

## Public Opinion in Iran and America on Key International Issues

### Questionnaire

#### *Fielded in Iran*

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Sample Size: 1000

Q-I1: Do you think it will be best for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans CCGA 7/06*</b>
Take active part.....	86%	69%
Stay out .....	9	28
Refused/Don't know .....	5	3

Q-I2: Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

I think of myself...

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Primarily as a citizen of [COUNTRY] .....	27%	49%
Primarily as a member of my religion .....	62	6
Primarily as a member of my ethnic group.....	4	2
Not so much in these ways but primarily as an individual .....	4	43
Refused/Don't know .....	3	*

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\* Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

Q-I3: Which should be a more important goal for Iran?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
To strengthen ties with Muslim countries.....	44%
To strengthen ties with the West.....	4
To do both equally .....	46
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q-I4: I am going to read you a list of possible threats to vital interests of Iran in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all.

[AMERICANS RECEIVED 11 OF 14 BELOW]

Q-I4a: The development of China as a world power

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	15%	32%
An important, but not critical threat.....	19	55
Not an important threat at all .....	49	12
Refused/Don't know .....	17	2

Q-I4b: International terrorism

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	56%	68%
An important, but not critical threat.....	14	27
Not an important threat at all .....	12	4
Refused/Don't know .....	18	2

Q-I4c: Global warming

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	61%	48%
An important, but not critical threat.....	16	37
Not an important threat at all .....	9	14
Refused/Don't know .....	14	1

## Q-I4d: AIDS, avian flu, and other potential epidemics

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	77%	48%
An important, but not critical threat.....	14	44
Not an important threat at all .....	5	6
Refused/Don't know .....	4	1

## Q-I4e: Tensions between India and Pakistan

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	16%	19%
An important, but not critical threat.....	29	63
Not an important threat at all .....	32	15
Refused/Don't know .....	24	3

## Q-I4f: Disruption in energy supply

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	47%	49%
An important, but not critical threat.....	12	45
Not an important threat at all .....	27	5
Refused/Don't know .....	14	2

## Q-I4g: Al Qaeda

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	33%	59%
An important, but not critical threat.....	20	33
Not an important threat at all .....	20	6
Refused/Don't know .....	27	2

## Q-I4h: Conflict between Islamic and Western countries

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	63%	52%
An important, but not critical threat.....	17	38
Not an important threat at all .....	12	8
Refused/Don't know .....	9	2

## Q-I4i: North Korea developing nuclear weapons

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	27%	60%
An important, but not critical threat.....	27	34
Not an important threat at all .....	28	4
Refused/Don't know .....	18	1

## Q-I4j: Drug trafficking

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	85%	47%
An important, but not critical threat.....	7	44
Not an important threat at all .....	4	8
Refused/Don't know .....	4	1

## Q-I4k: US foreign policy

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	59%
An important, but not critical threat.....	18
Not an important threat at all .....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	9

## Q-I4l: Terrorist attacks in our country

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	66%	68%
An important, but not critical threat.....	15	27
Not an important threat at all .....	9	4
Refused/Don't know .....	10	1

## Q-I4m: Islamist sectarian militant groups

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	36%	47%
An important, but not critical threat.....	21	45
Not an important threat at all .....	15	5
Refused/Don't know .....	28	3

Q-I4n: Israel

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	64%
An important, but not critical threat.....	14
Not an important threat at all .....	17
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q-I4o: Instability in Iraq

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	44%	50%
An important, but not critical threat.....	29	40
Not an important threat at all .....	17	9
Refused/Don't know .....	11	1

Q-I4p: Iran's neighbors developing nuclear weapons

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	52%
An important, but not critical threat.....	24
Not an important threat at all .....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q-I4q: The spread of nuclear weapons

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Critical threat .....	67%
An important, but not critical threat.....	27
Not an important threat at all .....	5
Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q-I5: Please say whether you agree or disagree with this statement: I regard myself as a citizen of the world as well as a citizen of [COUNTRY].

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Agree.....	82%	63%
Disagree .....	14	36
Refused/Don't know .....	4	1

[IF "AGREE" on Q-I5]

Q-I5a: Do you think of yourself more as a citizen of the world or more as a citizen of [COUNTRY]?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Citizen of the world .....	12%	16%*
Citizen of [COUNTRY].....	63	46
Both equally (vol.) .....	6	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	1	1

Q-I6: Do you believe that globalization, especially the increasing connections of our economy with others around the world, is mostly good or mostly bad for [COUNTRY]?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>CCGA</b>
		<b>7/06<sup>†</sup></b>
Mostly good .....	63%	60%
Mostly bad .....	31	35
Refused/Don't know .....	6	5

Q-I7: Which do you think is more important: a) For [COUNTRY] to become economically self-sufficient, because [COUNTRY] should not be dependent on other countries; or b) For [COUNTRY] to become more integrated with the global economy, because that is the only way for [COUNTRY] to prosper in the world today?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Economically self-sufficient .....	66%	63%
Integrated with the global economy.....	29	36
Refused/Don't know .....	6	1

Q-I8: Do you think that having movies, TV and music from different parts of the world available in [COUNTRY] is a very good thing, somewhat good, somewhat bad or a very bad thing for our country?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very good thing .....	14%	41%
Somewhat good.....	36	46
Somewhat bad.....	29	8
Very bad thing.....	19	3
Refused/Don't know .....	2	2

\* Percent of total.

