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THE WORLDPUBLICOPINION.ORG SURVEY

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Q1. Please tell me whether you think each of the following things have in general gotten better, gotten worse, or are about the same as compared to four years ago:

a. First about the economic situation of your family. Would you say your and your family's economic situation have in general gotten better, gotten worse, or are about the same as compared to four years ago?

	WPO	TFT*
	9/09	5/09
Have gotten better	27%	29%
Have gotten worse.....	31	24
Have remained about the same	42	47
Don't know	*	DK/R 1
Refused	*	

b. How about the economic situation of the country as a whole?

Have gotten better	29%
Have gotten worse.....	45
Have remained about the same	14
Don't know	10
Refused	2

* The Terror Free Tomorrow question read: "In terms of your own personal economic situation, do you think your financial situation today is better, the same, or worse than it was when President Ahmadinejad took office in August 2005?"

c. How about the degree of economic equality across the country?

Have gotten better	30%
Have gotten worse.....	35
Have remained about the same	18
Don't know	14
Refused	3

d. How about Iran's ability to resist foreign pressures?

Have gotten better	57%
Have gotten worse.....	14
Have remained about the same	13
Don't know	15
Refused	2

e. How about the degree of civil liberties in Iran's society?

Have gotten better	48%
Have gotten worse.....	23
Have remained about the same	22
Don't know	6
Refused	1

f. How about Iran's relations with western countries?

Have gotten better	33%
Have gotten worse.....	30
Have remained about the same	16
Don't know	18
Refused	2

Q2. Now, I am going to read you a list of institutions in our country. Please tell me whether you have a lot of confidence, some confidence, not much confidence, or no confidence at all in each of them:

a. First about the Majlis. Please tell whether you have a lot of confidence, some confidence, not much confidence, or no confidence at all in Majlis.

A lot of confidence.....	40%
Some confidence.....	39
Not much confidence	7
No confidence at all	8
Don't know	5
Refused	2

b. How about the Ministry of Interior?

A lot of confidence.....	38%
Some confidence.....	34
Not much confidence	6
No confidence at all	6
Don't know	14
Refused	3

c. How about the President?

A lot of confidence.....	64%
Some confidence.....	21
Not much confidence	5
No confidence at all	6
Don't know	2
Refused	2

d. How about the Judiciary Branch?

A lot of confidence.....	43%
Some confidence.....	30
Not much confidence	7
No confidence at all	7
Don't know	11
Refused	2

e. How about the Guardian Council?

A lot of confidence.....	42%
Some confidence.....	29
Not much confidence	6
No confidence at all	6
Don't know	15
Refused	2

f. How about the police?

A lot of confidence.....	52%
Some confidence.....	31
Not much confidence	6
No confidence at all	7
Don't know	3
Refused	1

READ STATEMENT: Now I have a few questions about the United States

Q3. How much confidence do you have in US President Barack Obama to do the right thing regarding world affairs? Is that:

A lot of confidence.....	2%
Some confidence.....	14
Not much confidence	14
No confidence at all	57
Don't know	11
Refused	2

US President George W. Bush:

2/08

A lot of confidence.....	2%
Some confidence.....	4
Not too much confidence	8
No confidence at all	72
Depends (vol.).....	0
Don't know/Refused	14

Q4. In general do you think US President Barack Obama does or does not respect Islam?

Does respect Islam	25%
Does not respect Islam	59
Don't know	14
Refused	3

Q5. To what degree do you favor or oppose full, unconditional negotiations between the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the government of the United States?

	WPO	TFT	TFT
	9/09	5/09	2/08
Favor strongly	20%	40%	39%
Favor somewhat	40	20	22
Oppose somewhat	7	7	11
Oppose strongly	23	23	18
Don't know	7	DK/R 10	DK/R 11
Refused	3		

Q6. To what degree do you favor or oppose Iran and the United States restoring diplomatic relations?

Favor strongly	18%
Favor somewhat	45
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	18
Don't know	8
Refused	3

Q7. To what degree do you favor or oppose Iran cooperating with the US to combat the Taliban operating in Afghanistan near Iran's border?

