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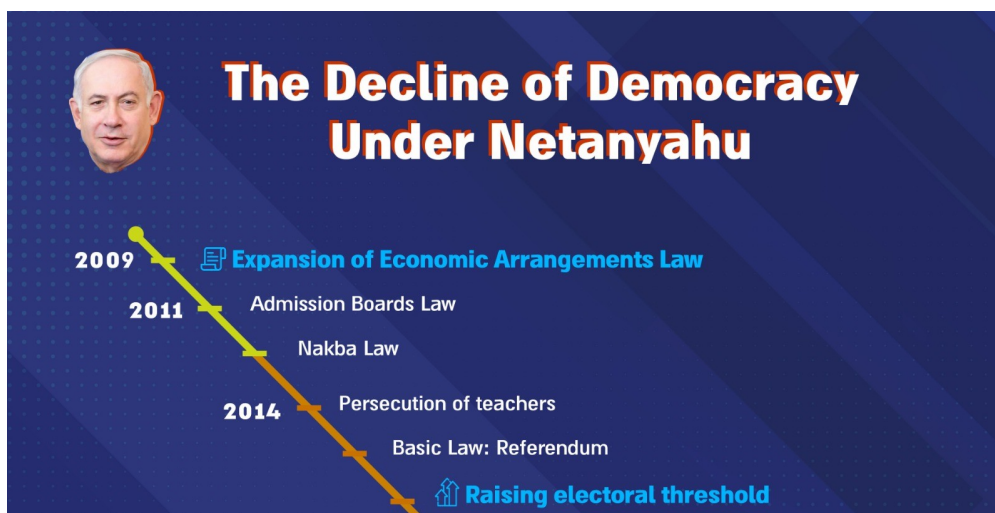
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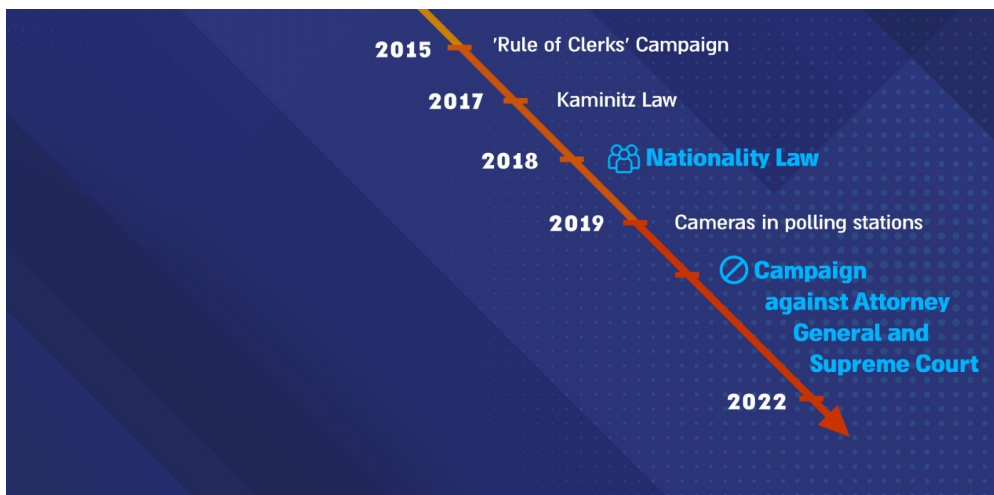
Dear Friend,

I am writing to you at what I feel is a fateful moment for Israel's future. The Knesset has dispersed, elections are imminent, and their outcome might decide whether we will save Israeli democracy or descend into darkness. The calamity that has befallen women in the United States these days, as their basic right to their bodies has come under attack, reminds us that equality and human rights are never to be taken for granted. We have no choice but to be vigilant.

On the eve of the dispersal of the Knesset, at a time of symbolic significance, Zulat launched a new report: **Pseudo Democracy: State of the Regime in Israel**. It was written by **Adv. Eitay Mack**, along with a steering committee of experts who mapped the components of the regime from the establishment of the state to this day. The report shows that Israel has never been a fully liberal democracy, has always tilted between democracy and authoritarianism, and its regime contains elements of oppression, subservience to the leader, and imbalance.

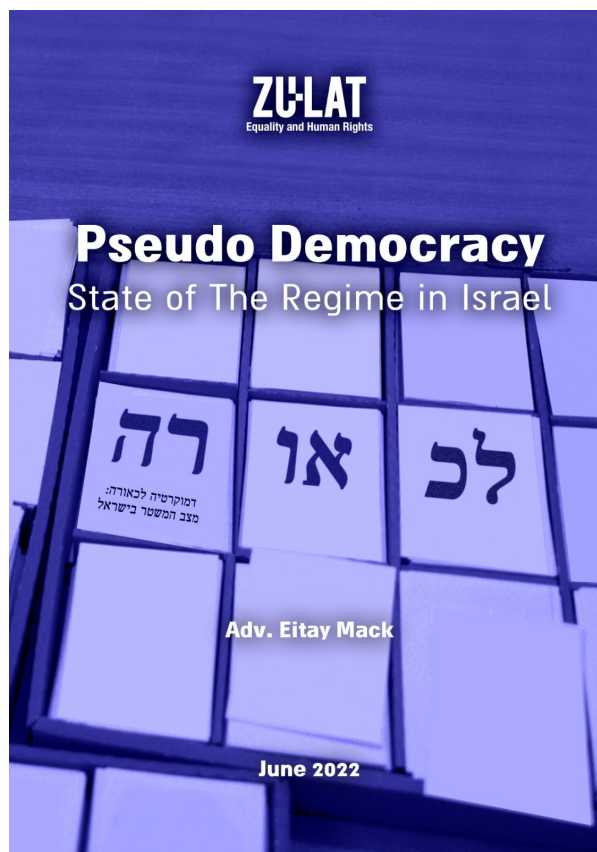
The report demonstrates how Netanyahu's 12 years in power brought along a steep decline into a regime with clear and alarming authoritarian overtones, a decline that we now have the opportunity to stop.





The report does not make do with pointing out the failures, but proposes a comprehensive legislative reform to curb authoritarian trends. It includes 15 proposals designed to update and reinforce existing legal provisions in order to adapt them to the struggle against authoritarianism and suggests repealing legislation that has poisoned the political discourse in Israel.

In the coming days we will invest serious efforts to promote our proposed reform vis-a-vis party leaders and obtain their commitment to adopt it in the next Knesset. To read the full report and proposed legislation, click on the image:



>> ["Israel is a hybrid regime"](#) - Special Interview with Zulat

President, Zehava Galon in "The Jerusalem Report"

>> ["November Election: A Last-ditch Battle for Democracy Israel is a hybrid regime"](#) - Zehava Galon, Haaretz

Working on legislation for equality

It is imperative that the next Knesset make a top priority of enacting a new basic law to anchor the principle of equality. The fact that Israel has no such law is truly inconceivable, as this state of affairs allows for institutionalized discrimination against Arabs, women, LGBTQs, people with disabilities, and any other minority group in society.

Zulat has drafted **Basic Law: Equality**, which we will start promoting with the political parties to ensure that the proposed law and the principles underlying it are discussed in the next Knesset.

We Need You

We are looking forward to the next quarter of 2022. A major report written for us by the best experts in Israel are is due to be published soon. it deals with **the regime in Israel and looks into the question of whether it is a democracy.**

I'm glad to be in touch with you and invite you to contribute to Zulat, so we may continue to act on all fronts and bring about change.

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Yours truly,

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