<sup>†</sup> Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

Q-I9: For each of the following possible future trends, please tell me if you would see it as mainly positive or mainly negative . . .

a. The United Nations becomes significantly more powerful in world affairs

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	70%	66%
Mainly negative .....	14	32
Refused/Don't know .....	16	3

b. Europe becomes more influential than the United States in world affairs.

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	48%	35%
Mainly negative .....	24	61
Refused/Don't know .....	28	5

Q-I10: Do you think that the UN Security Council should or should not have the right to authorize the use of military force to prevent severe human rights violations such as genocide?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>CCGA</b>
		<b>7/06*</b>
Should .....	69%	83%
Should not .....	20	13
Refused/Don't know .....	12	4

Q-I11: Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with the following: The use of military force is more legitimate when the United Nations (UN) approves it.

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Agree strongly.....	31%	26%
Agree somewhat.....	38	46
Disagree somewhat .....	16	16
Disagree strongly .....	6	11
Refused/Don't know .....	9	2

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Q-I12: If a large majority of countries in the world have signed an agreement on how to address a major global issue and [COUNTRY] is considering whether to sign, how much should [COUNTRY] take into account the fact that a majority of countries have signed the agreement?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
A lot .....	16	31
Some .....	34	37
Just a little .....	11	16
Not at all.....	31%	11%
Refused/Don't know .....	8	4

Q-I13: Is it your impression that Israel does or does not have nuclear weapons?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Does .....	72%	63%
Does not .....	9	30
Refused/Don't know .....	19	7

[If "DOES" in Q-I14]

Q-I13a: How concerned are you about Israel's nuclear weapons?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Very concerned .....	40%	12%*
Somewhat concerned .....	16	27
Not very concerned .....	5	16
Not at all concerned .....	8	8
Refused/Don't know .....	2	*

[If "DOES NOT" or "DON'T KNOW" in Q-I14]

Q-I13b: If Israel were to have nuclear weapons how much would that concern you?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Very concerned .....	11%	11%†
Somewhat concerned .....	6	14
Not very concerned .....	2	7
Not at all concerned .....	4	3

\* Percent of total.

† Percent of total



Refused/Don't know .....7 2

Q-I14: Do you think the UN did the right thing or the wrong thing when it authorized the US and its allies to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Right thing .....	36%	74%
Wrong thing .....	26	16
Refused/Don't know .....	39	10

Q-I15: Since the Taliban was overthrown in Afghanistan do you think the following have generally gotten better, gotten worse, or that there has been no significant change.

Q-I15a: Iran's security on its border with Afghanistan

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Gotten better.....	42%
Gotten worse .....	20
There has been no significant change .....	18
Refused/Don't know .....	19

Q-I15b: Security of Shia in Afghanistan

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Gotten better.....	38%
Gotten worse .....	24
There has been no significant change .....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	25

Q-I15c: Drug trafficking in the region

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Gotten better.....	19%
Gotten worse .....	52
There has been no significant change .....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	15

Q-I15d: The ability of the Sunni militant groups to operate in the region

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>
Gotten better.....	19%
Gotten worse .....	25
There has been no significant change .....	11
Refused/Don't know .....	45

Q-I16: Do you think the current Iraqi government is or is not the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Is.....	54%	42%
Is not.....	31	48
Refused/Don't know .....	15	10

Q-I17: Do you think that it is more likely that someday China's economy will grow to be as large as the U.S. economy or that the U.S. economy will always stay larger than China's?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>CCGA</b> <b>7/06*</b>
More likely that China's economy will grow to be as large as the U.S. economy .....	64%	60%
U.S. economy will always stay larger than China's .....	21	35
Refused/Don't know .....	16	4

Q-I18: If China's economy were to grow to be as large as the U.S. economy, do you think that would be mostly positive, mostly negative, or equally positive and negative?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>CCGA</b> <b>7/06†</b>
Mostly positive.....	60%	9%
Mostly negative.....	12	33
Equally positive and negative .....	15	54
Refused/Don't know .....	13	4

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† Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

Q-I19: Do you think that the war in Iraq has increased, decreased, or had no effect on the likelihood of terrorist attacks around the world?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Increased the likelihood .....	75%	60%
Decreased the likelihood.....	6	15
Had no effect on the likelihood of terrorist attacks .....	7	22
Refused/Don't know .....	13	2

Q-I20: Which of the following do you think the US-led forces in Iraq should do?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>11/06</b>
Withdraw all US-led forces within six months .....	58%	18%
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a one-year timeline.....	8	25
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a two-year timeline.....	2	15
Only reduce US-led forces as the security situation improves in Iraq .....	23	38
Refused/Don't know .....	8	4

Q-I21: Please tell me if you think each of the following are having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world

Q-I21a: Britain

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	21%	82%
Mainly negative .....	60	10
Depends (vol.).....	7	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	10	9

## Q-I21b: Russia

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	44%	36%
Mainly negative .....	35	52
Depends (vol.).....	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	11	12

## Q-I21c: France

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	42%	47%
Mainly negative .....	36	42
Depends (vol.).....	9	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	11	11

## Q-I21d: Europe

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	48%	74%
Mainly negative .....	35	17
Depends (vol.).....	6	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	11	9

