

Israeli Elections 2021

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How Israel Works
Israeli Politics
Netanyahu government of 2015
Elections of 2019 - 2021

How Israel Works



Reuven Rivlin,
President



The Knesset in session



Benjamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister



The Supreme Court

PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

- Elected President (Head of State).
- Elected Parliament (Knesset).
- Citizens vote for party lists, with percentage thresholds.
- Prime Minister selected by the President (Head of Government).
- Cabinet assembled by the Prime Minister from multiple parties, to form a coalition.
- Failure to maintain a majority in the Knesset results in a new coalition and/or new elections.

Israeli Politics

Israel Political Parties

Liberal/Left-wing

Centrist

Conservative/Right-wing

Hatnua



Kulanu



Jewish Home



Yesh Atid



Agudat
Yisrael



Labor



Likud

Degel
HaTorah

Ta'al

Meretz



Yisrael
Beiteinu

Shas

Ra'am



New Right





Late 1800s – 1940s, Ashkenazi Jewish immigration

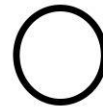
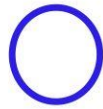
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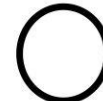
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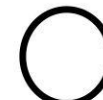
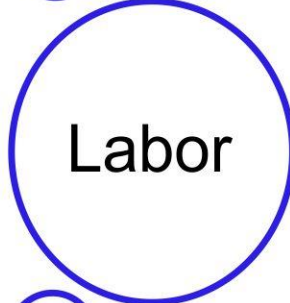
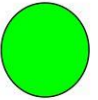
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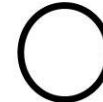
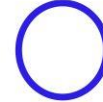
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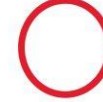
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New Right





Ultra-Orthodox get special status as religious students and leaders. Exempt from military service. Given stipends to pursue religious studies.

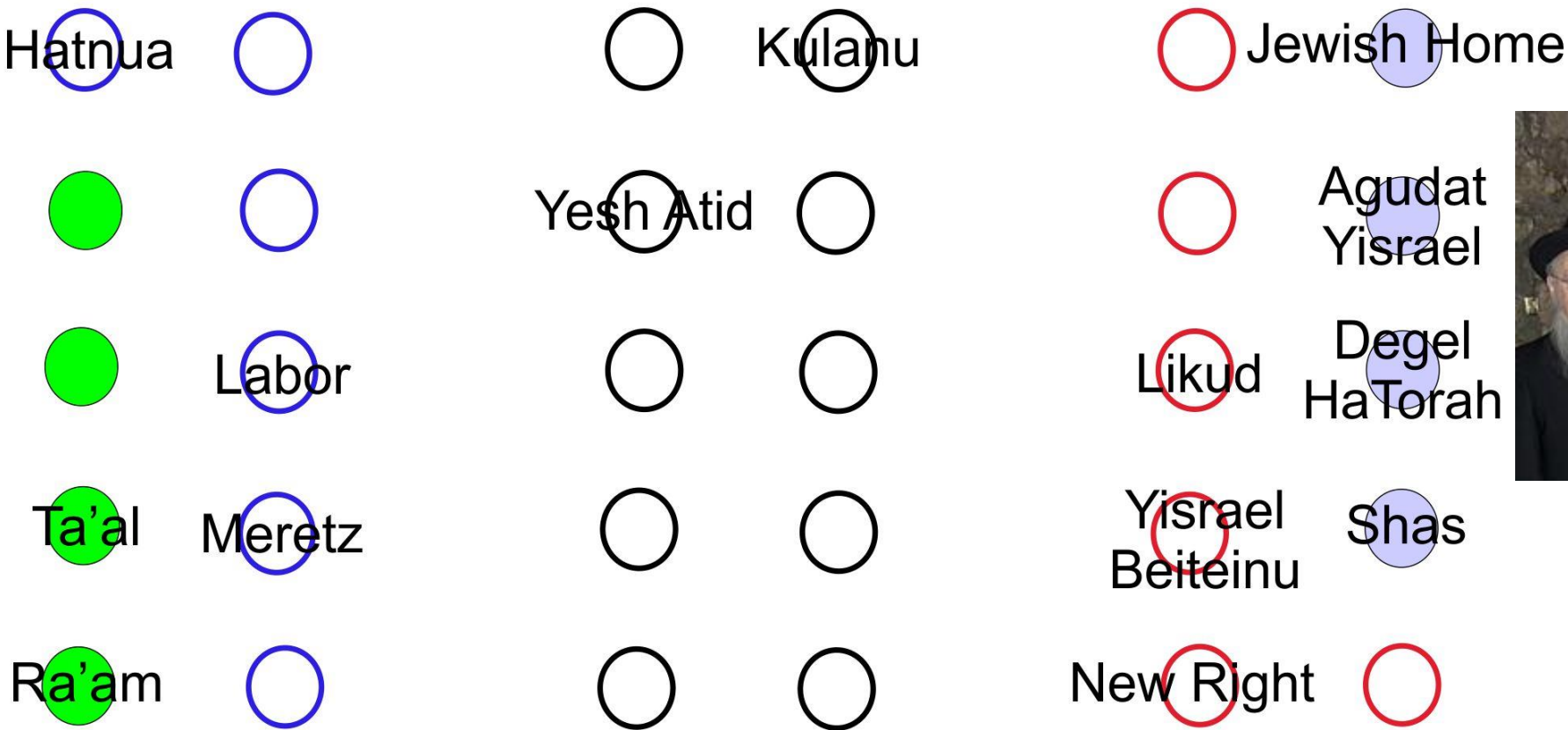


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Green circle

Green circle

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Portrait of Yair Lapid

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Kulanu

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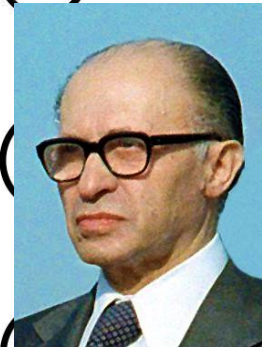
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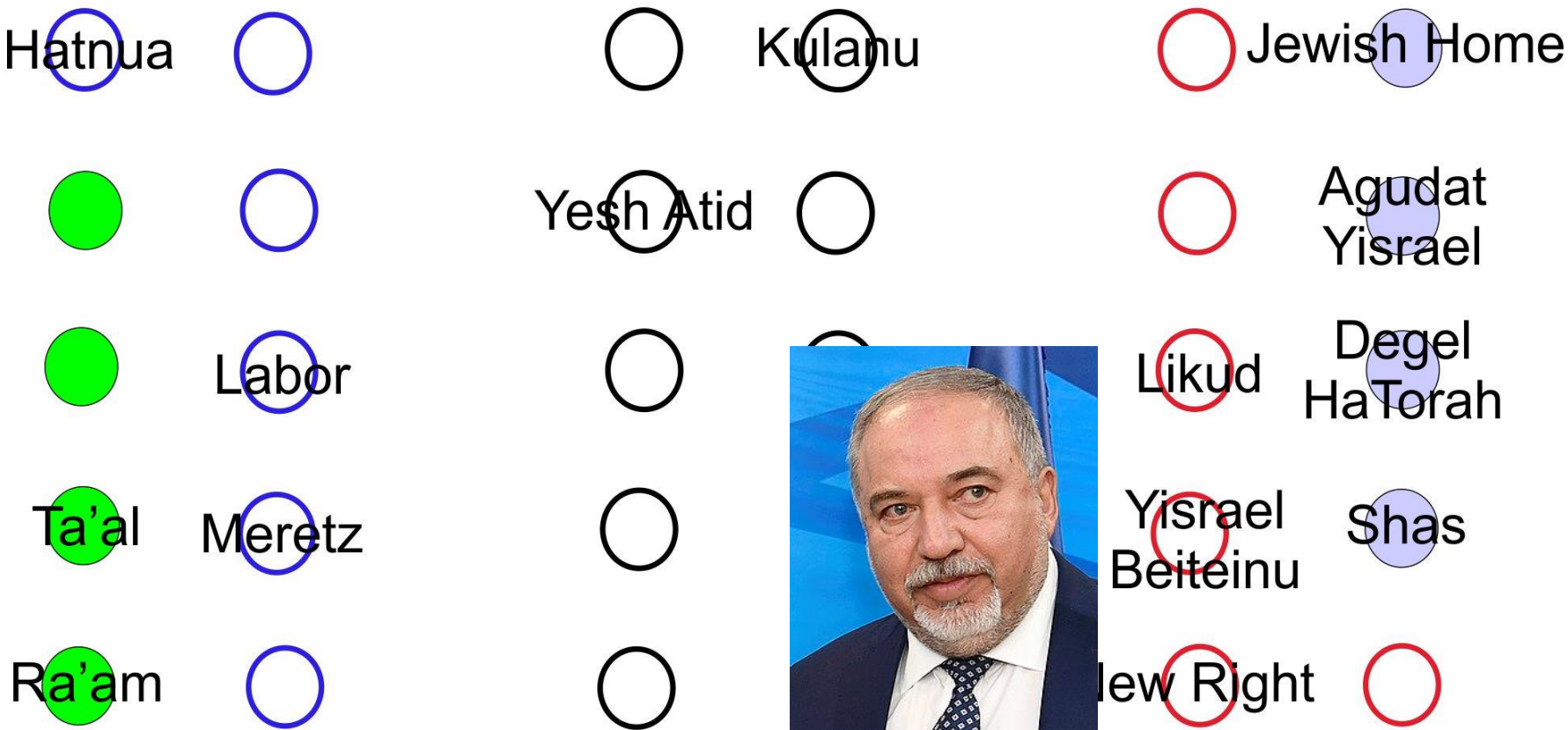
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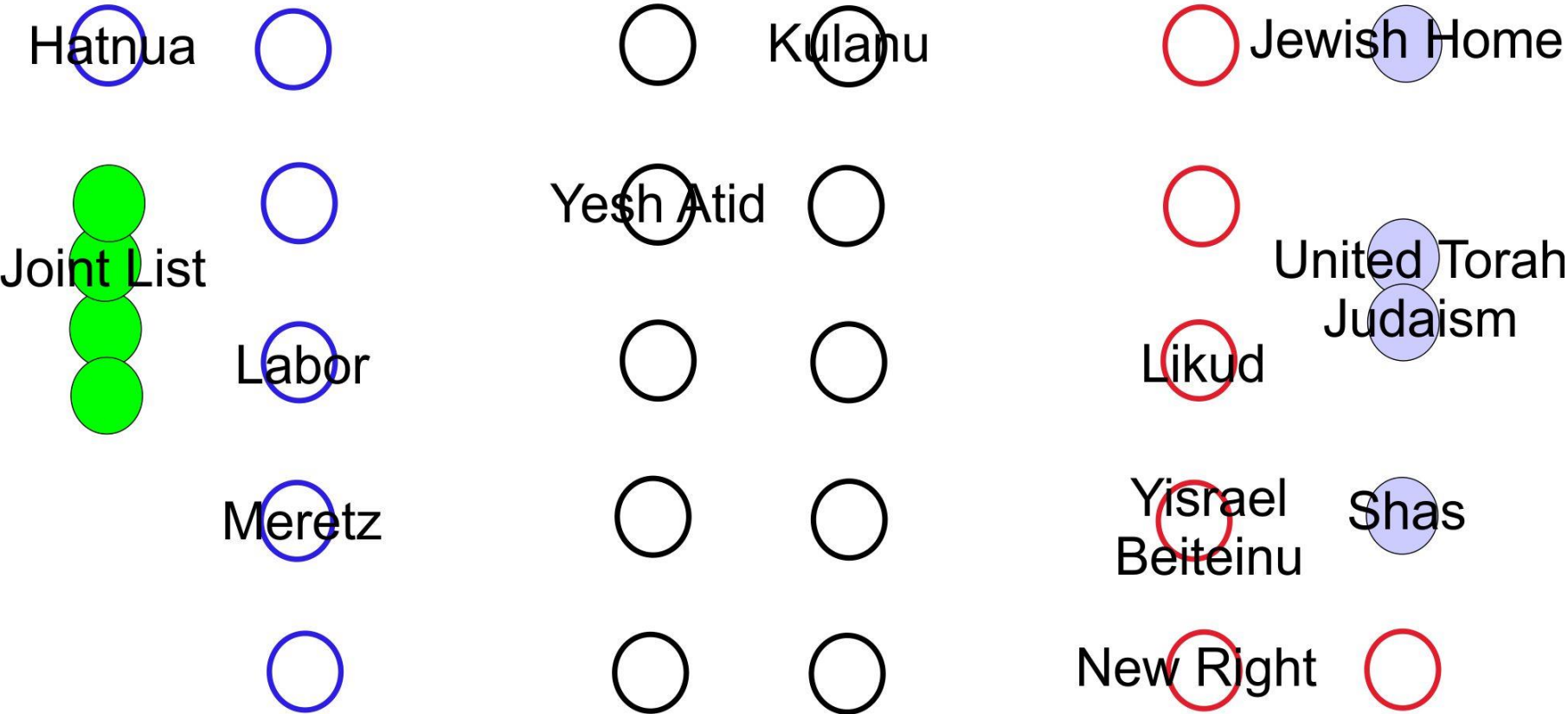