Favor strongly	22%
Favor somewhat	21
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	32
Don't know	12
Refused	3

Q8. Thinking now about US actions around the world, please tell me if you think each of the following is or is not a US goal.

a. To impose American culture on Muslim society. Please tell me whether you think this is definitely a US goal, probably a US goal, probably not a US goal, or definitely not a US goal?

	WPO
	9/09
Definitely a US goal.....	57%
Probably a US goal	18
Probably not a US goal	7
Definitely not a US goal	9
Don't know	7
Refused	2

b. How about to maintain control over the oil resources of the Middle East?

	WPO	WPO
	9/09	2/08
Definitely a US goal.....	62%	71%
Probably a US goal	16	13
Probably not a US goal	2	3
Definitely not a US goal	6	3
Don't know	12	DK/R 11
Refused	1	

c. How about to see the creation of an independent and economically viable Palestinian state?

	WPO	WPO	WPO
	9/09	2/08	12/06
Definitely a US goal.....	13%	3%	2%
Probably a US goal	12	9	9
Probably not a US goal	9	16	13
Definitely not a US goal	46	62	62
Don't know	18	DK/R 10	DK/R 14
Refused	2		

d. How about to weaken and divide the Islamic world?

	WPO	WPO
	9/09	2/08
Definitely a US goal.....	68%	69%
Probably a US goal	13	15
Probably not a US goal	5	4
Definitely not a goal of the US	7	3

Don't know	6	DK/R 10
Refused	*	

Q9. In the way US behaves toward our government, do you think the US more often treats our government fairly, OR abuses its greater power to make our government do what the US wants?

Treats us fairly	7%
Abuses its greater power.....	85
Don't know	5
Refused	3

Q10. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of attacks on US military troops in Afghanistan? Do you:

Strongly approve.....	16%
Somewhat approve.....	10
Have mixed feelings	18
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	41
Don't know	6
Refused	2

Q11. How about attacks on US military troops based in the Persian Gulf states? Do you:

Strongly approve.....	21%
Somewhat approve.....	11
Have mixed feelings	13
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	33
Don't know	10
Refused	4

READ STATEMENT: Now on a different topic:

Q12. Regarding Iran's nuclear program, please tell me which of the following courses of action you prefer for Iran:

To develop both atomic bombs and nuclear power	38%
To only develop nuclear power.....	55
To have no nuclear programs.....	3
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Q13. As you may know, Iran is currently under sanctions for enriching uranium. To what degree would you say these sanctions have had a negative impact on our country's situation?

Has had a lot of negative impact.....	23%
Has had some negative impact.....	37
Has had only a little negative impact.....	15
Has had no negative impact	15
Don't know	9
Refused	1

Q14. If Iran continues its current nuclear program, including enriching uranium, how likely do you think it is that the current sanctions against Iran will be increased? Do you think they will:

Definitely be increased	35%
Probably be increased	35
Probably not be increased	10
Definitely not be increased	9
Don't know	9
Refused	2

Q15. Would you favor or oppose an agreement whereby the current sanctions against Iran would be removed and Iran would continue its nuclear energy program, except that it would agree not to enrich uranium? Would you:

Favor such an agreement	31%
Oppose such an agreement.....	55
Don't know	10
Refused	4

[ASK those who say "Oppose such an agreement" or "Refused/Don't know" on Q15]

Q16. Would you favor or oppose an agreement whereby the current sanctions against Iran would be removed and Iran would continue to its uranium enrichment program, but would agree to grant international inspectors unrestricted access to all Iranian nuclear facilities to make sure that it is not making an atomic bomb? Would you:

Favor such an agreement	34%*
Oppose such an agreement.....	22
Don't know	8
Refused	1

READ STATEMENT: Now turning to another issue:

Q17. Do you think that when there are concerns about the fairness of elections countries should or should not be willing to have international observers from the United Nations monitor their elections?

Should be willing	37%
Should not be willing	55
Don't know	6
Refused	2

Q18. In general how satisfied are you with the process by which the authorities are elected in this country?