## Q-I21e: India

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	60%	56%
Mainly negative .....	18	32
Depends (vol.).....	6	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	5	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	12	12

## Q-I21f: Japan

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	61%	75%
Mainly negative .....	8	15
Depends (vol.).....	13	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	3	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	15	10

## Q-I21g: Iran

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	83%	10%
Mainly negative .....	3	80
Depends (vol.).....	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	5	10

## Q-I21h: Israel

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	4%	44%
Mainly negative .....	83	48
Depends (vol.).....	5	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	6	9

## Q-I21i: North Korea

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	32%	11%
Mainly negative .....	17	81
Depends (vol.).....	21	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	5	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	26	8

## Q-I21j: Syria

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	61%	15%
Mainly negative .....	7	71
Depends (vol.).....	11	n/a

Neither (vol.).....	7	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	13	14

## Q-I21k: Hezbollah

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	75%	9%
Mainly negative .....	6	80
Depends (vol.).....	7	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	3	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	10	12

## Q-I21L: The Palestinians

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	73%	17%
Mainly negative .....	6	73
Depends (vol.).....	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	4	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	9	11

## Q-I21m: Hamas

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	56%	10%
Mainly negative .....	8	77
Depends (vol.).....	10	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	4	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	23	12

Q-I2: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of:

## Q-I22a: Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	53%
Somewhat favorable.....	28
Somewhat unfavorable.....	3
Very unfavorable .....	6
Refused/Don't know .....	10

## Q-I22b: Iraqi Shiite leader Muqtada al-Sadr

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	28%
Somewhat favorable.....	30
Somewhat unfavorable.....	5
Very unfavorable .....	7
Refused/Don't know .....	31

## Q-I22c: Pakistani President Pervez Musharaff

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	5%	3%
Somewhat favorable.....	19	30
Somewhat unfavorable.....	16	36
Very unfavorable .....	24	17
Refused/Don't know .....	36	15

## Q-I22d: US President George W. Bush

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	2%	18%
Somewhat favorable.....	3	25
Somewhat unfavorable.....	6	21
Very unfavorable .....	86	34
Refused/Don't know .....	5	4

## Q-I22e: French President Jacques Chirac

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	3%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	11	31
Somewhat unfavorable.....	15	35
Very unfavorable .....	48	21
Refused/Don't know .....	24	12

## Q-I22f: British Prime Minister Tony Blair

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	2%	29%
Somewhat favorable.....	4	43
Somewhat unfavorable.....	8	14

Very unfavorable .....	71	6
Refused/Don't know .....	15	8

## Q-I22g: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	13%	1%
Somewhat favorable.....	35	32
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11	37
Very unfavorable .....	11	17
Refused/Don't know .....	30	12

## Q-I22h: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	18%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	21	19
Somewhat unfavorable.....	7	29
Very unfavorable .....	14	38
Refused/Don't know .....	41	12

## Q-I22i: Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	15%
Somewhat favorable.....	19
Somewhat unfavorable.....	12
Very unfavorable .....	11
Refused/Don't know .....	43

## Q-I22j: Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	62%
Somewhat favorable.....	20
Somewhat unfavorable.....	2
Very unfavorable .....	5
Refused/Don't know .....	12



Q-I23: Some people think that bombing and other types of attacks intentionally aimed at civilians are sometimes justified while others think that this kind of violence is never justified. Do you personally feel that such attacks are often justified, sometimes justified, rarely justified, or never justified?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Often justified .....	3%	5%
Sometimes justified.....	8	19
Rarely justified.....	5	27
Never justified.....	80	46
Refused/Don't know .....	5	2

Q-I24: For each of the following types of attacks please tell me if you personally feel that these are sometimes justified or never justified?

Q-I24a: attacks by Palestinians against Israeli civilians?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Sometimes justified.....	53	13
Never justified.....	41	80
Refused/Don't know .....	7	7

Q-I24b: attacks by Israelis against Palestinian civilians?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Sometimes justified.....	5	21
Never justified.....	90	71
Refused/Don't know .....	5	7

Q-I24c: attacks against Iraqi civilians in Iraq?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Sometimes justified.....	6
Never justified.....	88
Refused/Don't know .....	5

Q-I24d: attacks against American civilians living in the United States?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
Sometimes justified.....	15
Never justified.....	76
Refused/Don't know .....	9

Q-I25: In the context of war and other forms of military conflict for each of the following types of people please tell me if you think that attacks against them are often justified, sometimes justified, rarely justified, or never justified?

Q-I25a: Policemen

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	12%	4%
Sometimes justified.....	20	21
Rarely justified.....	10	29
Never justified.....	49	37
Refused/Don't know .....	9	8

Q-I25b: Intelligence agents

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	16%	15%
Sometimes justified.....	17	33
Rarely justified.....	11	22
Never justified.....	43	23
Refused/Don't know .....	14	7

Q-I25c: Government officials

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	10%	11%
Sometimes justified.....	15	32
Rarely justified.....	11	26
Never justified.....	53	24
Refused/Don't know .....	11	7

## Q-I25d: Women and children

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	1%	2%
Sometimes justified.....	2	6
Rarely justified.....	3	15
Never justified.....	91	72
Refused/Don't know .....	4	5

