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College students for Likud

The results are in: College students across North America love Ariel Sharon, marijuana, and the extreme right.

According to the results of the first continent-wide mock Israeli election, held online at www.IsraelVotes2003.com, Likud is the party of choice for college students at 70 campuses in the US and Canada; Labor is a bigger loser on campus than it is in Israel; and the Green Leaf Party, which calls for the legalization of drugs, is the fifth-most popular party in the 16th Knesset.

With 50 seats in the new virtual government, Likud won a landslide victory among thousands of online voters, Labor came in second with 16 seats, and Shinui took third place with eight seats. In fourth, Herut's far-right agenda gained seven seats, and Green Leaf, the NRP, and National Union each earned six seats.

The mock election was created by the founders of Upstart Activist, a Jerusalem-based venture that train student to become pro-Israel activists, to familiarize students with Israeli democracy.