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Just days after Israel marked the first anniversary of its coalition government, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid announced that they had “exhausted options to stabilize” their government and plan to dissolve the Knesset next week. If the vote to dissolve the government passes, the Israeli electorate will head back to the polls for the fifth time in three years.
What brought about this collapse? And as President Biden prepares to visit the country in July, what are the implications for his trip and, more broadly, for U.S.-Israel policy? In this virtual Policy Forum, Washington Institute experts David Makovsky and Dennis Ross, who have been in Israel during this tumultuous period, will discuss the causes of the government collapse and the path forward for Israel and its relationship with the United States.

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