## Q-I25e: The elderly

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	1%	2%
Sometimes justified.....	2	6
Rarely justified.....	2	16
Never justified.....	92	71
Refused/Don't know .....	4	5

## Q-I25f: Wives and children of the military

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Often justified .....	2%	2%
Sometimes justified.....	4	5
Rarely justified.....	4	12
Never justified.....	86	74
Refused/Don't know .....	5	8

Q-I26: Please tell me if you think each of the following are having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world

## Q-I26a: Global companies

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	58%	49%
Mainly negative .....	27	40
Depends (vol.).....	7	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	*	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	8	11

## Q-I26b: The United Nations

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	58%	64%
Mainly negative .....	24	27
Depends (vol.).....	9	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	8	9

## Q-I26c: The International Atomic Energy Agency or IAEA

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	54%	58%
Mainly negative .....	10	27
Depends (vol.).....	18	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	15	16

## Q-I26d: The Organization of the Islamic Conference

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	77%
Mainly negative .....	3
Depends (vol.).....	8
Neither (vol.).....	1
Refused/Don't know .....	11

## Q-I26e: World public opinion

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	58%	50%
Mainly negative .....	22	38
Depends (vol.).....	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	12	12

[Q-I27a and Q-I27b WERE SPLIT SAMPLED]

Q-I27a: Thinking about Muslim and Western cultures, do you think that violent conflict between them is inevitable, or that it is possible to find common ground?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Conflict inevitable.....	25%	47%
Possible to find common ground .....	58	50
Refused/Don't know .....	17	3

Q-I27b: Which position is closer to yours: a) Islamic and Western religious and social traditions are incompatible with each other; or b) Most people in the West and the Islamic world have similar needs and wants, so it is possible to find common ground.

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Conflict inevitable.....	24%	36%
Possible to find common ground .....	54	56
Refused/Don't know .....	23	8

Q-I28: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of:

Q-I28a: Osama bin Laden

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	3%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	7	1
Somewhat unfavorable.....	6	5
Very unfavorable .....	68	89
Refused/Don't know .....	16	4

Q-I28b: The Taliban

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	1%	*%
Somewhat favorable.....	5	3
Somewhat unfavorable.....	5	11
Very unfavorable .....	75	79
Refused/Don't know .....	15	7

Q-I29: How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed by representatives elected by the people? On this scale where 1 means it is “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important” what position would you choose?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
1.....	1%	1%
2.....	*	*
3.....	*	*
4.....	1	*
5.....	6	4
6.....	2	1
7.....	5	2
8.....	7	7
9.....	5	8
10.....	68	74
Refused/Don't know .....	4	3
Mean .....	9.1	9.4
Median .....	10	10

Q-I30: And how much do you think [COUNTRY] is governed by representatives elected by the people? Again using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means “not at all” and 10 means “completely,” what position would you choose?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
1.....	2%	2%
2.....	3	3
3.....	2	2
4.....	5	4
5.....	12	13
6.....	10	8
7.....	19	13
8.....	20	19
9.....	13	11
10.....	9	22
Refused/Don't know .....	5	4
Mean .....	6.9	7.3
Median .....	7	8

Q-I31: How much respect is there for individual human rights nowadays in our country? Do you feel there is:

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
A lot of respect for individual human rights.....	21%	18%
There is some respect.....	49	46
There is not much respect .....	20	28
There is no respect at all .....	7	7
Refused/Don't know .....	3	1

Q-I32: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the following.

Q-I32a: The United States

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	5%
Somewhat favorable.....	17
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Very unfavorable .....	65
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q-I32b: The current US government

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	3
Somewhat unfavorable.....	9
Very unfavorable .....	84
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q-I32c: The American people

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	9%
Somewhat favorable.....	36
Somewhat unfavorable.....	16
Very unfavorable .....	33
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q-I32d: American culture

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	3%
Somewhat favorable.....	14
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11
Very unfavorable .....	67
Refused/Don't know .....	6

Q-I32e: The current Iranian government

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	1%
Somewhat favorable.....	11
Somewhat unfavorable.....	35
Very unfavorable .....	43
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q-I32f: The Iranian people

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	27
Somewhat unfavorable.....	39
Very unfavorable .....	20
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q-I33: How committed do you think the US is to the goal of creating an independent and viable Palestinian state?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very committed .....	2%	12%
Somewhat committed.....	9	43
Not very committed .....	13	28
Not at all committed.....	62	9
Refused/Don't know .....	14	9



Q-I34: Do you think the primary goal of what the US calls the war on terrorism is to

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06*</b>
Weaken and divide the Islamic world, the Islamic religion and its people .....	29%	6%
Achieve political and military domination to control Middle East resources.....	47	33
Protect itself [the US] from terrorist attacks .....	10	56
Refused/Don't know .....	13	5

Q-I35: Here are a number of steps that that some people have proposed to improve relations between the United States and Iran. For each of the following please tell me if you favor or oppose each idea and if you feel that way somewhat or strongly.

