

Iranian Public Opinion on the Nuclear Negotiations

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Questionnaire

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Margin of Error: +/- 3.2 %

1- In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015
Very good	8%	11.1%
Somewhat good	45	43.2
Somewhat bad	24	22.5
Very bad	20	21.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.0

2- Right now, do you think the economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	Gallup – May 2014	Gallup – Nov. 2014	May 2015
Getting better	32%	40%	49.3%
Getting worse	46	41	37.1
Staying the same [vol.]	10	8	9.7
DK/NA [vol.]	12	11	4.0

3- Which of the following do you think has the greatest negative impact on the Iranian economy?

	May 2015
Foreign sanctions and pressures	26.3%
Domestic economic mismanagement and corruption	64.3
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4

4- How often do you watch domestic television channels to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015
Every day	73%	70.9%
At least once a week	19	19.6
Less than once a week	5	3.9
Never	3	5.5
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.2

5- How often do you use the internet to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015
Every day	14%	16.7%
At least once a week	14	16.9
Less than once a week	8	10.4
Never	63	55.8
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.1

6- How often do you watch satellite television channels to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015
Every day	13%	16.6%
At least once a week	11	10.0
Less than once a week	7	8.4
Never	69	64.9
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.1

[This was an open-ended question.]

7- Now in recent years, what has been our country's most important achievement?

	May 2015
Nuclear related advancements	39.6%
Increased security and military might of Iran	11.3
Advancements in medicine, science, and technology (not specifically nuclear)	10.7
Improvements in the economic condition of the country	7.5
Improved foreign policy	4.1
Independence and resistance against foreign pressures	2.1
Cultural or social improvements	1.9
Increased Iranian influence in the region and/or the world	0.7
Increased civil liberties and democracy	0.5
Nothing	4.4
Other	3.2
DK/NA	14.1

[This was an open-ended question.]

8- In your opinion, what is the most important challenge that our country should currently address?

	May 2015
Unemployment	32.5%
Inflation	10.6
Other Economic problems	14.5
Sanctions, foreign pressure, isolation, threat of war	9.1
Corruption and lack of rule of law	5.4
Various social problems (Addiction, divorce, etc.)	4.4
Erosion of religious values in the society	3.7
Incompetence of officials	3.1
Problems related to rural areas and Iran's agricultural sector	1.9
Lack of civil liberties and democracy	1.0
Nothing	0.4
Other	3.0
DK/NA	10.6

10- In your opinion, how successful or unsuccessful has President Rouhani been thus far in doing each of the items that I will be reading to you?

10.1- First, how successful or unsuccessful has President Rouhani been in “Improving the economic situation of our country.” Has he been:

	May 2015
Very successful	14.7%
Somewhat successful	56.2
Somewhat unsuccessful	17.1
Very unsuccessful	8.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2

10.2) How about: Reducing unemployment

	May 2015
Very successful	3.5%
Somewhat successful	38.3
Somewhat unsuccessful	24.5
Very unsuccessful	28.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2

10.3) How about: Increasing civil liberties

	May 2015
Very successful	12.9%
Somewhat successful	51.0
Somewhat unsuccessful	14.2
Very unsuccessful	7.2
DK/NA [vol.]	14.7

10.4) How about: Improving the security situation of our country

	May 2015
Very successful	45.7%
Somewhat successful	40.6
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.9
Very unsuccessful	4.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5

10.5) How about: Improving Iran's relation with European countries

	May 2015
Very successful	30.1%
Somewhat successful	52.3
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.6
Very unsuccessful	3.1
DK/NA [vol.]	8.9

10.6) How about: Reducing sanctions

	May 2015
Very successful	14.5%
Somewhat successful	55.4
Somewhat unsuccessful	14.1
Very unsuccessful	10.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6

11- In your opinion, to what degree should our country's policymakers take religious teachings into account when they make decisions?

	July 2014	May 2015
A lot	44%	45.2%
Somewhat	36	29.5
Not much	14	15.5
Not at all	5	6.9
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.9

12- Which position is closer to yours:

- Islamic and Western religious and social traditions are incompatible with each other and conflict between the two is inevitable; or
- Most people in the West and the Islamic world have similar needs and wants, so it is possible to find common ground?
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	WPO February 2008	July 2014	May 2015
Conflict is inevitable	12%	30%	35.0%
Common ground possible	64	58	54.5
DK/NA [vol.]	24	13	10.5

13- Now, for the countries that I am going to read to you, please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each?

