

2021 Popular Briefing Topics

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Examples of available briefing topics:

In the Wake of COVID-19: Important Questions for Israel's New Government in 2021 and Beyond

Israel's new government is unprecedented in its representation of parties from across the political spectrum, and faces numerous socioeconomic challenges. In many ways, a return to the pre-COVID-19 status quo is not sufficient, and certain issues will require attention sooner than others, such as the deficit, high unemployment, long-term effects on students, early childhood development, and health challenges. This presentation analyzes the critical questions that policy makers will need to consider in 2021 and beyond in order to seize upon opportunities offered by the crisis and improve Israel's society and economy.

Insider Look at COVID-19 & Israel's Healthcare System

Even before the COVID-19 outbreak, Israel's healthcare system faced a number of challenges including manpower shortages, particularly among nurses, and structural issues that lead to conflicts of interest such as government ownership of hospitals. Our experts provide insight into what can be learned from the healthcare system's handling of the pandemic, and what can be done now to prepare for future health crises.

Poverty, Inequality & Israel's "New Poor"

Israel's welfare system has been successful in providing a safety net for many citizens and managed to prevent an increase in the incidence of poverty during the pandemic. As the crisis ends, however, there is a danger that the system will return to the pre-crisis situation and even regress given the possibility of future budget cuts and the inability of many citizens to return to work. This briefing takes a critical look at Israel's trends in poverty and inequality and how poverty is currently being addressed, as well as policy options to confront new challenges as a result of the pandemic and a growing population of the "new poor."

Israel's Women, Children & Families in the Time of the Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic affected every aspect of Israeli society, and its impact has been strongly felt among women, children and families at large. Based on Taub Center research, government reports, and survey results, this briefing examines the pandemic's effect on women in the labor market; teleworking; the daily lives of children and families during the lockdown; challenges facing teachers and schools; and distance learning.

Israel's Diverse Population – COVID and Beyond

The past year has been a challenging one for Israel, with not only COVID striking particularly hard, but also with recent social unrest strongly affecting parts of the country. Israel has made great strides toward shared society with enhanced labor market participation and educational achievements among Israeli Arabs, as well as among Haredim, yet challenges still abound. This briefing analyses the underlying trends within these two populations, and takes a look at where we stand today on the path toward greater economic and social integration in Israel.

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