Ministers (5/2/2007)**

Kadima	11
Avoda	7 ministers and 1 deputy minister
Shas	4
Gil	2
Israel Beytenu	1

3d. 25

4a. 31 participated.

4b. www.knesset.gov.il**4c.**

Party name	Number of Votes	% of Vote	Number of Seats	% of Seats
Kadima	690901	22%	29	24.2%
Avoda	472366	15.1%	19	15.8%
Ichud Leumi-Mafdal	224083	7.1%	9	7.5%
Likud	281996	9%	12	10%
Shas	299054	9.5%	12	10%
Yisrael Beitenu	281880	9%	11	9.2%
Torah and Shabbat Judaism	147091	4.7%	6	5%
Meretz	118302	3.8%	5	4.2%
Hadash	86092	2.7%	3	2.5%

7. Five most salient factors that affected the outcome of the elections:

- 1) Disengagement, Security
- 2) Candidates (Sharon's illness, Amir Peretz)
- 3) Social Gaps, Economy
- 4) Identity (Religion, Ethnicity)
- 5) Disaffection from politics and corruption.

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Party Name	Name of Party Leader
Kadima	Ehud Olmert
Avoda	Amir Peretz
Shas	Eli Ishay
Likud	Benjamin Netanyahu
Israel Beitenu	Avigdor Liberman
Ihud leumi- Mafdal	Beni Eylon

9a. Very Impartial

9b. Yes

9c. No international election observers

9d. November 2006

9e. 28.3.2006

10a. No violence at all.

10c. No violence at all.

10d. No protest at all.

Questions about the Possibilities of Electoral Alliance

11. Joint Lists:

*Yes

*Yes

Alliance Name	Participating Parties
Ihud Leumi- Mafdal	*Ihud Leumi and Mafdal
Avoda- Meimad	*Avoda and Meimad
Raam- Taal	*Raam and Taal
Agudat Israel- Degel Hatora	*Agudat Israel and Degel Hatora

12. No, joint parties are governed by the same rules as the other parties.

13a. No.

14a. No.

Questions about Voting

16a. 1.

16b. Party lists.

16c. 1.

16d. Closed.

19. No.

21a. Yes.

21b. 2%.

21c. Percent of valid votes.

21d. To the only house.

- The Parliament site www.knesset.gov.il**22.** -

- Central Bureau of Statistics site www.cbs.gov.il**23.**

www.pmo.gov.il - The Government site

Websites of the Main Parties in Israel:

<http://www.kadimasharon.co.il>

<http://www.avoda2006.org.il>

<http://www.likud.org.il>

<http://www.beytenu.org.il>

<http://meretz.org.il>

<http://www.shasnet.org.il>

<http://www.mafdal.org.il>