13.01- First, what is your view of Turkey? Do you have a:

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	13%	10.7%
Somewhat favorable	43	34.6
Somewhat unfavorable	18	17.7
Very unfavorable	24	34.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.5

13.02) How about: Iraq

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	30%	32.6%
Somewhat favorable	33	34.0
Somewhat unfavorable	15	15.5
Very unfavorable	21	16.7
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.3

3.03) How about: Syria

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	32%	30.8%
Somewhat favorable	43	46.2
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12.2
Very unfavorable	11	9.0
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.8

13.04) How about: Saudi Arabia

	May 2015
Very favorable	8.3%
Somewhat favorable	18.6
Somewhat unfavorable	12.2
Very unfavorable	59.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8

13.05) How about: China

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	13%	9.4%
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7
Very unfavorable	25	31.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9

13.06) How about: Russia

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	14%	10.3%
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1
Very unfavorable	26	32.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4

13.07) How about: Germany

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	13%	13.6%
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1
Very unfavorable	28	27.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7

13.08) How about: Japan

	May 2015
Very favorable	24.7%
Somewhat favorable	36.5
Somewhat unfavorable	11.1
Very unfavorable	24.9
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

13.09) How about: France

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	7%	10.1%
Somewhat favorable	30	30.9
Somewhat unfavorable	26	20.4
Very unfavorable	33	35.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6

13.10) How about: United Kingdom

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	6%	5.6%
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9
Very unfavorable	52	53.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9

14.1- What is your view of the United States?

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	9%	7.9%
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9
Very unfavorable	58	53.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5

14.2- How about the US government? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	4%	2.5%
Somewhat favorable	9	8.6
Somewhat unfavorable	14	12.6
Very unfavorable	70	73.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9

14.3- How about the American people? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015
Very favorable	12	12.2%
Somewhat favorable	38	40.1
Somewhat unfavorable	16	15.6
Very unfavorable	29	26.8
DK/NA [vol.]	5	5.4

15- As you may know, our country has many problems and differences with the United States, including with respect to the nuclear issue. In your opinion, if Iran were to provide concessions on the nuclear issue in return for the lifting of sanctions, is that:

- more likely to make the United States more accommodating in other areas of contention,
- more likely to make the United States rely on pressures and sanctions to extract concessions from Iran in other areas as well,
- or is it your opinion that Iran's concession on the nuclear issue would not have much of an effect on other issues between the two countries?
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	July 2014	May 2015
More likely to lead to more accommodation	20%	17.7%
More likely to lead US to seek more concessions	58	51.2
Iran's concession on the nuclear issue is not going to affect Iran-US relations	13	21.5
DK/NA [vol.]	10	9.5

16- To what degree would you support or oppose Iran and the United States cooperating in each of the fields that I am going to be reading to you?

16.1 - First, “To have greater cultural, education, and sporting exchanges.” Would you:

	July 2014	May 2015
Fully support	32%	31.5%
Somewhat support	43	41.6
Somewhat oppose	9	10.8
Fully oppose	14	13.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.6

16.2- How about: To provide more access for each other’s journalists

	July 2014	May 2015
Fully support	34%	30.4%
Somewhat support	47	47.6
Somewhat oppose	7	9.9
Fully oppose	8	9.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4	2.9

16.3- How about: To have greater trade

	July 2014	May 2015
Fully support	32%	36.8%
Somewhat support	37	39.6
Somewhat oppose	12	8.2
Fully oppose	16	12.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.7

16.4- How about: For the governments to have direct talks on issues of mutual concern

	July 2014	May 2015
Fully support	34%	37.0%
Somewhat support	32	37.8
Somewhat oppose	12	10.5
Fully oppose	16	11.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5	3.6

16.5- How about: To have more Americans and Iranians visit each other’s countries as tourists

	July 2014	May 2015
Fully support	46%	50.3%
Somewhat support	34	31.2
Somewhat oppose	7	8.6
Fully oppose	11	7.9
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.9

17- In your opinion, how important is it for our country to develop its nuclear program? Is it:

	WPO December 2006¹	RAND December 2009²	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015
Very important	84%	87%	84%	83.3%
Somewhat important	7	5	7	11.2
Not very important	2	1	3	2.3
Not important at all	2	2	2	1.8
DK/NA/Other	5	5	4	1.4

[This was an open-ended question. This question was only asked from those who considered it to be very or somewhat important for Iran to develop its nuclear program]

17.1-Why do you believe that it is important for our country to develop its nuclear program?