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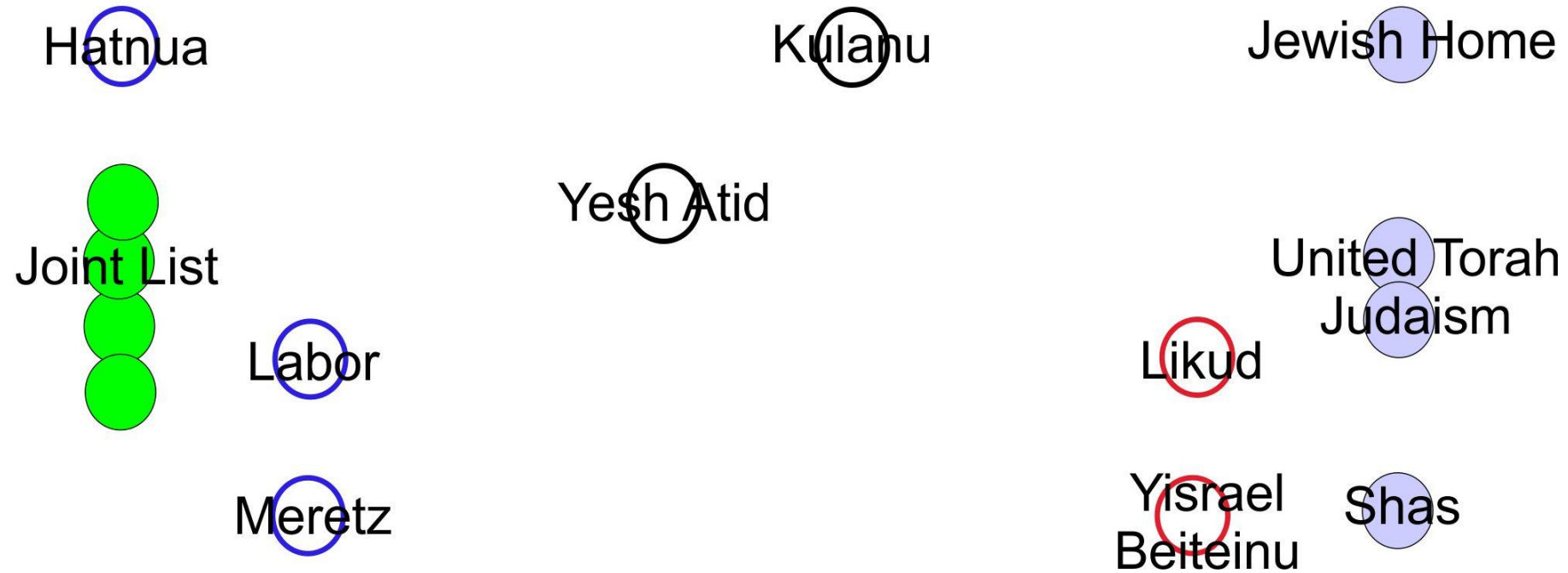


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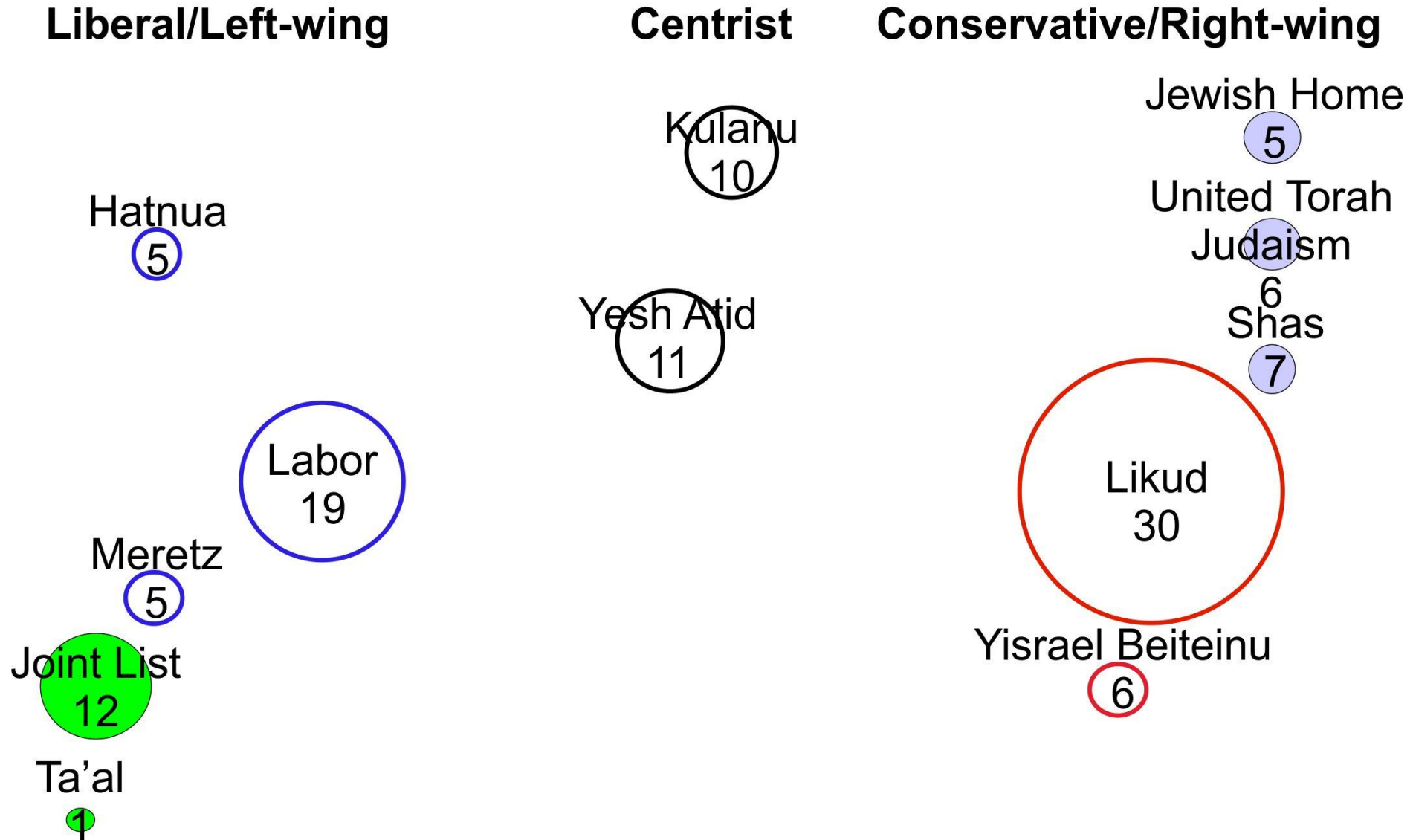
Centrist

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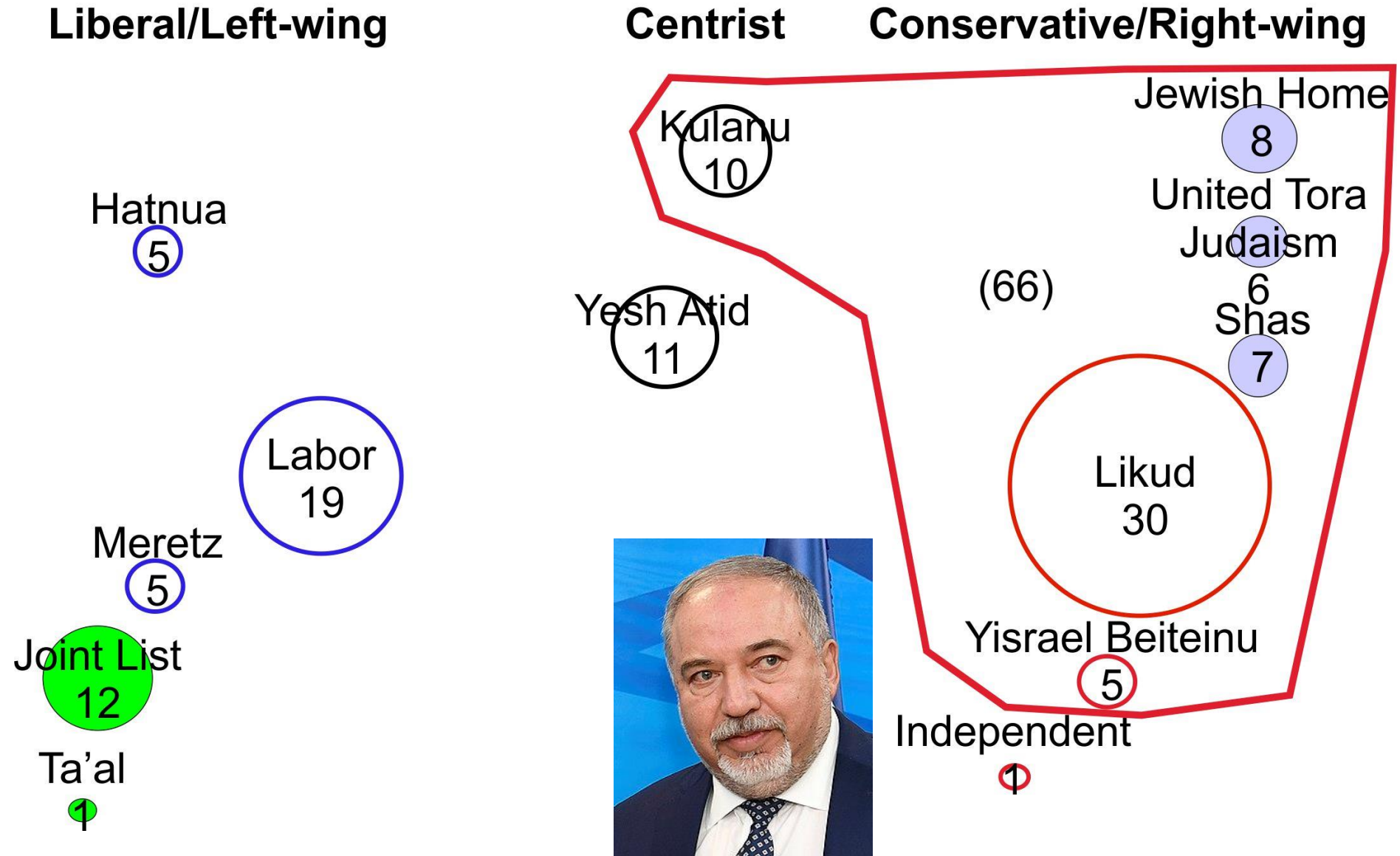


Netanyahu government of 2015

20th Knesset, elected 2015



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Nation-State Law

Prime Minister exempt from prosecution

Restrictions on the Supreme Court (Judicial Reform)

Ultra-Orthodox Conscription Law

Nation-State Law:

- **Only Jewish citizens have the “right of self-determination.”**
- **Hebrew is the nation’s only official language and Arabic is downgraded to “special status.”**
- **Establishes Jewish settlement as a “national value” and directs the State to promote settlement.**

Prime Minister exempt from prosecution:

- **A sitting Prime Minister cannot be indicted for a crime.**

Restrictions on the Supreme Court (Judicial Reform)

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Restrictions on the Supreme Court (Reform)

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Benjamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister, of Likud

Ultra-orthodox Conscription Law:

- **Ultra-orthodox young men (and women) must serve in the Israeli Defense Forces like everyone else.**
- **Reduces/stops stipends for ultra-orthodox families, requiring the men to go to work in a productive capacity like all other Israelis.**

Ultra-orthodox Conscription Law:

- **Ultra-orthodox young men (and women) will not have to serve in the Israeli Defense Force or in any other military or police force.**
- **Reduces/stops stipends for ultra-orthodox families, requiring the men to get a job and have productive capacity like all other Israelis.**



Avigdor Lieberman
of Yisrael Beiteinu



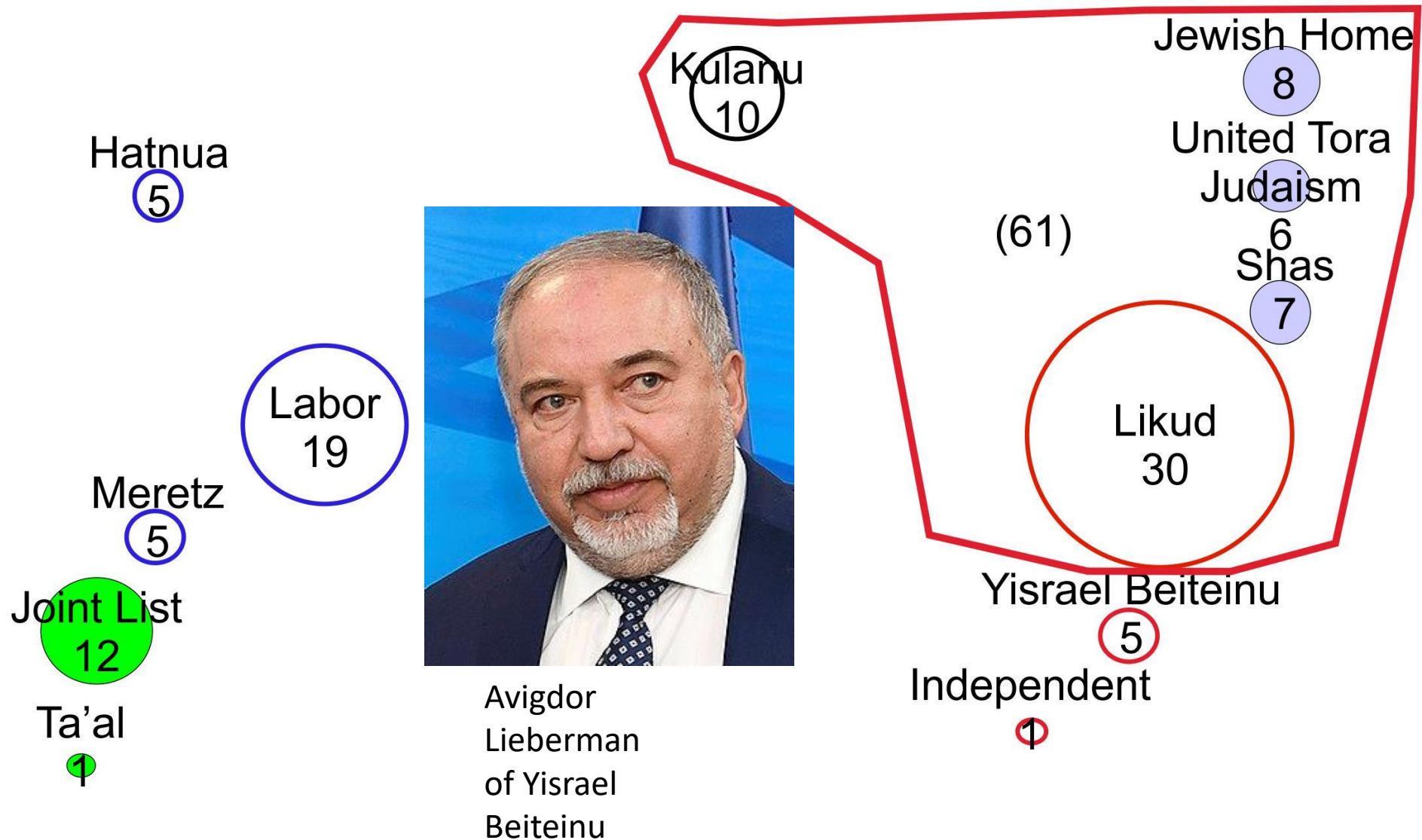
November 2018. After a botched IDF undercover operation in Gaza, armed clashes break out. Benjamin Netanyahu agrees to a cease-fire with Hamas. Avigdor Lieberman objects.

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Hatnua
5

Meretz
5

Joint List
12

Ta'al
1



Naftali Bennett and Ayelet Shaked left the religious Jewish Home party to form the secular right-wing New Right party.

Kulanu
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Jewish Home
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United Torah
Judaism
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Shas
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Likud
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Yisrael Beiteinu
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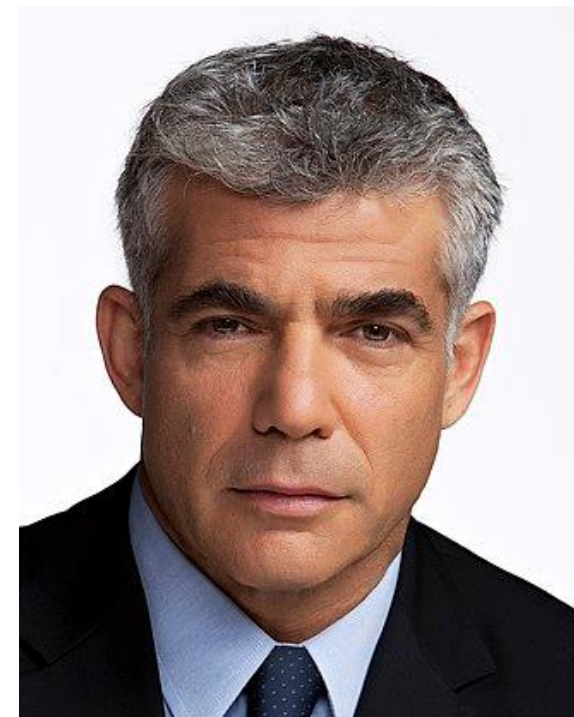
Independent

New Right
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Elections of 2019 - 2021

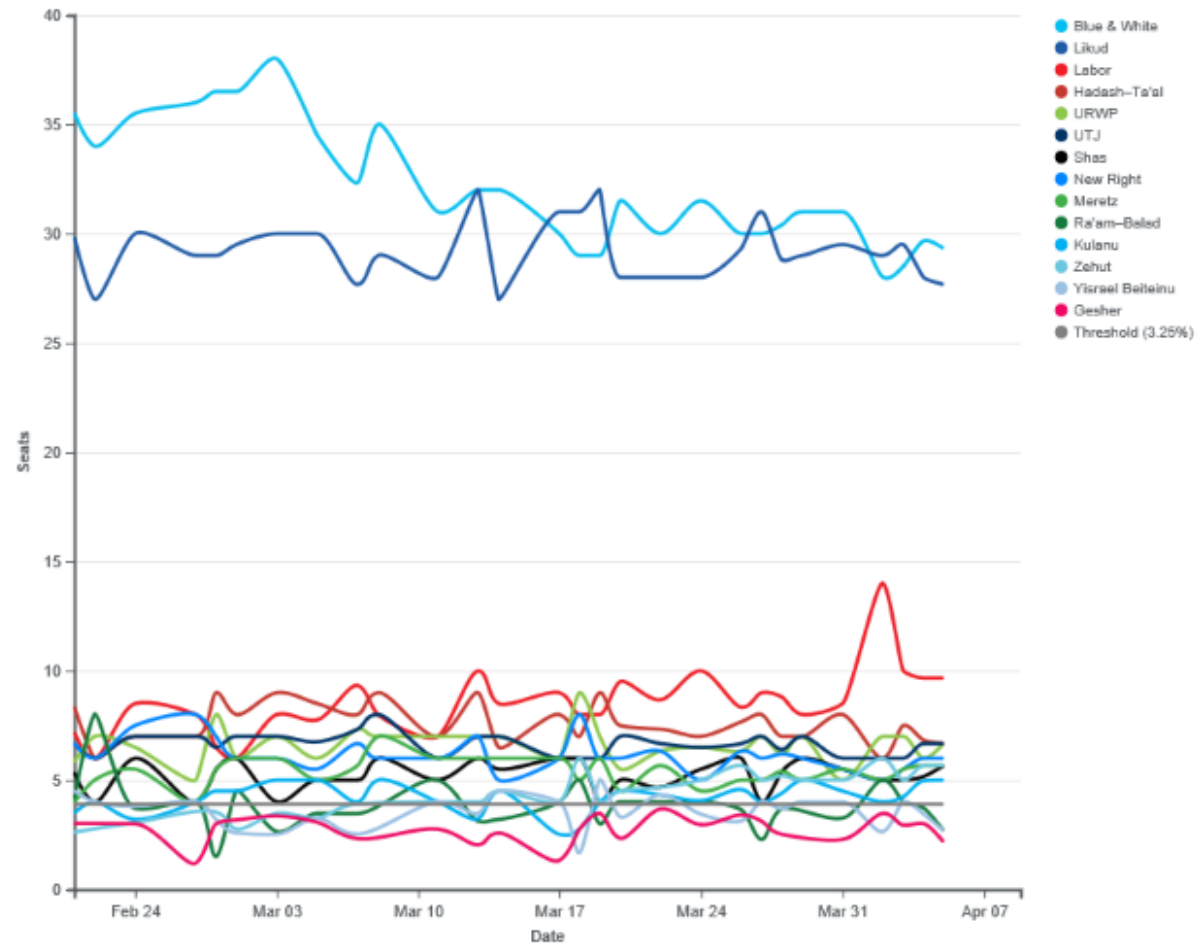


Former generals, Benny Gantz, Moshe Ya'alon and Gabi Ashkenazi, form the new, centrist Israel Resilience party.



The generals of the Israel Resilience party decide to combine forces with Yair Lapid's centrist Yesh Atid party and run on a list called "Blue and White."

Parties [\[edit \]](#)