	WPO	WPO
	9/09	2/08
Very satisfied	40%	18%
Somewhat satisfied	41	44
Not very satisfied	10	21
Not at all satisfied	6	7

* Percent of total

Don't know	2	DK/R 10
Refused	1	

Q19. Did you vote in the recent presidential election?

Yes	87%
No.....	12
Don't know	*
Refused	*

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT ANSWERES YES ON Q19 ABOVE]

STATEMENT: As you know, a great many people voted in the last election and each candidate was able to attract many voters. Talking to people, we have come across many who voted for Mousavi or Ahmadinejad, or for Rezayi or Karoubi, and some who wrote in names of people who were not official candidates. Regardless of how you think about all these candidates now, please tell me:

Q20: Who did you vote for in that election?

Mir Hussein Mousavi.....	14%*
Ahmadinejad	55
Rezayi	3
Karoubi	1
Other (vol.).....	*
Don't know	3
Refused	24

Q21. How free and fair do you think this election was? Would you say this election was:

Completely free and fair	66%
Somewhat free and fair	17
Not very free and fair	5
Not free and fair at all	5
Don't know	5
Refused	2

* Percent of total.

Q22. How much confidence do you have in the declared election results? Would you say you have:

A lot of confidence.....	62%
Some confidence.....	21
Not much confidence	6
No confidence at all	7
Don't know	3
Refused	2

Q23. If the same election were to be repeated again tomorrow, who would you vote for?

Mir Hussein Mousavi.....	8%
Ahmadinejad	49
Rezayi	2
Karoubi	1
I will not vote (vol.)	13
Other (vol.).....	1
Don't know	7
Refused	19

Q24. Considering everything that has occurred before, during, and after the elections, do you consider Ahmadinejad to be the legitimate President of Iran?

Yes	81%
No.....	10
Don't know	3
Refused	5

Q25. How honest do you think Ahmadinejad is when he speaks to the people? Do you think he is:

Very honest	48%
Somewhat honest	33
Not very honest	6
Not honest at all	5
Don't know	5
Refused	3

Q26: Do you think the Supreme Leader should or should not have given his support to Ahmadinejad after the election?

Should have.....	76%
Should not have.....	13
Don't know	6
Refused	5

Q27: Please tell me which view is closer to yours? Do you think:

	WPO 9/09	WPO 2/08
The press should have the right to publish news and ideas without any government control.	36%	31%
The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it thinks will be destabilizing	58	45
Don't know	4	DK/R 24
Refused	2	

Q28. In Iran how free do you think people are to express controversial political views, without fear of being harassed or punished? Would you say people are:

Completely free.....	27%
Somewhat free	44
Not very free	12
Not at all free	11
Don't know	4
Refused	2

Q29. How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in Tehran to do what is right?

	WPO 9/09	WPO 2/08
Most of the time	54%	48%
Some of the time	31	26
Rarely	9	11
Never.....	2	2

Don't know2 DK/R 12
 Refused1

STATEMENT: Now here are a few more questions about the United States.

Q30. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the following:

a. First the current US Government. Would you say you have a very favorable opinion, somewhat favorable opinion, somewhat unfavorable opinion, or a very unfavorable opinion of the current US government?

	WPO 9/09	WPO 2/08	WPO 12/06
Very favorable	3%	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	14	6	3
Somewhat unfavorable.....	8	10	9
Very unfavorable	69	75	84
Don't know	4	DK/R 8	DK/R 3
Refused	2		

b. How about the American people?

	WPO 9/09	WPO 2/08	WPO 12/06
Very favorable	13%	15%	9%
Somewhat favorable.....	38	36	36
Somewhat unfavorable.....	7	17	16
Very unfavorable	31	20	33
Don't know	8	DK/R 12	DK/R 6
Refused	3		

Q31. Please tell me which of these three positions is closest to yours?