	May 2015
To deter other countries from attacking Iran	4.2%
To provide for our medical needs	15.3
Because fossil fuels will run out/harm the environment and nuclear fuel is a better substitute	6.1
To enhance Iran's scientific and technical stature (not specifically nuclear)	9.6
To produce electricity	3.2
Because doing so is our inalienable right	6.9
To enhance Iran's prestige in the region and/or the world	12.0
To improve Iran's economic condition	19.6
To provide for our country's future energy/medical needs	7.5
Other	3.6
DK/NA	6.5
It is not important for Iran to develop its nuclear program / DK/NA on Q17	5.5

18- In your opinion, is Iran's objective for developing nuclear capabilities purely for peaceful purposes such as energy and medical needs, or is it also seeking to attain the needed capabilities to be able to develop nuclear weapons?

	May 2015
Purely for peaceful purposes such as energy and medical needs	72.9%
Also seeking to attain the needed capabilities to be able to develop nuclear weapons	19.4
Iran is only seeking to develop nuclear weapons [vol.]	0.2
DK/NA [vol.]	7.4

¹ In 2006, WPO asked "How important do you think it is for Iran to have a full-fuel-cycle nuclear program?"

² In 2009, RAND asked: "Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Islamic Republic of Iran developing nuclear energy for civilian use?"

19- As you may know, Iran is currently under sanctions for activities relating to nuclear enrichment. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?

	July 2014	May 2015
Have had great negative impact	51%	41.1%
Have had some negative impact	34	37.1
Have had little negative impact	7	11.4
Have had no negative impact	4	6.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4	4.1

20- How about on the lives of ordinary people of our country? In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on the lives of ordinary people of our country?

	July 2014	May 2015
Have had great negative impact	61%	51.0%
Have had some negative impact	30	33.5
Have had little negative impact	5	9.4
Have had no negative impact	2	4.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.6

21- If Iran and the P5+1 do not ultimately come to an agreement on Iran's nuclear program, what do you think is more likely? Is it more likely that:

	May 2015
Sanctions on Iran will be increased	38.3%
Sanctions on Iran will gradually weaken	24.9
Sanctions will stay about the same	31.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

22. As you may know, in addition to the UN Security Council, which has passed sanctions against our country due to its nuclear program, the US has also in parallel enacted more sanctions against our country. Iran is currently negotiating with P5+1 countries in order to bring an end to these sanctions. In your opinion, is it of more importance and priority to bring an end to UN Security Council sanctions or the unilateral sanctions of the US?

	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015
It is more important to bring an end to UNSC sanctions	54%	59.1%
It is more important to bring an end to unilateral US sanctions	31	27.8
Both are equally important [vol.]	9	5.1
DK/NA [vol.]	6	8.1

23- As you may know Iran and the P5+1 have been negotiating over Iran’s nuclear program. Recently they reached an understanding on some of the key terms of a deal, though there are still specifics that need to be worked out. Both sides have made statements regarding the elements of this understanding. In some cases the statements made by both sides were at variance and each side has rejected some of the interpretations of the other side regarding the elements of this understanding.

Now, setting aside the statements and the interpretations provided by each side, I would like to tell you some important aspects of this understanding that both sides agree on. According to this understanding:

Iran will:

- limit its uranium enrichment to the level needed for the production of nuclear energy for a number of years;
- reduce the number and limit the quality of its operating enrichment centrifuges for a number of years;
- limit its research and development on centrifuges for a number of years;
- accept more extensive inspections of nuclear sites by the IAEA for an extended number of years;

and in return the P5+1 will

- accept Iran enriching uranium to the limited extent agreed upon for a number of years and then to a greater extent later
- cooperate with Iran on building new nuclear reactors and supply Iran with nuclear fuel
- lift economic sanctions on Iran

Now, do you approve or disapprove of Iran pursuing a deal based on these terms?

	May 2015
Approve	57.4%
Disapprove	14.7
Depends [vol.]	17.0
DK/NA [vol.]	10.9

Q24- How likely do you think it is that the current talks between Iran and the P5+1 countries over Iran’s nuclear program will eventually result in a deal that is agreeable to both sides? Do you think it is:

	May 2015
Very likely	21.3%
Somewhat likely	48.9
Not very likely	16.8
Not likely at all	10.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3

Q25- Do you think Majlis should or should not have a role in deciding whether or not our country accepts the deal with P5+1 countries over the nuclear issues?