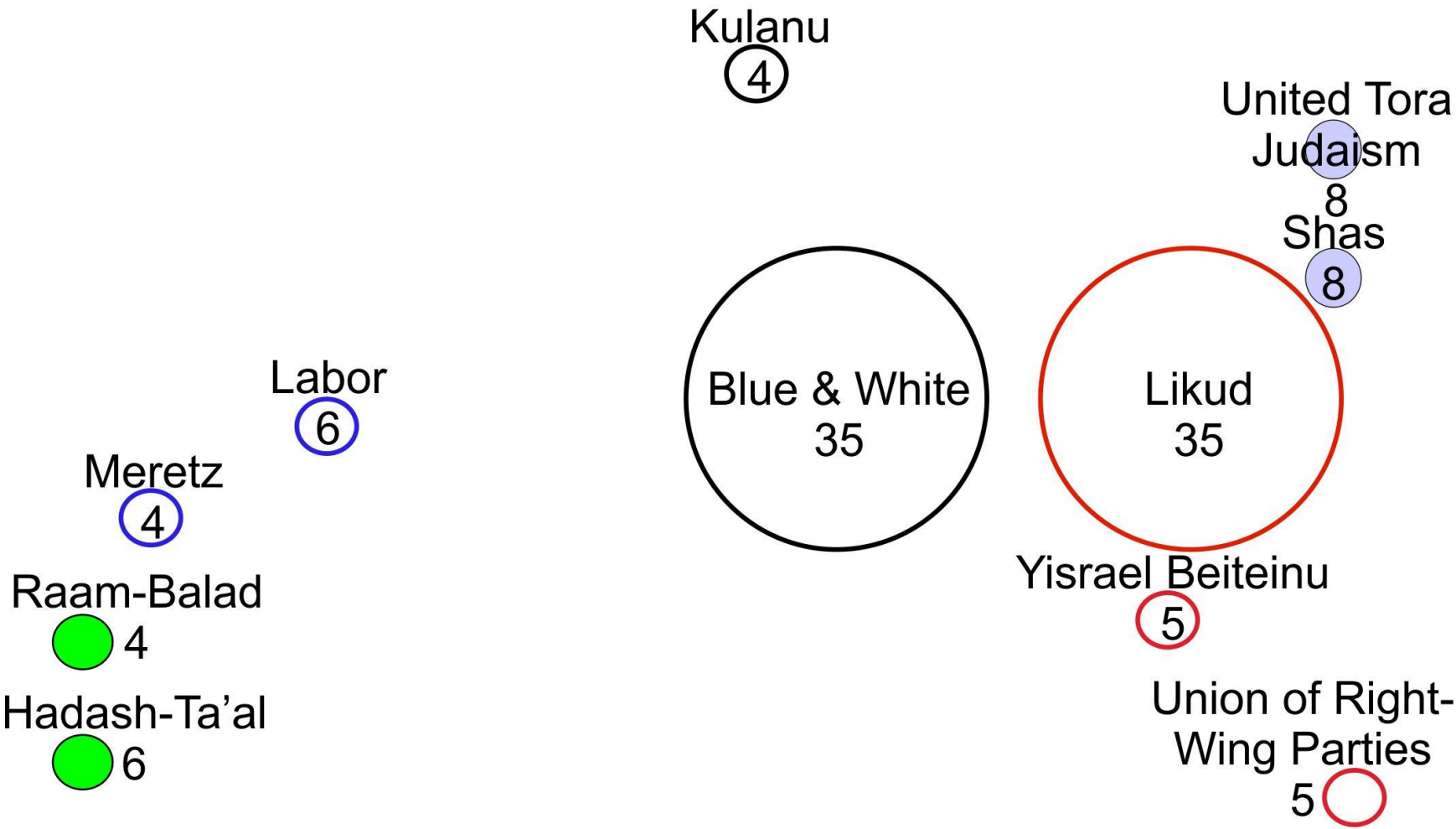


21st Knesset, elected April 9, 2019

Liberal/Left-wing

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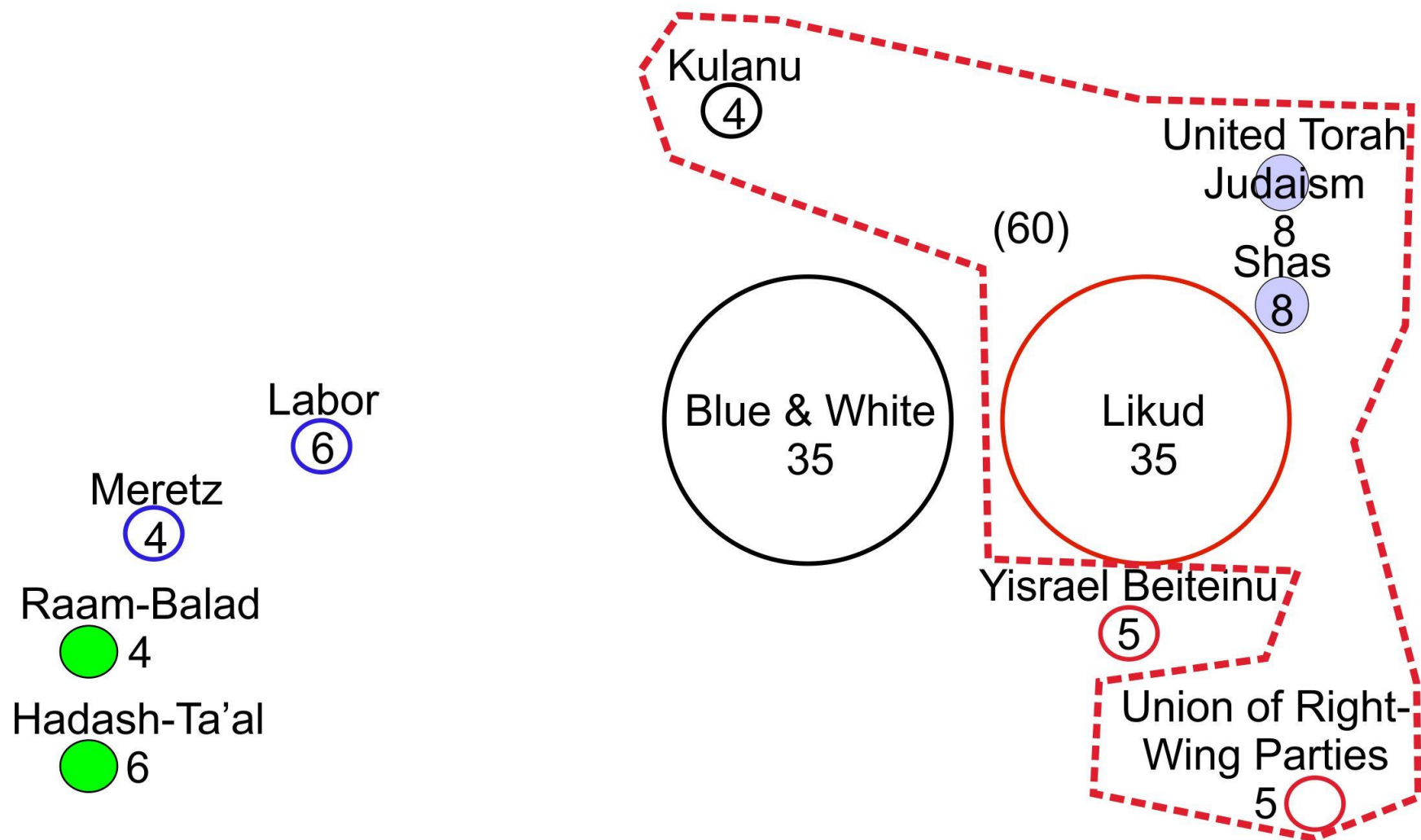


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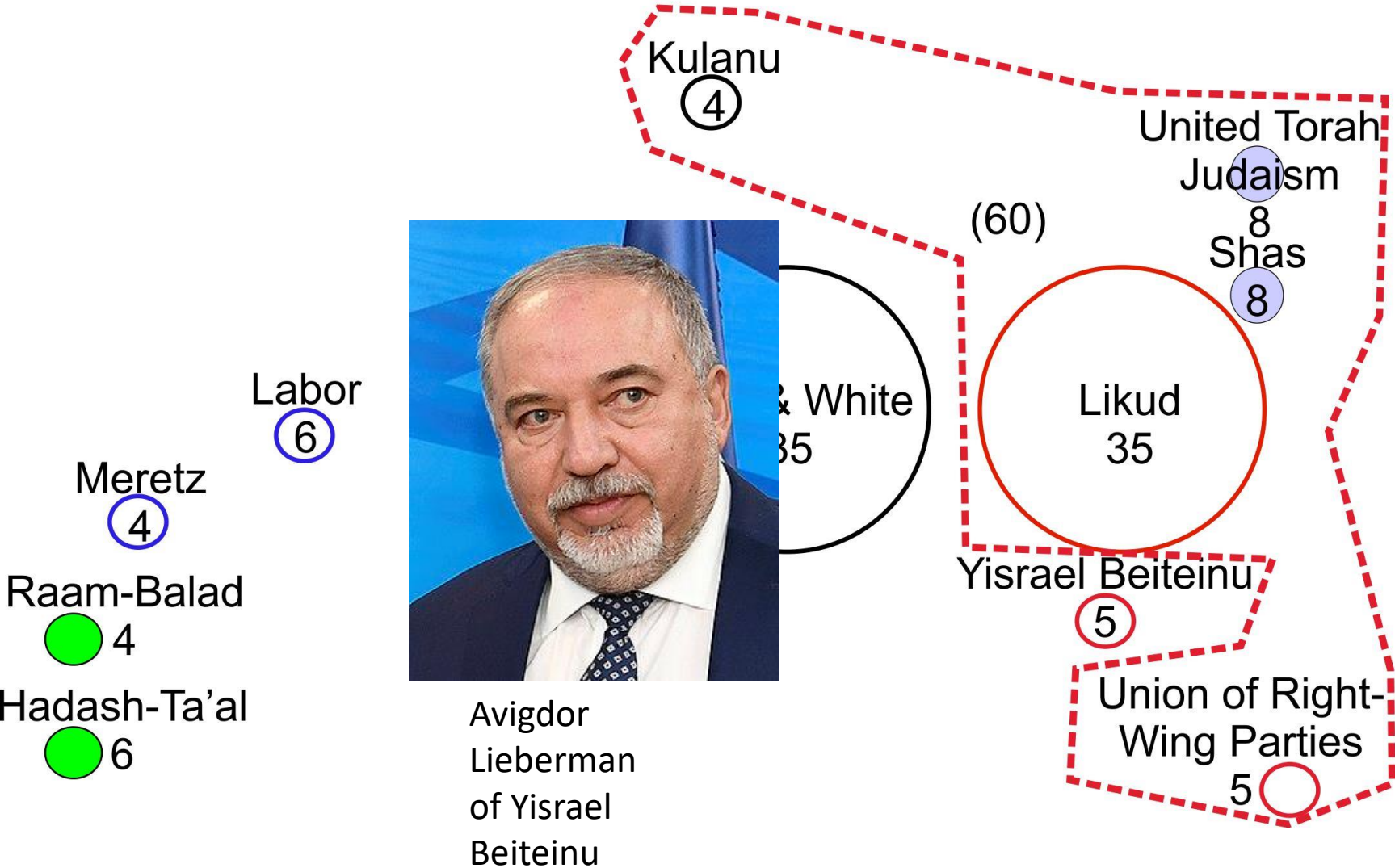


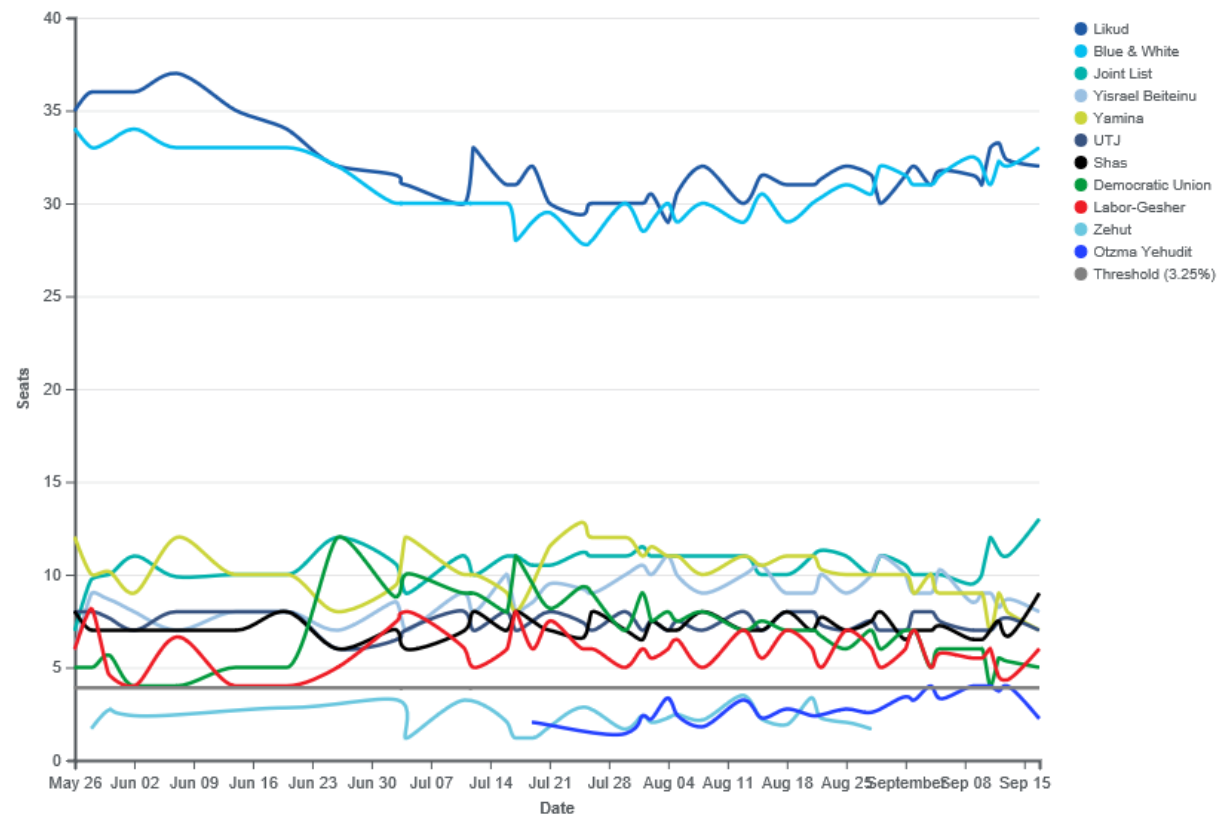
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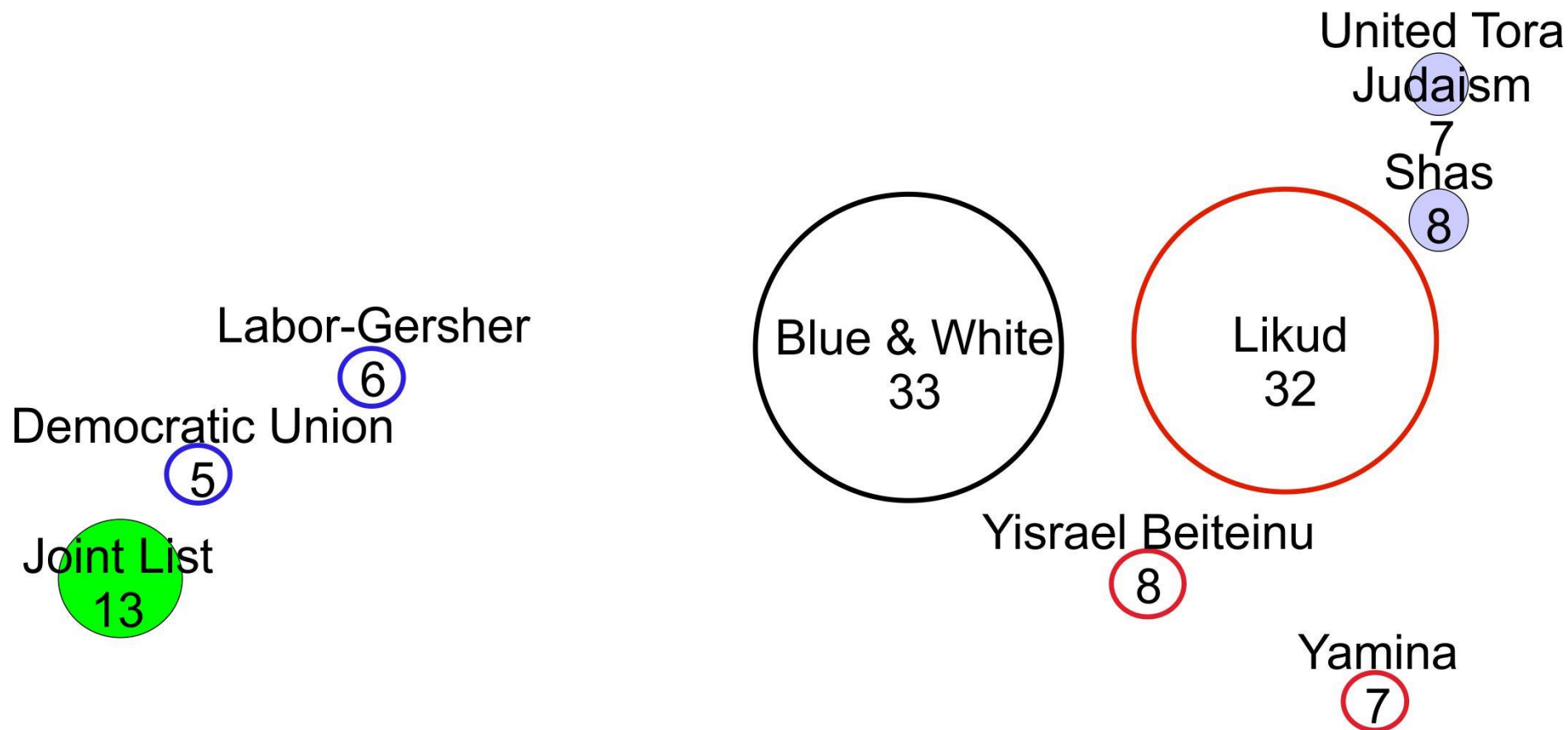