Q-I35a: To have greater cultural, educational, and sporting exchanges

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	21%	27%
Favor somewhat .....	25	45
Oppose somewhat .....	6	12
Oppose strongly .....	25	9
Refused/Don't know .....	22	8

Q-I35b: To provide more access for each other's journalists

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	19%	24%
Favor somewhat .....	32	44
Oppose somewhat .....	11	15
Oppose strongly .....	28	9
Refused/Don't know .....	10	8

\* Question wording in the US was "Thinking about the goals of the US government's war on terrorism, do you think the primary goal is to:" and third response option "Protect the US from terrorist attacks"

Q-I35c: To have greater trade

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	24%	19%
Favor somewhat .....	28	46
Oppose somewhat .....	7	18
Oppose strongly .....	19	9
Refused/Don't know .....	21	8

Q-I35d: For the governments to have direct talks on issues of mutual concern

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	17%	37%
Favor somewhat .....	31	42
Oppose somewhat .....	24	7
Oppose strongly .....	18	7
Refused/Don't know .....	10	8

Q-I35e: To have more Americans and Iranian visit each other's countries as tourists

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	17%	16%
Favor somewhat .....	31	35
Oppose somewhat .....	31	25
Oppose strongly .....	13	16
Refused/Don't know .....	8	8

Q-I36: Of all these ideas which one do you think is the best idea?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06*</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>12/06†</b>
To have greater cultural, educational, and sporting exchanges .....	20%	16%
To provide more access to each other's journalists .....	15	3

\* In Iran, respondents were not read any of the following on the list unless requested by the respondent.

† In the United States, respondents were presented with all of the following on the same screen and asked to choose one.

To have greater trade .....	19	6
For the governments to have direct talks on issues of mutual concern.....	20	64
To have more Americans and Iranian visit each other's countries as tourists .....	13	4
Refused/Don't know .....	12	7

Q-I37: As you may know, for decades the US has had military forces in long-term bases in the Middle East. Do you think that US bases in the Middle East have a positive or negative affect on stability in the region?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very positive .....	3%	13%
Somewhat positive .....	7	40
Somewhat negative .....	20	30
Very negative .....	59	11
Refused/Don't know .....	11	5

Q-I38: Do you favor or oppose the US having bases in the Middle East?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	3%	21%
Favor somewhat .....	4	39
Oppose somewhat .....	9	26
Oppose strongly .....	80	11
Refused/Don't know .....	5	4

Q-I39: How much, if at all, do you think US bases in the Middle East are a threat to Iran?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Not at all a threat.....	11%	14%
A minor threat.....	10	30
Some threat .....	29	36
A major threat .....	44	14
Refused/Don't know .....	6	7

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q-I40a and Q-I40b]

Q-I40a: How important do you think it is for Iran to have a full-fuel-cycle nuclear program?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Not all important .....	2%
Not very important .....	2
Somewhat important .....	7
Very important .....	84
Refused/Don't know .....	5

Q-I40b: How important is it for Iran's economy to develop the capacity to produce nuclear energy?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very important .....	89%
Somewhat important .....	7
Not very important .....	1
Not at all important .....	1
Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q-I41: Here are some reasons that some people give for why Iran should have a full-fuel- cycle nuclear program. For each one, please tell me whether it is

Q-I41a: This program enhances Iran's great power status

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
The most important reason.....	61%
An important reason, though not the most important .....	20
A minor reason.....	4
Not a reason at all .....	6
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q-I41b: This program enhances Iran’s national technical competence

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
The most important reason.....	74%
An important reason, though not the most important .....	12
A minor reason.....	3
Not a reason at all .....	1
Refused/Don’t know .....	10

Q-I41c: This program secures Iran’ energy needs

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
The most important reason.....	76%
An important reason, though not the most important .....	10
A minor reason.....	2
Not a reason at all .....	1
Refused/Don’t know .....	10

Q-I41d: This program will preserve Iran’s rights to nuclear energy under the Non-Proliferation Treaty

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
The most important reason.....	59%
An important reason, though not the most important .....	14
A minor reason.....	4
Not a reason at all .....	3
Refused/Don’t know .....	21

Q-I41e: The fact that Iran has a nuclear energy program will help deter other countries from trying to economically and politically dominate Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
The most important reason.....	50%
An important reason, though not the most important .....	18
A minor reason.....	8
Not a reason at all .....	8
Refused/Don't know .....	17

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q-I42a and Q-I42b]

Q-I42a: For the following statement please tell me how much you agree with the following statement. Please answer on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning that you strongly disagree and 5 meaning that you strongly agree: A military confrontation between Iran and the United States is likely to occur within the next ten years.

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
1.....	26%	4%
2.....	13	15
3.....	20	35
4.....	10	18
5.....	18	23
Refused/Don't know .....	14	5

Q-I42b: How likely do you think it is that the US will take military action against Iran's nuclear facilities in the next year or two?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Not at all likely.....	34%	9%
Not very likely .....	11	36
Somewhat likely.....	37	36
Very likely .....	11	13
Refused/Don't know .....	7	7

Q-I43: Here is a list of possible benefits that other countries could provide to Iran in exchange for agreeing to not develop the ability to enrich uranium. Please say whether you consider each of the following to be very significant for Iran, somewhat significant, not very significant, or not significant at all.