	May 2015
Yes, it should play a role	77.4%
No, It should not play a role	17.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.9

Q26- If the Majlis arrives at the conclusion that the deal between our country and P5+1 countries is at odds with our country's national interests, should the Majlis be able to prevent such an agreement from taking place or not?

	May 2015
Yes, it should be able to prevent it	81.2%
No, it should not be able to prevent it	14.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4.5

Q27- Assuming that the P5+1 and Iran do come to such a deal, I would like to know how long you think it will take before you see certain changes as a result of the deal.

27.1- First, how long you think it will take before you see Iranians gaining greater access to foreign-made medicines and medical equipment?

	May 2015
In about six months	28.4%
In about a year	32.6
In about two years	11.7
More than two years	18.6
Never [vol.]	2.0
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.2
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4

27. 2- How about seeing: A lot more foreign companies making investments in Iran

	May 2015
In about six months	32.1%
In about a year	30.0
In about two years	12.9
More than two years	16.7
Never [vol.]	0.9
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.2
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2

27. 3- How about seeing: The unemployment rate going down significantly

	May 2015
In about six months	21.6%
In about a year	30.5
In about two years	16.1
More than two years	23.7
Never [vol.]	3.4
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1

27. 4- How about seeing: A tangible improvement in people's standard of living

	May 2015
In about six months	26.0%
In about a year	29.1
In about two years	14.8
More than two years	22.2
Never [vol.]	3.0
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4.7

Q28: I would like to know your impressions about the understanding in regard to the lifting of the sanctions.

Q28.1: Is it your impression that the P5+1:

	May 2015
has agreed to lift all of the sanctions immediately	37.5%
has agreed to lift some sanctions immediately, but the time for the lifting of other sanctions has not yet been finalized	29.0
has not yet agreed to any schedule for lifting sanctions	26.9
DK/NA [vol.]	6.6

Q28.2: Is if it your impression that according to the understanding:

	May 2015
all US sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%
some US sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many US sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	23.7
no US sanctions are to be lifted	9.0
DK/NA [vol.]	5.1

29- In general, to what degree do you trust or distrust the P5+1 countries? Do you:

	July 2014	May 2015
Trust them very much	6%	6.3%
Trust them somewhat	28	33.1
Distrust them somewhat	32	27.6
Distrust them very much	30	29.8
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.2

[Split sample]

30.1- Based on what you know about the negotiations between Iran and P5+1 countries, if these negotiations were to fail to produce a final agreement would you:

	May 2015
Only blame the P5+1	24.5%
Mostly blame the P5+1	49.2
Mostly blame Iran	5.9
Only blame Iran	2.8
Blame both sides equally	13.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.5

[Split sample]

30.2- To what degree would you blame our country's officials if these negotiations were to fail to produce a final agreement?

	July 2014	May 2015
A lot	5%	5.2%
Somewhat	23	22.9
Not much	18	21.5
Not at all	42	48.5
DK/NA [vol.]	12	2.0

[This was an open-ended question]

Q31- What do you think is the primary motive behind US efforts to impose sanctions on Iran?

	May 2015
Confronting Iran's advancements and power	22.9%
Dominating Iran	16.2
Prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons	16.1
To demonstrate its global hegemony	3.4
Changing Iran's political order	3.2
Confronting Iran's independence	2.7
Dominating Middle East or World	2.6
Creating public dissatisfaction and unrest in Iran	2.3
Supporting Israel	2.1
Dominating Iran's natural resources	1.9
Confronting Islam and Muslims	1.9
Other	8.1
DK/NA	16.8

Q32- Do you think:

- Most US leaders really believe that Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons
- Most US leaders do not really believe that Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons
- US leaders are divided on whether or not Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons [vol]
- DK/NA [vol.]

