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**Evidence from the Israeli Public Sector**

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**Abstract**

Elected politicians find difficulties in controlling the policy agenda due to lack of knowledge and expertise. As their knowledge, information and expertise on the policy process decrease so will their ability to control the policy agenda. Obviously, as elected politicians, spend less time in their positions due to cabinet instability they will have a lesser knowledge about policy in comparison to career bureaucrats. Multiparty parliamentary systems are characterized by cabinet instability. Hence, multiparty parliamentary systems increase the likelihood of that phenomenon. This paper studies that phenomenon in the Israeli context, a clear example of a multiparty democracy with an unstable cabinet. It shows that the policy design phase is decisively led by the Israeli bureaucracy.

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