The Party Democracy Index Questionnaire
(0–100 points)

This questionnaire is intended to assess the level of democracy within an Israeli political party in advance of the 2013 elections for the 19th Knesset.

1. Participation/Inclusiveness (30%)

1.1 Who chooses the party leader? (5%)

    a. A group of elected representatives (central committee, convention, council) or all members of the party (5 points)

    b. A small inner circle of the party elite or a single leader (0 points)

1.2 Who chooses the party leader? (5%)

    a. A single leader (0 points)

    b. A small inner circle (1 point)

    c. Elected representatives (3 points)

    d. All members of the party (4 points)

    e. All citizens of voting age (5 points)

1.3 Who selects the members of the party's Knesset list? (5%)

    a. A group of elected representatives (central committee, convention, council) or all members of the party (5 points)

    b. A small inner circle of the party elite or an elected leader (0 points)

1.4 Who of the following can take part in selecting the party's Knesset list? (5%)

    a. A single leader (0 points)

    b. A small inner circle (1 point)

    c. Elected representatives (3 points)

    d. All members of the party (4 points)

    e. All citizens of voting age (5 points)

1.5 Who of the following participates in writing or approving the party platform? (5%)

    a. The party doesn't have a platform (0 points)
    b. A single leader (1 point)
    c. A small inner circle (2 points)
    d. Elected representatives (3 points)
    e. All members of the party (4 points)
    f. All citizens of voting age (5 points)

1.6 Who of the following took part in ideological debates conducted by the party in recent years? (5%)

    a. The party doesn't conduct ideological debates (0 points)
    b. Elected representatives (3 points)
    c. All members of the party (4 points)
    d. All citizens of voting age (5 points)

2. Representation (20%)

2.1 What percentage of realistic slots on the party list are filled by women?
(For an old party, the calculation of realistic spots is based on the number of seats the party received in the last elections; for a new party, it is based on the last poll before the list was selected.) (5%)

    a. More than 45% (5 points)
    b. 35%–44% (4 points)
    c. 25%–34% (3 points)
    d. 15%–24% (2 points)
    e. 5%–14% (1 point)
    f. Less than 5% (0 points)

2.2 What is the value of the women ranking index of female Knesset candidates (i.e., not just the number of women in realistic slots, but also their placement on the list)? (5%)

    a. > 0.45 (5 points)
    b. 0.35–0.44 (4 points)
    c. 0.25–0.34 (3 points)
    d. 0.15–0.24 (2 points)
    e. 0.05–0.14 (1 point)
    f. < 0.05 (0 points)

2.3 What is the percentage of women in the party's current Knesset faction? (5%)
(For a new party, the coders should assign 7.5% rather than 5 points to each of the previous two questions.)

    a. More than 45% (5 points)

    b. 35%–44% (4 points)

    c. 25%–34% (3 points)

    d. 15%–24% (2 points)

    e. 5%–14% (1 point)

    f. Less than 5% (0 points)

2.4 Does the party employ special mechanisms (such as reserved positions or districts) to guarantee representation for the following sectors on its Knesset list? (10%)

    a. Ethnic minorities (Arabs) or religious minorities (Muslims, Christians, Druze) (2 points)

    b. Recent immigrants (2 points)

    c. Senior citizens (2 points)

    d. Young adults (2 points)

    e. Residents of the geographical periphery (2 points)

3. Competition (20%)

3.1 Has there been a contest (with two or more candidates) for the position of party leader since the last general elections? (10%)

    a. Yes (10 points)

    b. No (0 points)

3.2 Have there been elections for the party institutions (convention, council, central committee) during the last four years? (10%)

    a. Yes (10 points)

    b. No (0 points)

4. Responsiveness and Accountability (15%)

4.1 Does the party have an elected representative institution (e.g., a central committee, convention) and has it met at least once in the last two years? (5%)

    a. Yes (5 points)

    b. No (0 points)

4.2 Do the party's institutions … (10%)

    a. Take part in selecting the party's representatives in the Government?
(yes = 4 points; no = 0 points)

    b. Approve whether the party joins or leaves the coalition?
(yes = 3 points; no = 0 points)

    c. Conduct debates about policy matters? (yes = 3 points; no = 0 points)

5. Transparency (15%)

5.1 How easy is it to obtain a copy of the party constitution or bylaws? (5%)

    a. The up-to-date text of the constitution or bylaws is available on the party
website or was sent out after the first request was made. (5 points)

    b. The text of the constitution or bylaws was obtained only after a number of
requests. (3 points)

    c. The text of the constitution or bylaws was not obtained even after repeated
requests. (0 points)

5.2 Are the following available on the party's website and/or Facebook page?
(10%; for the overall weighting, divide by 2 and round to no more than 10 points):

    a. Bylaws (3 points)

    b. Platform or document of principles (3 points)

    c. Information about the party's history (1 point)

    d. Biographies of the party's Knesset members or candidates (1 point)

    e. A biography of the party leader (1 point)

    f. A list of party officials and their contact details (1 point)

    g. Future party events (1 point)

    h. Documentation of party events (1 point)

    i. Articles or transcripts of speeches by party members (1 point)

    j. Does the website/Facebook page use languages other than Hebrew?
(Yes, one other language = 1 point; yes, two or more other languages = 2
points)

    k. Details about contributors (1 point)

    l. Forums and multimedia (video clips, links to YouTube or Facebook, etc.) (1 point)

    m. E-mail address or Contact-Us link to the party on the website? (1 point)

    n. Chat forums or other interactive options on the website? (1 point)

    o. News and updates (1 point)

    p. Information about local party branches (1 point)