	May 2015
US leaders really believe Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons	38.5%
US leaders do not really believe Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons	47.3
US leaders are divided on whether or not Iran is trying to acquire nuclear weapons [vol]	8.3
DK/NA [vol.]	5.9

Q33: If Iran and the P5+1 do reach a deal, how likely do you think it is that the US will lift sanctions in accordance to the requirements of the deal? Is it:

	May 2015
Very likely	13.0%
Somewhat likely	47.0
Not very likely	25.9
Not likely at all	11.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

Q33.1: If Iran and the P5+1 do reach a deal, how likely do you think it is that the UN Security Council will remove sanctions as the deal requires? Is it:

	May 2015
Very likely	24.9%
Somewhat likely	58.4
Not very likely	8.9
Not likely at all	3.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

Q34: If Iran and the P5+1 do reach a deal, and based on that agreement other countries would be permitted to cooperate with Iran on building new nuclear reactors and supplying Iran with nuclear fuel, in your opinion, is it more likely that the US will accept other countries cooperating with Iran in this way or that the US will try to impede such cooperation? [Follow on: Is that somewhat likely or very likely]

	May 2015
Very likely will accept	6.8%
Somewhat likely will accept	20.7
Somewhat likely will impede	36.3
Very likely will impede	32.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1

Q35: As you may know some of the sanctions that the US has imposed on Iran are not solely related to the nuclear issue, but related to other issues that the US has with Iran. The US says it will lift the nuclear-related sanctions, but it will keep these other sanctions in place even if there is a deal. Which is closer to your position:

	May 2015
Unless the US agrees to remove all of its sanctions, Iran should not agree to a deal	50.6%
While Iran should seek to get as many US sanctions lifted as possible, if the UN and EU sanctions, and some US sanctions are to be removed, Iran should be ready to make a deal	44.8
DK/NA [vol.]	4.6

Q36: There are different reasons people say Iran should develop its nuclear program:

Q36.1: Some say Iran should develop its nuclear program because it helps meet Iran's energy and medical needs. How important do you think this reason is? Is it:

	May 2015
Very important	69.5%
Somewhat important	24.2
Not very important	1.6
Not important at all	3.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1.4

Q36.2: Some say Iran should develop its nuclear program because it shows that Iran will not surrender to Western governments and forego its rights. How important do you think this reason is? Is it:

	May 2015
Very important	60.3%
Somewhat important	25.1
Not very important	7.2
Not important at all	5.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3

Q36.3: Of these two reasons, which do you think is more important?

	May 2015
Iran should develop its nuclear program because it helps meet Iran's energy and medical needs	58.3%
Iran should develop its nuclear program because it shows that Iran will not surrender to Western governments and forego its rights	38.2
Iran should not develop its nuclear program [vol.]	0.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.3

37- How much have you heard about the Non-Proliferation Treaty or NPT?

	July 2014	May 2015
A lot	18%	16.6%
Somewhat	44	42.3
Not much	18	16.0
Not at all	20	23.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1	2.1

38- Do you favor or oppose the goal of eventually eliminating all nuclear weapons, which is stated in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or NPT?

	WPO December 2006	July 2014	May 2015
Favor	68%	74%	81.2%
Oppose	18	21	13.8
DK/NA [vol.]	14	5	5.1

39- To what degree do you favor or oppose the idea of having a nuclear weapons free zone in the Middle East that would include both Islamic countries and Israel, requiring countries not to have nuclear weapons?

	WPO December 2006	July 2014	May 2015
Favor very much	50%	65%	61.8%
Somewhat favor	21	20	17.9
Somewhat oppose	5	5	9.9
Oppose very much	13	6	7.4
DK/NA [vol.]	11	4	2.9

40- As you may know, during the Iran-Iraq war, Saddam repeatedly made use of chemical weapons against Iran but Iran decided not to retaliate in kind and thus did not use chemical weapons against Iraq. In your opinion, would it have been better for Iran to retaliate in kind at that time and use chemical weapons against Iraq or was Iran's decision not to use chemical weapons against Iraq a right decision?

	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015
It would have been better for Iran to also use chemical weapons	19%	11.9%
Iran's decision not to use chemical weapons was a right decision	78	86.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3	1.2

41- As far as you know, is the production of atomic bombs contrary to the principles of Islam or not?

	WPO February 2008	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015
Yes, it is contrary to the principles of Islam	58%	65%	68.9%
No, Islam has not banned it	23	25	21.6
Islam has no specific opinion in this regard	5	3	1.6
Islam mandates attainment of atomic bombs	1	0	0.1
DK/NA [vol.]	12	7	7.8

Q42: As you may know, in February 2016 there will be a parliamentary election. Would you prefer most of the Majlis to be composed of the:

	May 2015
Supporters of President Rouhani	49.8%
Critics of President Rouhani	24.4
Other/depends/neither [vol]	7.7
DK/NA [vol.]	18.1

[This was an open-ended question]

Q43: Now couple of questions about the upcoming presidential election, which will be held in 2017. If you had to recommend one person as a presidential candidate for the 2017 presidential election, who would that person be?