Q-I43a: The US making an official commitment to not use military force against Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very significant for Iran.....	8%
Somewhat significant.....	15
Not very significant.....	13
Not significant at all.....	53
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q-I43b: Europe committing to ensure Iranian access to enriched uranium

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very significant for Iran.....	9%
Somewhat significant.....	15
Not very significant.....	16
Not significant at all.....	46
Refused/Don't know .....	15

Q-I43c: Allowing Iran to join the World Trade Organization

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very significant for Iran.....	18%
Somewhat significant.....	21
Not very significant.....	11
Not significant at all.....	35
Refused/Don't know .....	15

Q-I43d: Lifting US economic sanctions against Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Very significant for Iran.....	12%
Somewhat significant.....	16
Not very significant.....	13
Not significant at all.....	46

Refused/Don't know .....13

Q-I43e: Unfreezing Iranian assets held by the US

**Iranians**

**12/06**

Very significant for Iran..... 14%

Somewhat significant.....14

Not very significant.....14

Not significant at all.....43

Refused/Don't know .....14

Q-I43f: Providing spare parts for civilian aircraft

**Iranians**

**12/06**

Very significant for Iran..... 13%

Somewhat significant.....17

Not very significant.....13

Not significant at all.....44

Refused/Don't know .....13

Q-I43g: Repealing US legislation calling for regime change in Iran

**Iranians**

**12/06**

Very significant for Iran..... 8%

Somewhat significant.....11

Not very significant.....13

Not significant at all.....51

Refused/Don't know .....17

Q-I43h: Transfer of nuclear energy technology to Iran

**Iranians**

**12/06**

Very significant for Iran..... 16%

Somewhat significant.....14

Not very significant.....10

Not significant at all.....48

Refused/Don't know .....14



Q-I43: Here is a list of possible benefits that the US and other countries could provide to Iran in exchange for agreeing to stop enriching uranium. Please say for each one whether you favor or oppose being willing to do each of the following as part of a package in exchange for Iran agreeing to stop enriching uranium.

Q-I43a: The US making an official commitment to not use military force against Iran

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	38%
Oppose .....	51
Refused/Don't know .....	11

Q-I43b: Europe committing to ensure Iranian access to enriched uranium

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	14%
Oppose .....	73
Refused/Don't know .....	13

Q-I43c: Allowing Iran to join the World Trade Organization

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	54%
Oppose .....	34
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q-I43d: Lifting US economic sanctions against Iran

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	47%
Oppose .....	40
Refused/Don't know .....	13

Q-I43e: Unfreezing Iranian assets held by the US

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	39%
Oppose .....	50
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q-I43f: Providing spare parts for civilian aircraft

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	52%
Oppose .....	38
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q-I43g: Repealing US legislation calling for regime change in Iran

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	44%
Oppose .....	43
Refused/Don't know .....	13

Q-I43h: Transfer of nuclear energy technology to Iran

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Favor .....	11%
Oppose .....	79
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q-I44: As a general rule, do you think the United Nations should or should not actively work to discourage countries from acquiring nuclear weapons?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>4/06</b>
Should .....	53%	87%
Should not .....	35	8
Refused/Don't know .....	11	5

Q-I45: As you may know, Iran and most of the world’s countries have signed a treaty called the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty or NPT. According to this treaty, the countries that have nuclear weapons have agreed to actively work together toward eliminating their nuclear weapons. The countries that do not have nuclear weapons, including Iran, have agreed not to try to acquire them. Were you aware that [COUNTRY] has agreed to this?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>11/06</b>
Yes .....	69%	51%
No.....	21	46
Refused/Don’t know .....	11	3

Q-I46: Do you think it was a good idea or a bad idea for [COUNTRY] to agree to be part of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>	<b>Americans</b> <b>11/06</b>
Good idea.....	66%	78%
Bad idea .....	10	15
Refused/Don’t know .....	24	7

Q-I47: Do you approve of Iran continuing to be a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)? Do you think Iran should or should not withdraw from it?

	<b>Iranians</b> <b>12/06</b>
Should .....	15%
Should not.....	60
Refused/Don’t know .....	25

Q-I47: Do you approve of the United States continuing to be a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) or do you think the United States should withdraw from it?

	<b>Americans</b> <b>11/06</b>
Should continue as a member .....	79%
Should withdraw from the NPT .....	15
Refused/Don’t know .....	7

Q-I48: Do you favor or oppose the goal of eventually eliminating all nuclear weapons, which is stated in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Favor .....	68%	82%
Oppose .....	18	14
Refused/Don't know .....	14	5

Q-I49: The United States and other countries with nuclear weapons are obliged under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to actively work together toward eliminating nuclear weapons? Please say how well you think the United States is fulfilling this obligation.

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Not at all well.....	73%	9%
Not very well.....	9	28
Somewhat well.....	5	40
Very well.....	1	15
Refused/Don't know .....	13	9

Q-I50: 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? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	50%	41%
Favor somewhat .....	21	30
Oppose somewhat .....	5	12
Oppose strongly .....	13	9
Refused/Don't know .....	11	9

Q-I51: Do you think that fifty years from now there will be more countries with nuclear weapons than there are today?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Yes .....	84%	91%
No.....	4	7
Refused/Don't know .....	12	2

[IF “YES” to Q-I51]

Q-I51a: Do you think that Iran will be one of them?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Yes .....	27% <sup>*</sup>	86% <sup>†</sup>
No.....	30	3
Refused/Don't know .....	27	2

Q-I52: How many countries do you think have secret programs for developing the capacity to produce nuclear weapons?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
None.....	1%	1%
A few.....	28	23
Some .....	26	36
Many .....	22	36
Refused/Don't know .....	22	4

Q-I53: Do you approve or disapprove of [COUNTRY] participating in the treaties that ban biological and chemical weapons?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>12/06</b>
Approve.....	68%
Disapprove .....	20
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q-I54: How much have you heard or read about the United Nations nuclear agency called the International Atomic Energy Agency, also known as the IAEA? Have you heard [...] about this agency?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>12/06</b>	<b>5/05<sup>‡</sup></b>
A lot .....	9%	5%
Some .....	41	10
A little .....	27	23
Nothing at all.....	17	60
Refused/Don't know .....	7	2

\* Percent of total.