22nd Knesset, elected September 17, 2019

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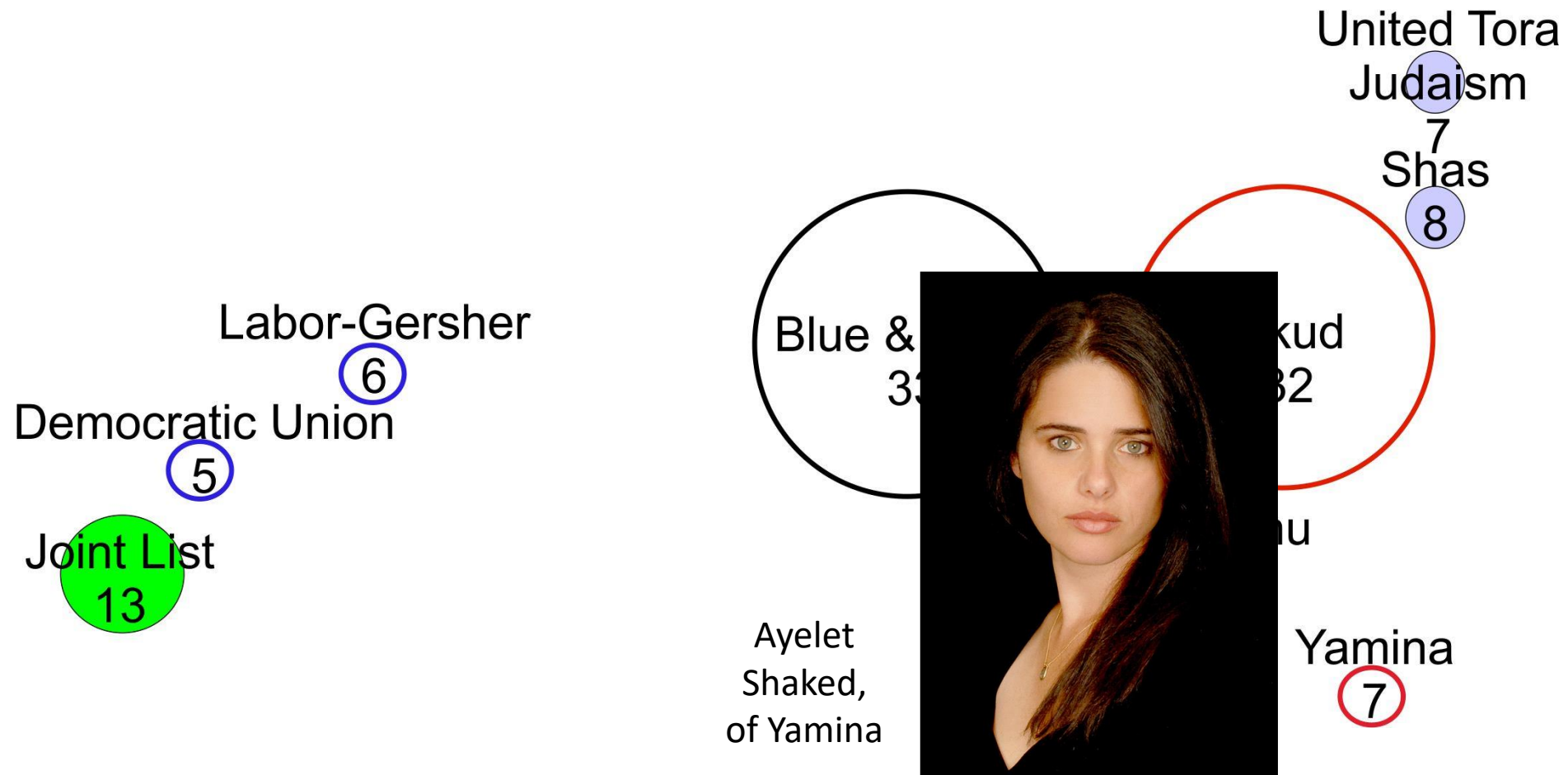


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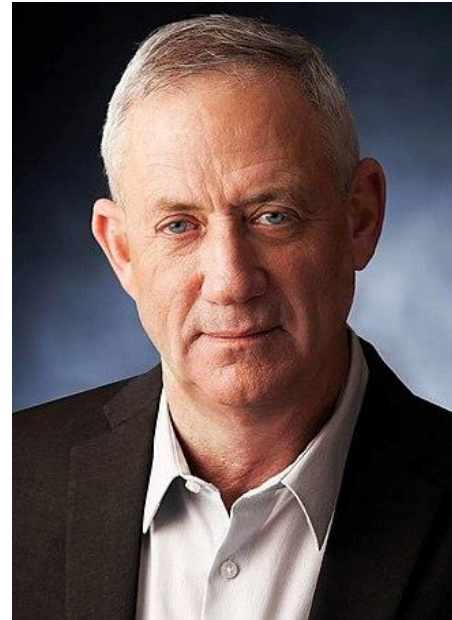


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Liberal/Left-wing

Right-wing

Labor-Gersher
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Democratic Union
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Blue & White
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Likud
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United Tora
Judaism
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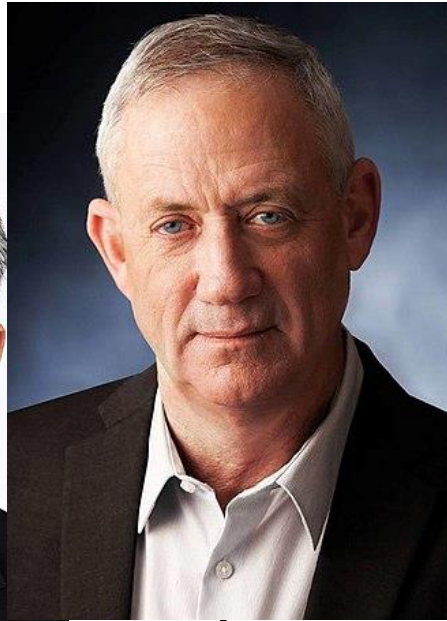
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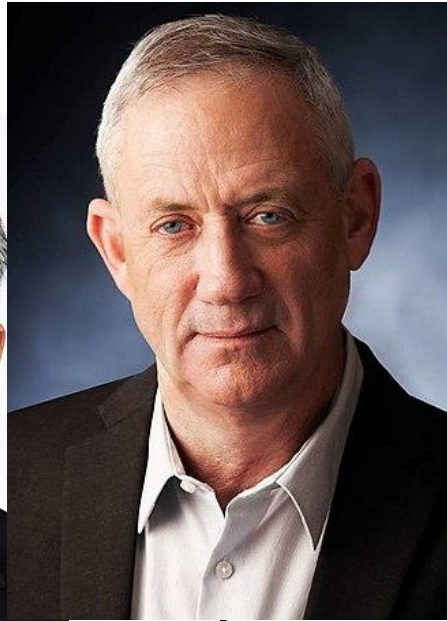
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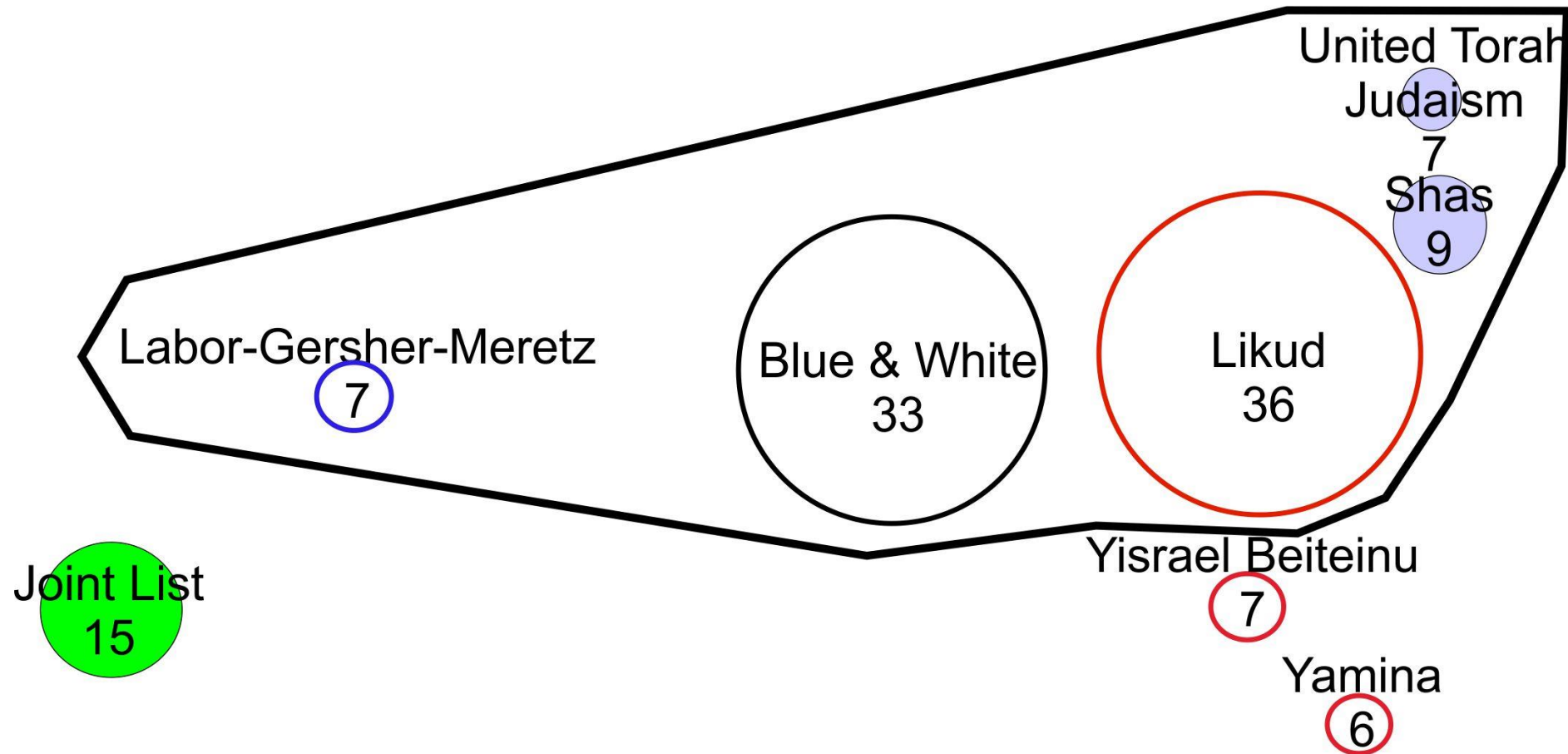