	May 2015
Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	8.8%
2) Hassan Rouhani	24.6
3) Ali Akbar Rafsanjani	2.8
4) Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf	6.2
5) Seyyed Muhammad Khatami	4.0
6) Mohsen Rezayi	0.9
7) Muhammad Javad Zarif	1.6
8) Ali Akbar Velayati	0.8
9) Mir Hussein Mousavi	0.5
10) Ali Larijani	0.5
11) Gholam Ali Haddad Adel	0.4
12) Saeed Jalili	0.4
60) Other	2.6
98) DK/NA	46.0

Q44: Now assume that it is now 2017, and Mr. Rouhani and Mr. Ahmadinejad were both presidential candidates. In that case, which one these two would you vote for?

	May 2015
Mr. Rouhani	53.4%
Mr. Ahmadinejad	26.6
Other/depends/neither [vol]	11.3
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7

Demographics:

Now I would like to ask some question about yourself:

D1- Sex:

	May 2015
Male	46.2%
Female	53.8

D2- In what year were you born?

	May 2015
Under 26 years old	19.8%
26 to 35 years old	25.2
36 to 45 years old	22.7
Over 45 years old	31.5
Not reported	0.8

D3- What is your level of education?

	May 2015
Illiterate	6.6%
Up to the end of Elementary School	14.2
Up to the end of Middle School	10.3
Up to High School Diploma	5.3
High School Diploma	25.6
AA Degree / Undergraduate Student	16.0
Undergraduate Degree	16.7
Over Undergraduate Degree	5.2
Not reported	0.2

D4- What is your ethnicity?

	May 2015
Fars	48.7%
Turk/Azeri	20.7
Lur	8.2
Kurd	8.0
Arab	1.6
Baluch	1.2
Gilak/Mazandarani/Shomali	9.8
Other	1.8

D5- What is your employment situation?

	May 2015
Employed in the public sector	11.5%
Employed in the private sector	22.8
Student	11.6
Retired	6.9
Homemaker	32.7
Unemployed	12.8
Other	1.5
Not reported	0.2

D6- How would you evaluate your family's economic situation as compared to others living in your city / village?

	May 2015
It is much better than others	1.8%
It is better than others	19.4
It is almost the same as others	57.2
It is worse than others	14.4
It is much worse than others	6.2
DK/NA [vol.]	1.0

D7- On average, how often do you use the internet?

	May 2015
Everyday	31.5%
At least once a week	16.9
Less than once a week	8.1
Never	43.2
DK/NA [vol.]	0.2

D8 – In general, how religious do you consider yourself to be? Do you think you are:

	May 2015
Very religious	31.0%
Somewhat religious	62.0
Not very religious	4.1
Not religious at all	1.7
DK/NA [vol.]	1.2

D9 – Have you ever traveled outside of Iran?

	May 2015
Yes, I have	34.0%
Not, I have not	65.7
DK/NA [vol.]	0.3

[This was an open-ended question. It was only asked of those who have traveled outside of Iran]

D9.1 – Which country did you most recently travel to? [Accept city names]

	May 2015
Mecca/Medina (Saudi Arabia)	7.8%
Karbala / Najaf (Iraq)	12.2
Syria	2.6
Turkey	3.7
Dubai / UAE	2.0
Malaysia	0.6
Thailand	0.6
European countries	2.9
Other Asian countries	1.2
United States	0.3
DK/NA	0.2
I have not traveled outside of Iran	66.0

[This was an open-ended question]

D10– If, for a week or two, you could visit any city or country, which city or country would you select?

	May 2015
Mecca/Medina (Saudi Arabia)	6.9%
Karbala / Najaf (Iraq)	22.2
Syria	3.9
Turkey	9.2
Mashhad (Iran)	12.3
Shiraz (Iran)	2.6
Other Iranian cities	9.9
Germany	4.4
France	3.4
Italy	1.6
Other European countries	4.4
United States	2.0
Canada	1.6
China	1.5
Japan	1.6
Australia	0.9
Other Asian countries	5.2
Russia	.6
United Kingdom	1.2
Other	0.6
DK/NA	4.3