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Genocide and the Limits of Israeli Elections

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With Israelis heading to the polls next month, international attention has mainly focused on whether Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his far-right coalition can cling to power. Meanwhile, liberal Zionists have cast Israel's opposition candidates as a more "moderate" alternative to Netanyahu's government. Yet across the Israeli political spectrum, a broad consensus persists around maintaining the apartheid system, entrenching the occupation, and sustaining the ongoing genocide of Palestinians.

What do the upcoming elections reveal about Israel's political trajectory? Is there any meaningful alternative to the far right, or has Israel's political mainstream converged around increasingly violent forms of Jewish supremacy? And what are the implications of this right-wing consolidation for Palestinians?

In this Policy Lab, Al-Shabaka analyst Amjad Iraqi joins host Tariq Kenney-Shawa to examine Israel's electoral landscape, the limits of its so-called opposition camp, and what the election means for the future of the Palestinian struggle.

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