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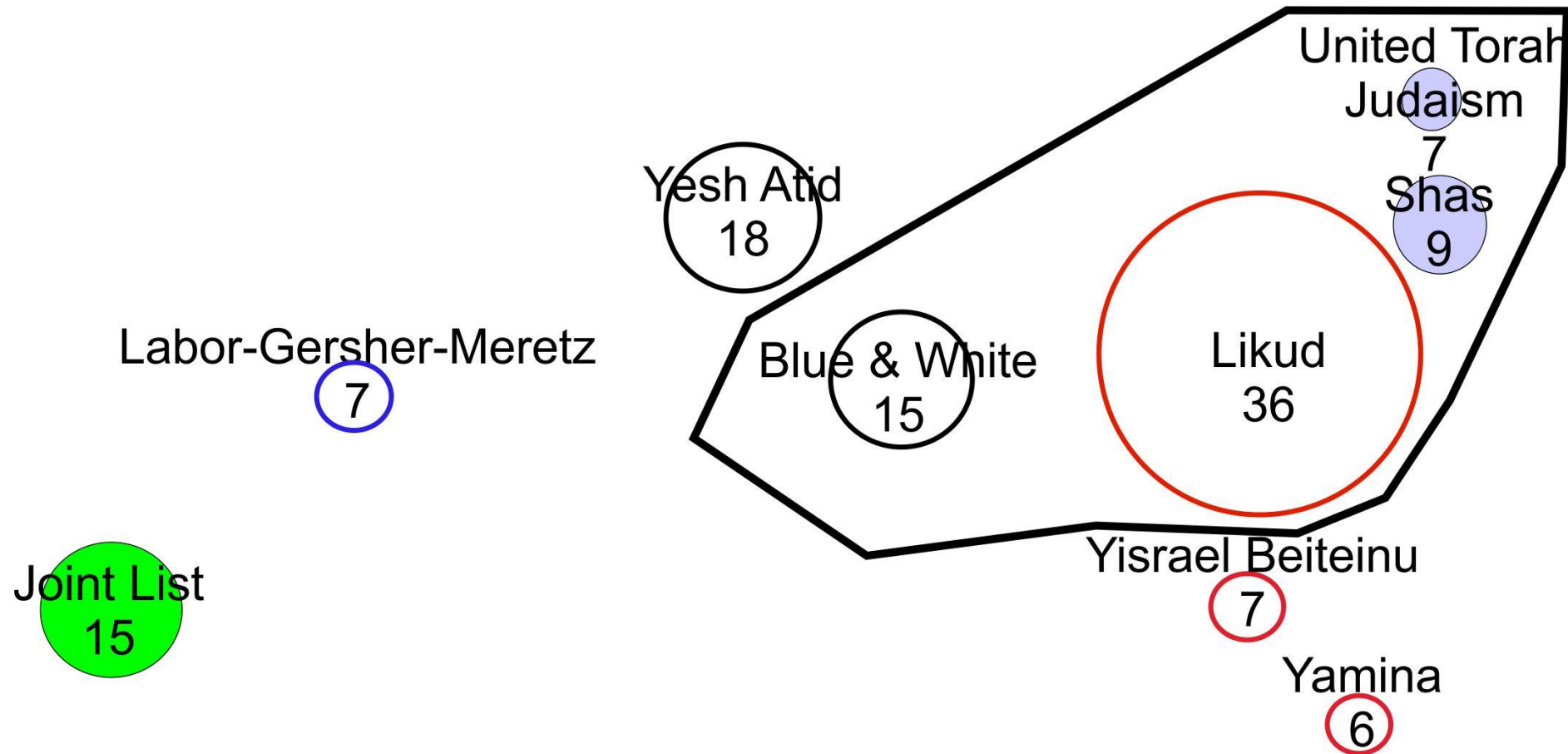


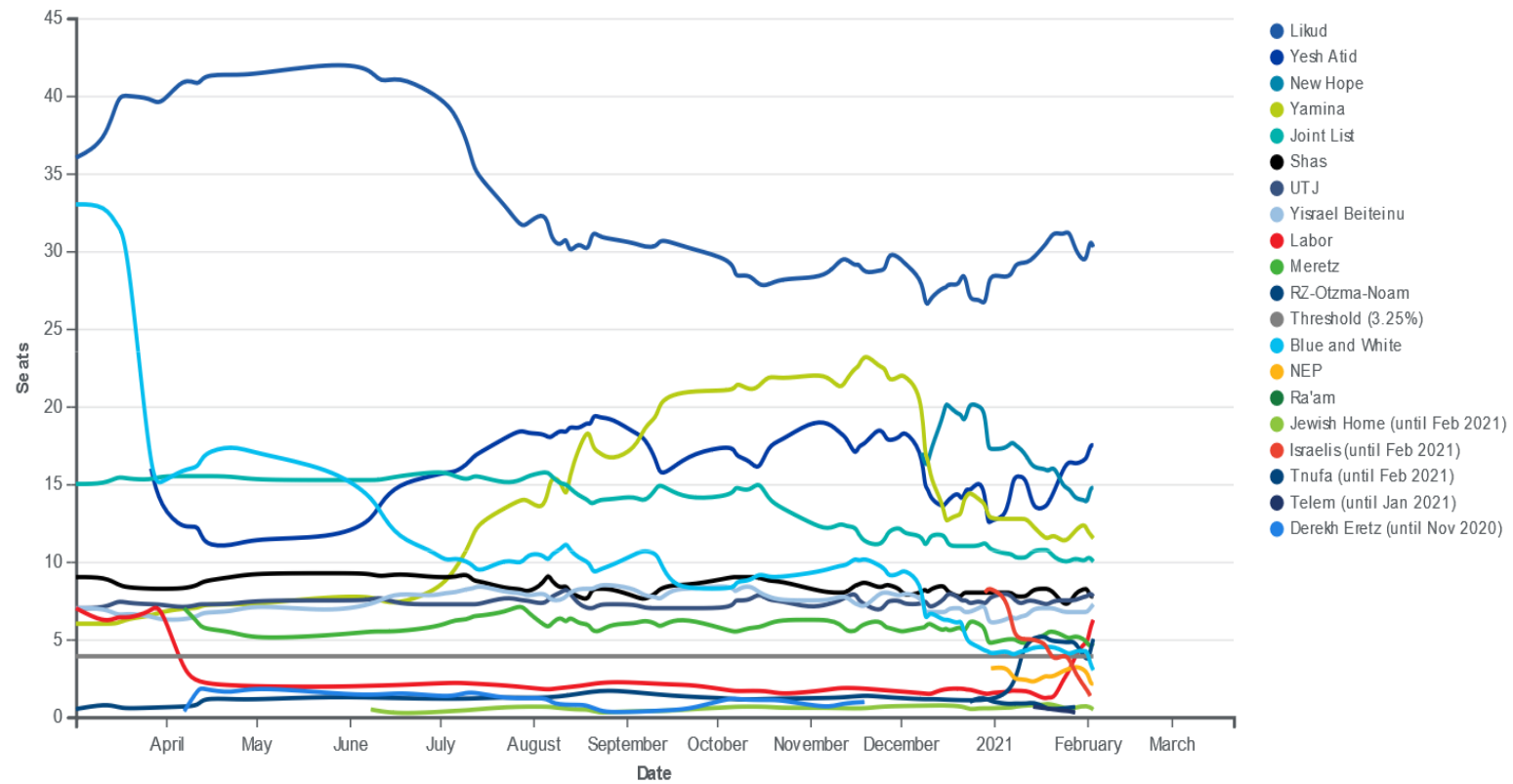
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Weekly anti-Netanyahu/Gantz demonstrations