† Percent of total.

‡ Data from International Atomic Energy Agency study.

Q-I55: I'd now like to focus on nuclear security. Which of the following two views is closest to yours?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 5/05*</b>
I believe the risk of terrorist acts involving radioactive materials and nuclear facilities is low, because they are securely protected.....	39%	56%
I believe the risk of terrorist acts involving radioactive materials or nuclear facilities is high, because of insufficient protection .....	24	27
Refused/Don't know .....	37	17

Q-I56: Which statement best reflects your view of the generation of electricity using nuclear reactors?

	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 5/05†</b>
Countries with nuclear power plants should use the ones they already have, but no one should build new ones.....	3%	29%
Nuclear power is dangerous and we should close down all operating nuclear power plants in the world as soon as possible .....	3	20
Nuclear power is relatively safe and an important source of electricity, and interested countries should build new nuclear power plants.....	80	40
Refused/Don't know/None of the above.....	14	11

\* Data from International Atomic Energy Agency study.

† Data from International Atomic Energy Agency study.

DEMOGRAPHICS

US Poll:

Population demographics for the United States were not included because data was drawn from several studies. These demographics are available online at <http://www.worldpublicopinion.org>

Iranian Poll:

D1. Education level

Less than High School .....	28%
High School Graduate.....	49
Some College or Higher.....	24

D2. Age

16-24 .....	35%
25-29 .....	14
30-44 .....	30
45-59 .....	13
60+ .....	8

D4. Have you ever used the Internet?

Yes .....	34%
No.....	66

D5. When you follow the news these days, how interested are you in news about the relations of Iran with other countries?

Very interested.....	49%
Somewhat interested.....	31
Hardly interested.....	9
Don't follow the news.....	9
Refused/Don't know .....	3

D6. Gender

Male .....	52%
Female.....	48

D7. Region in Iran

Tehran .....	26%
North .....	10
Northeast.....	10
Southeast.....	7
South .....	10
Central.....	10
Southwest.....	9
West .....	6
Northwest.....	13

#### D8. Population Category

Tehran .....	12%
Above 1 million .....	14
500k – 1 million.....	9
100k – 500k.....	20
Less than 100k .....	12
Rural.....	31

## METHODOLOGY

### **US Sample:**

In the United States, the polls of 1004 and 1326 respondents were fielded December 6-11 and November 21-29, 2006 with a margin of error of +/- 3.2-3.8% and of +/- 2.7-3.9% depending on the sample size for each question. The polls were fielded by Knowledge Networks, using its nationwide panel, which is randomly selected from the entire adult population and subsequently provided internet access. For more information about this methodology, go to [www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp](http://www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp).

### **Iranian Sample:**

#### **Sample Design:**

A multistage stratified sample with randomized household selection and random selection of respondents within households was utilized for this poll. The sample's universe included all residents of Iran aged 16 and over. The poll was conducted in 80 urban PSUs (Primary Sampling Units) and 97 villages. All provinces were covered.

#### **Urban:**

Urban cities are distributed into four tiers according to their population

Tier 1 cities: 1M+

Tier 2 cities: 500K-1M

Tier 3 cities: 100K-500K

Tier 4 cities: less than 100K



## **Selection of PSUs**

### ***Stage 1: Selecting T1 (tier 1) and T2 (tier 2) cities***

All first-tier (population of over 1 million) and second-tier (500K-1 million) cities were selected with a probability of 1.

### ***Stage 2: Selecting Tier 3 cities (ethnic representation)***

Iran's census does not collect information on ethnicity for both practical and political reasons. Therefore, there is no reliable data available on the ethnic composition of the country. Hence, in order to make the sample as representative of the ethnic makeup of the country as possible, at stage 2, each T3 city is categorised on the basis of the prevalent ethnic character of the city as one of the following 7 major ethnic groups:

- 1) Fars ( also includes very small minorities – total 3% of population)
- 2) Azeri
- 3) Kurd
- 4) Lur
- 5) Arab
- 6) Baluch
- 7) Gilak/Shomali

In other words, each T3 city was classified as belonging to only one of the above categories. Once the categorisation was completed, the share of each category in the total of T3 cities was established. The number of PSUs for each ethnic category was made proportional to the share of this category in the total of all T3 cities. Then, T3 cities were selected randomly and independently within each ethnic category of T3 cities, according to the number of PSUs allocated to each category.

