



Why has Netanyahu's judicial reform brought Israel to an inflection point?

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Yoram Schweitzer, a former member of the Israeli intelligence community who now heads the Program on Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict at the **INSS**, a prominent think-tank, sees Netanyahu's judicial plan as a serious threat to Israeli democracy.

What Netanyahu and his extremist allies are trying to do with this so-called judicial reform is "unequivocally a regime change," **Schweitzer** tells *TRT World*. "If he succeeds, that would be a political and judicial crisis, the worst Israel has ever known," says **Schweitzer**.

But why does Netanyahu want to take such a risk for Israel?

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"He is willing to deteriorate Israel at the expense of its citizens, who do not support him, to achieve his own private interests," says **Schweitzer**, referring to Netanyahu's corruption cases, which can lead to the removal of the prime minister from the high office.

As a result, Netanyahu has no problems going very far in terms of his judicial overhaul, which almost equals a regime change in Israel to protect himself from any conviction, says **Schweitzer**. Netanyahu believes that to avoid any court sentence, which can end up "jailing" him, he needs to stay in power and should be able to appoint judges, according to Liel.

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