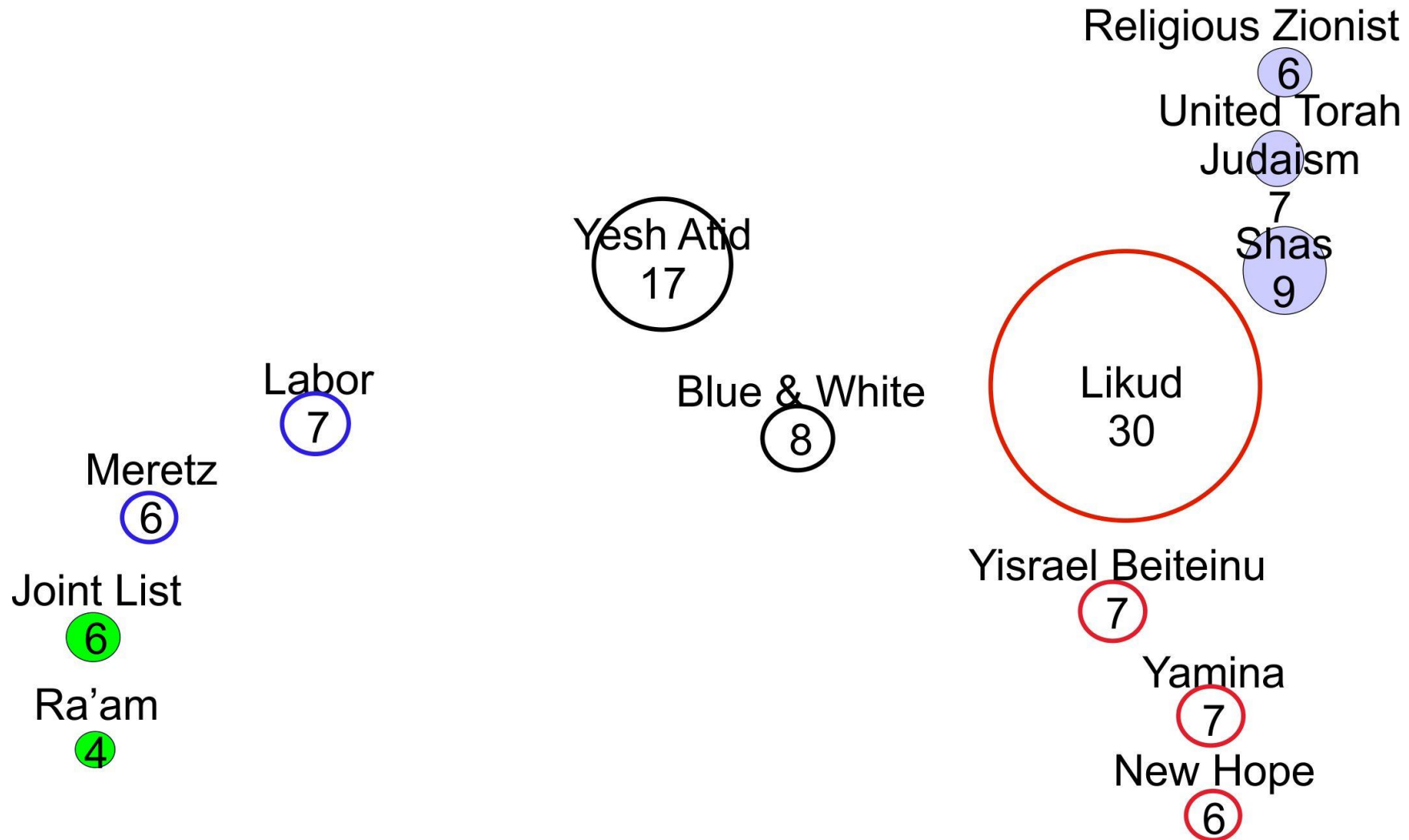
Mansour Abbas,
of Ra'am

24th Knesset, elected March 23, 2021

Liberal/Left-wing

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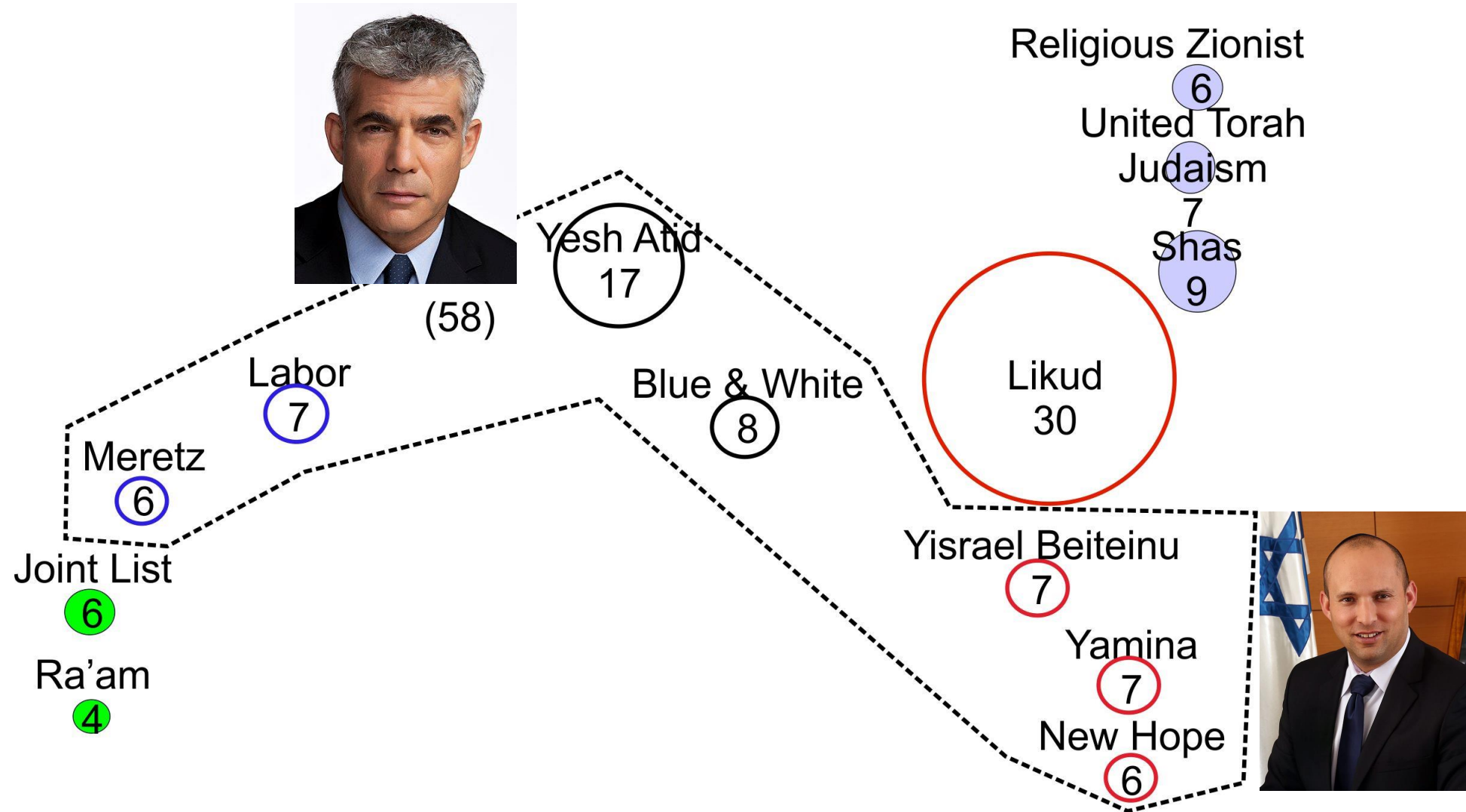


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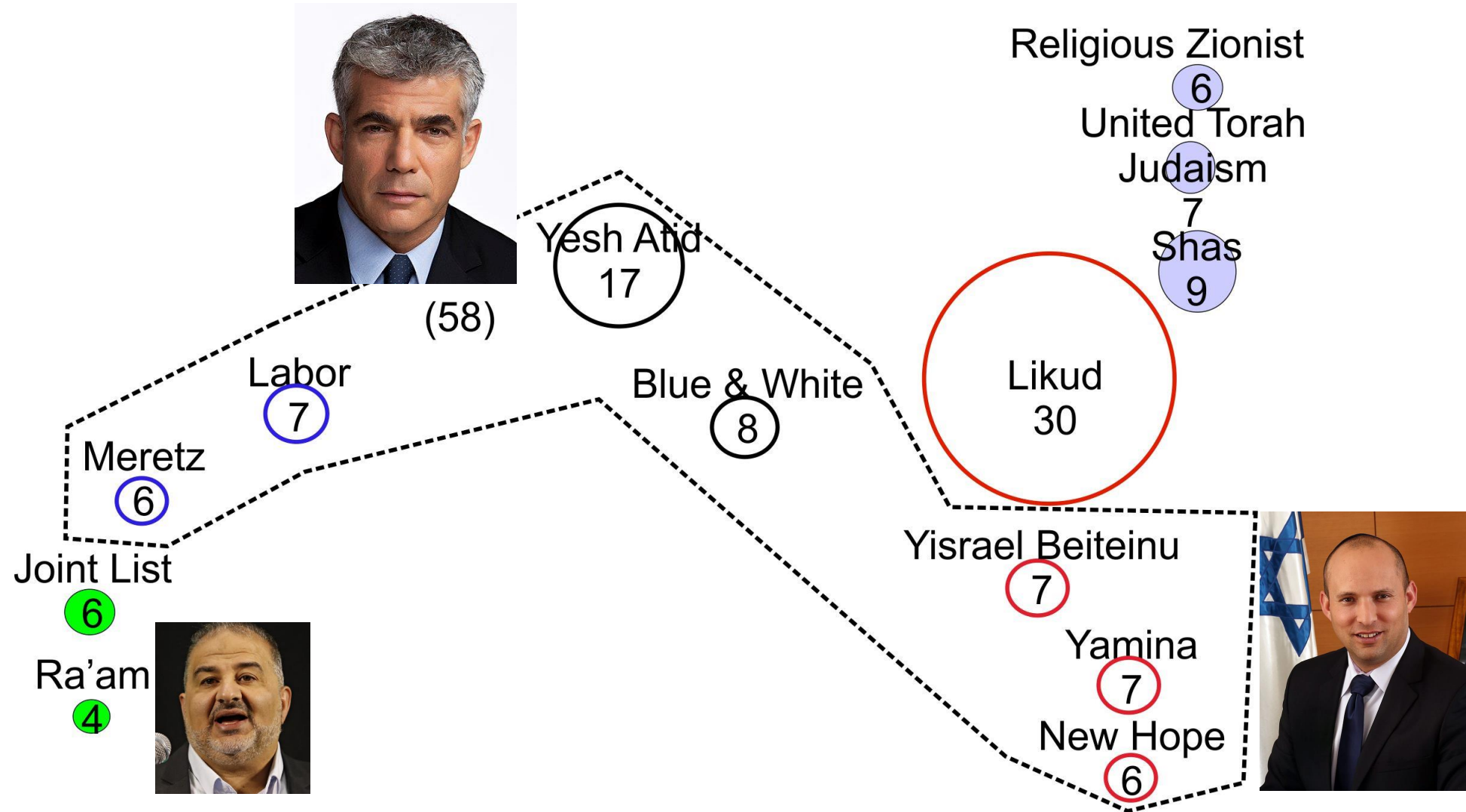


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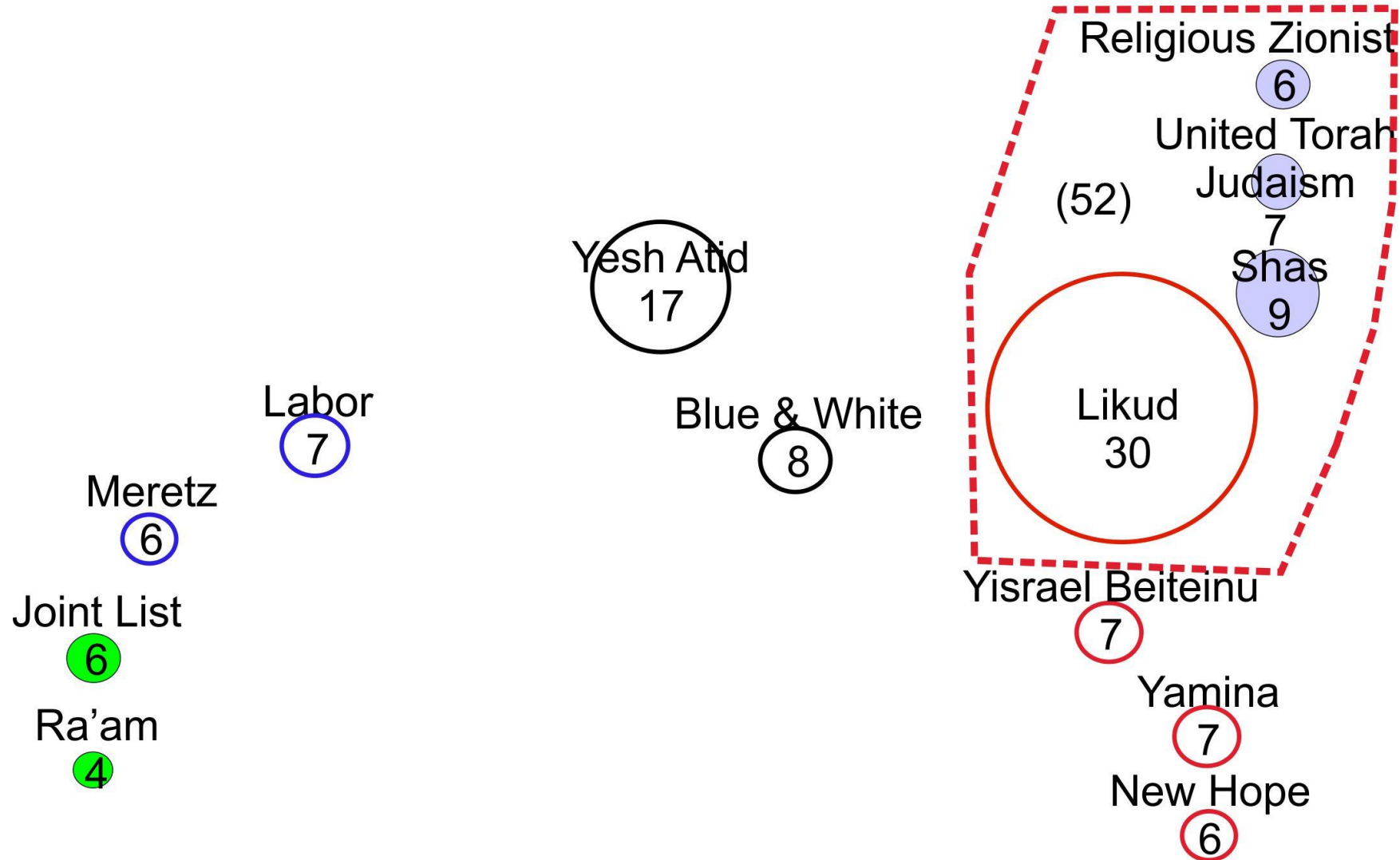