### ***Stage 3: Selecting T4 cities and rural districts (regional representation)***

All 30 provinces of Iran were divided into the following 9 regional categories without any overlap:

- 1 – Tehran (*Province of Tehran, Semnan, Ghazvin, Ghom, Markazi, and Hamedan*)
- 2 – N (*Province of Gilan, Golestan, and Mazandaran*)
- 3 – NE (*Province of Khorasan Razavi, Khorasan Jonoobi, and Khorasan Shomali*)
- 4 – SE (*Province of Sistan Baluchestan and Kerman*)
- 5 – S (*Province of Fars, Kohkeelooyeh va Boyerahmad and Hormozgan*)
- 6 – C (*Province of Isfahan, Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari, and Yazd*)
- 7 – SW (*Province of Bushehr, Khoozastan, and Lorestan*)
- 8 – W (*Province of Ilam, Kurdistan, and Kermanshah*)
- 9 – NW (*Province of Azarbaijan Sharghi, Azarbaijan Gharbi, Ardabil, and Zanjan*)

All T4 cities and rural districts were assigned to regional categories according to the geographic location of their province. Then T4 cities and rural districts were selected randomly and independently within each category of T4 cities and rural districts according to the number of PSUs allocated to each category.

***Stage 4: Sample point selection: (SPs)***

Once Primary Sample Units (PSUs) were selected through the indicated first three stages, sampling points (SPs) were randomly selected from within each PSU. For urban areas, an SP is defined as the streets within an Urban PSU. For rural areas, an SP is defined as the village within a Rural PSU. In general, no more than 5 interviews were conducted in each SP.

***Stage 5: Household selection within SP***

From the pre-selected starting point, the 1<sup>st</sup> residential unit on the left side of street and then every 3<sup>rd</sup> residential unit were contacted. If the residential unit was a single family house or a 2-level building in which 2 households reside, then the household residing on the first level was picked. If the residential unit was a 3+ level apartment building, the household residing on the middle level was picked. If multiple households reside within a particular level, then the first household on the left, closest to the elevator/staircase was picked.

***Stage 6: Selecting a respondent within a household:***

Our interviewers asked to speak with an eligible member of the household who has had the most recent birthday. If more than one household member qualified because two members had the same birthday, our interviewers then asked to speak with the one who had most recently been out of the house. If no one was home, we tried two additional times. If someone was home but the randomly selected member was not, a time was arranged so that the interview could take place at a mutually agreeable time. If the selected member refused to willingly participate, if a mutually agreeable arrangement could not be made, or if a selected household could not be reached after three attempts, the interviewers abandoned the household and move to the next.

***Stage 7: Interview allocation:***

Interviews were allocated proportional to the population size of the selected PSUs and the areas those PSUs represented in the region. Selected PSUs within each region were made to represent the population of similar settlements (population category) within that region:

Region	Name of the Province	Total Interviews	Urban	Rural
C	Isfahan	59	45	14
C	Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	14	8	6
C	Yazd	22	19	3
<b>Tehran</b>	Tehran	186	164	22
<b>Tehran</b>	Semnan	11	9	2
<b>Tehran</b>	Ghazvin	22	12	7
<b>Tehran</b>	Ghom	16	15	1
<b>Tehran</b>	Markazi	12	12	3
<b>Tehran</b>	Hamedan	15	8	7

N	Gilan	34	16	18
N	Golestan	18	12	6
N	Mazandaran	48	28	20
NE	Khorasan Razavi	65	40	25
NE	Khorasan Jonoobi (South)	8	4	4
NE	Khorasan Shomali (North)	22	16	6
SE	Sistan Baluchestan	42	27	15
SE	Kerman	30	24	6
S	Fars	63	33	30
S	Kohkeelooyeh va Boyerahmad	12	7	5
S	Hormozgan	22	14	8
SW	Bushehr	11	6	5
SW	Khoozestan	58	38	20
SW	Lorestan	20	11	9
W	Ilam	8	4	4
W	Kurdestan	15	10	5
W	Kermanshah	39	27	12
NW	Azarbaijan Sharghi (East)	58	34	24
NW	Azarbaijan Gharbi (West)	34	21	13
NW	Ardabil	19	15	4
NW	Zanjan	17	10	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>311</b>

### Margin of Error

A total of 1,000 interviews were completed. With a simple random sample of 1,000, the margin of error is +/- 3.2 percentage points. Since face-to-face national surveys are normally multi-stage stratified samples, as was employed in Iran, a small design effect is typically present. With a sample of this size and 177 primary sampling units, the actual margin of sampling error is likely to be somewhat wider, but still less than 4.5 percentage points.

### Survey Execution

All interviewing was conducted by a major Iranian survey organization using their local interviewing and supervisory staff.

### Contact and completion rate

The contact rate was 94%; the completion rate was 86%. "Contact" is defined as the ability to reach the eligible and qualified member of a household (see Stage 5 and 6). "Completion" is defined as the ability of the eligible respondent to cooperate with the interviewer to the very end

of the poll, without any third party interference or a request of termination from the individual being interviewed.

### **Quality Assurance**

Twenty percent of the houses that were interviewed were selected randomly and re-contacted. The supervisor first made sure the right person within the household was selected, and then re-asked Q2, Q14, Q31, D1, D2, and D4 to ensure that the interviewer had recorded the answers in accurate fashion. If a gross discrepancy was observed between what was recorded and what was stated, the interviewer was dismissed and all of his/her interviews were discarded. The discarded interviews are treated as if they had never happened and do not count into the contact/completion rates.

The survey data were not weighted because official data on national demographics are not universally considered to be credible. Population size and density were the only official data used to assist the sample design.