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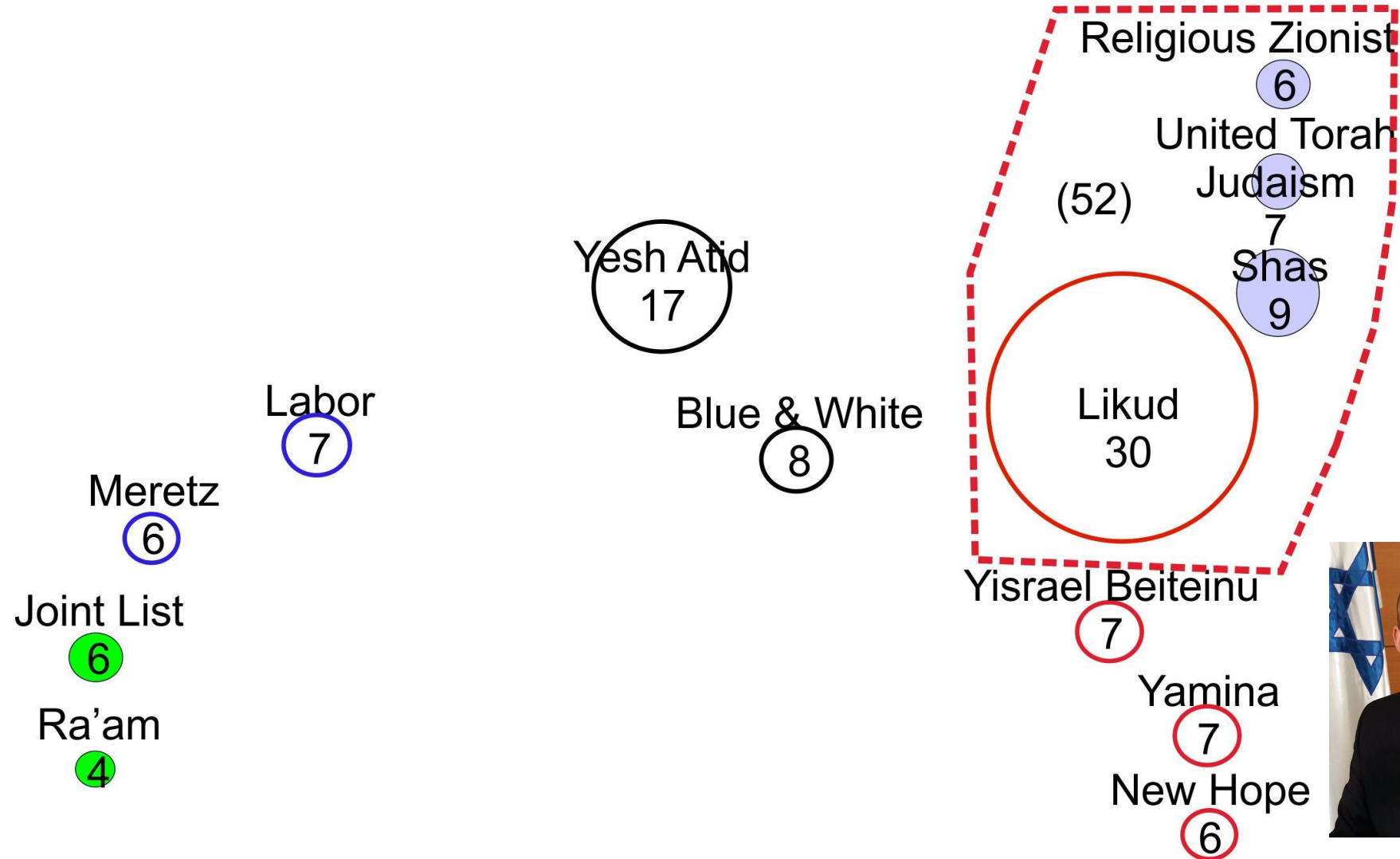


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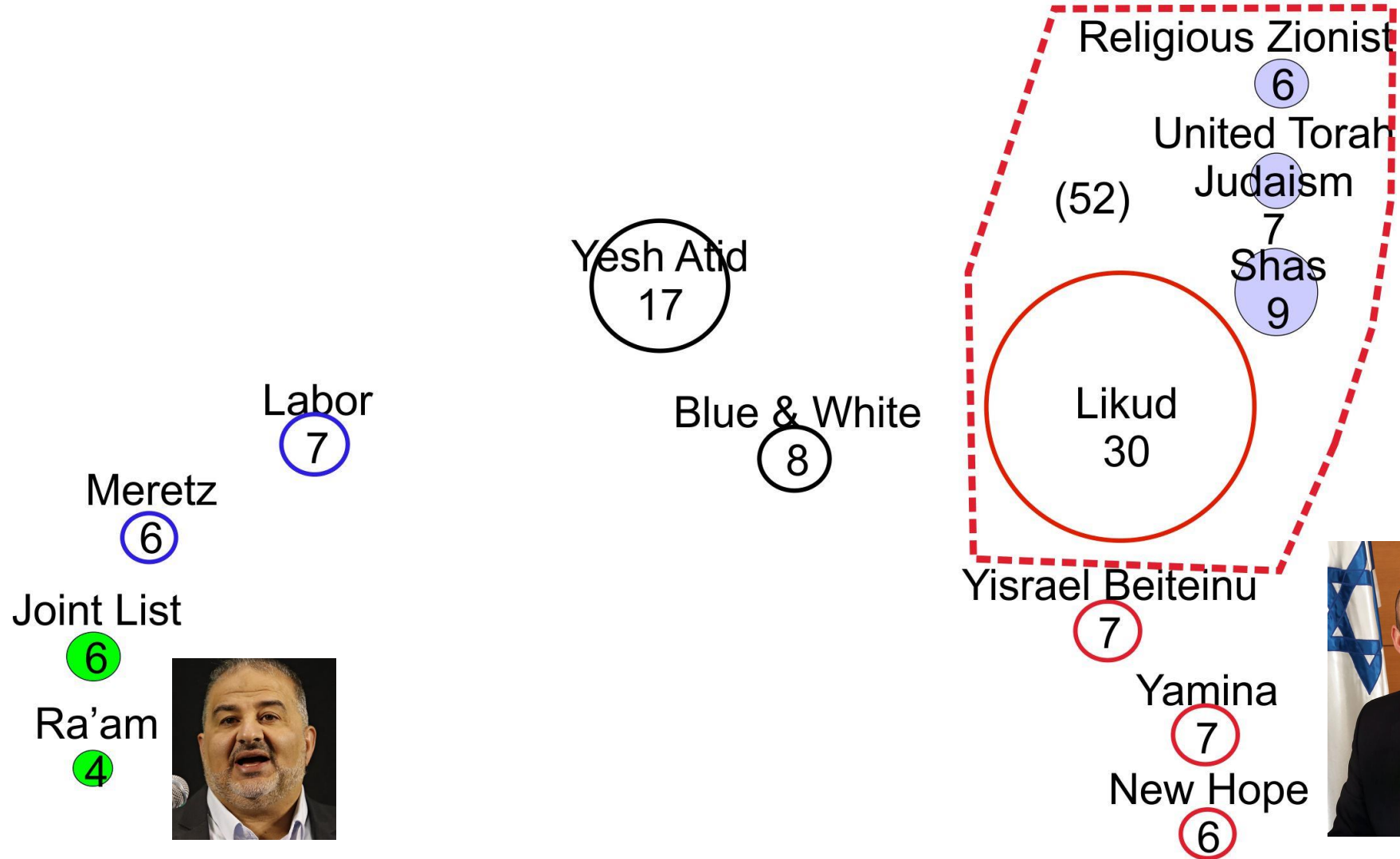


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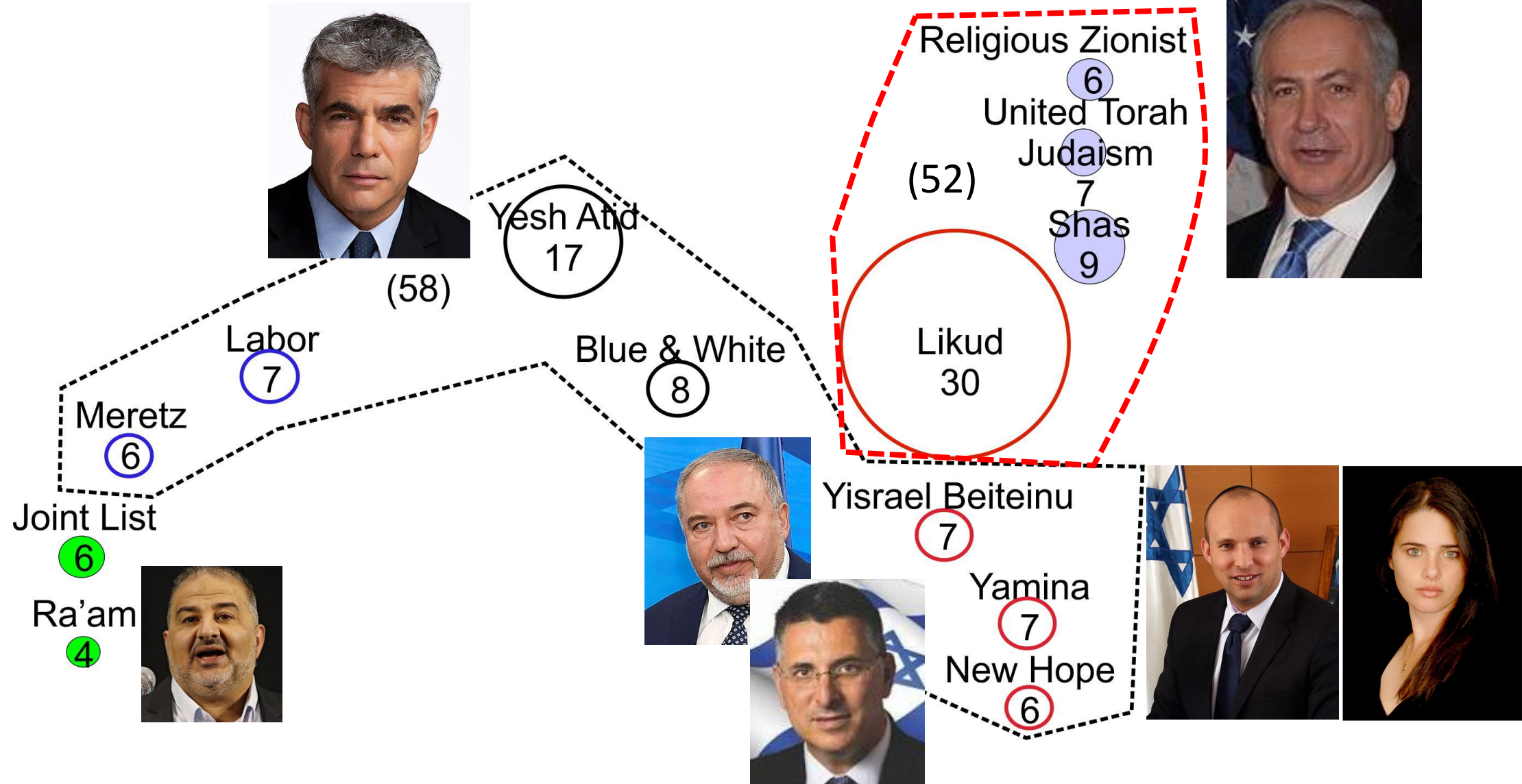


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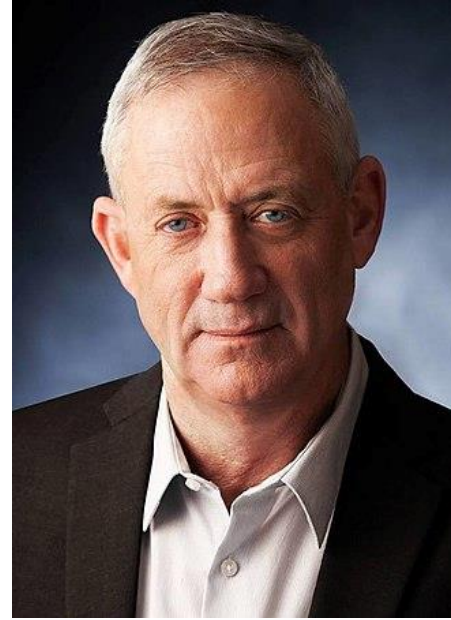
Centrist

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Benjamin Netanyahu,
Caretaker Prime Minister
Until November 2021



Benny Gantz,
Caretaker Prime Minister
After November 2021

Unless:

Yair Lapid makes a deal with Naftali Bennett/Ayelet Shaked and possibly Mansour Abbas

Benjamin Netanyahu makes a deal possibly with Naftali Bennett and someone else

A fifth round of elections are held

Something else happens.

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