The US opposes democracy in
 Muslim countries 19%

The US favors democracy in Muslim countries,
 but only if the government is cooperative
 with the US51

The US favors democracy in Muslim countries,
 whether or not the government is cooperative
 with the US16

Don't know10
 Refused4

Q32. In general, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Iran's system of government? Would you say you are:

Very satisfied 41%
 Somewhat satisfied46
 Not very satisfied7
 Not at all satisfied3

 Don't know1
 Refused1

Q33. Do you think the way the Supreme Leader is selected is or is not consistent with the principles of democracy?

Is consistent with the principles of democracy 55%

 Is not consistent with the principles of
 democracy14

 Depends (vol.).....5

 Don't know19
 Refused7

Q34. Please tell me which of these two views is closer to yours? Do you think:

A council of senior religious scholars should
 have the power to overturn laws when it
 believes they are contrary to the Quran. 62%

 If laws are passed by elected representatives
 of the people they should not be subject to a
 veto by senior religious scholars.....24

 Don't know11
 Refused3

Q35. Do you think it is appropriate for members of the Guardian Council to support a candidate in an election, or do you think they should always remain neutral?

Is appropriate	16%
Should always remain neutral.....	75
Depends (vol.).....	2
Don't know	5
Refused	2

Q36. Do you think the constitution of our country gives the Supreme Leader:

More power than it is necessary.....	17%
Less power than it is necessary.....	6
Necessary amount of power.....	61
Don't know	12
Refused	4

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. How is the economic situation of your family as compared to most other people living in your city/village? Would you say the economic situation of your family is:

A lot better	1%
Somewhat better.....	16
Roughly the same.....	63
Somewhat worse	12
A lot worse.....	5
Don't know	1
Refused	1

D2. Do you follow the radio or satellite programs of VOA or BBC?

Yes	20%
No.....	80
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D3. Gender

Male	49%
Female.....	51

D4. Age

18-24	26%
25-34	27
35-44	19
45-54	14
60+	15

D5. What is the level of your education?

Illiterate.....	3%
Primary.....	11
Some middle school / middle school diploma	10
Some high school / high school student.....	4
High school diploma	36
Some tertiary / tertiary student*	5
Associate's degree	10
Bachelor's degree	17

* According to the Iranian educational system this category is equivalent to some college

Master's/PhD3

D6. What is your employment status? Are you....

Working full-time (40+ hours) 28%
Working part-time (less than 40 hours)7
Unemployed, looking for work.....6
Unemployed, not looking for work.....3
Housewife (not working outside the home).....32
Student/apprentice.....14
Retired/disabled9

D7. What is your household's total average monthly income? Is it...

100,000 Tomans or less 4%
100,001 to 150,000 Tomans2
150,001 to 200,000 Tomans8
200,001 to 400,000 Tomans38
400,001 to 600,000 Tomans26
600,001 to 800,000 Tomans,10
800,001 Tomans or greater7

Don't know/Refused6

D8. Would you describe your household as upper class, middle class, working class or poor?

Upper (A/B) 1%
Middle (C1, C2).....43
Working (D).....37
Poor (E).....18

Don't know/Refused1

D9: How many days a week do you access the Internet?

Not at all..... 65%
Every day or almost every day.....6
Three or four days a week.....4
One or two days a week12
Less than once a week.....13

D10. Is there more than one telephone line connected to your home?

Yes 15%
No.....85

D11. What is your religion?

Shia	93%
Sunni	4
Other	2
Don't know/Refused	2

D12. What is your ethnicity?

Persian.....	53%
Turk or Azeri.....	23
Kurd	6
Arab.....	2
Baluch	1
Lor.....	5
Gilak or Mazandarani	6
Turkmen.....	*
Other	2
Don't know/Refused	1

D13. Do you live in an urban area or a rural area?

Urban.....	69%
Rural.....	31

D14. Finally, we would like to know, in general, how easy or difficult it was for you to answer these questions. Did you find answering these questions:

Very easy to do	41%
Somewhat easy to do	41
Somewhat difficult to do.....	15
Very difficult to do.....	2
Other (vol.).....	*
Don't know/Refused	1

THE GLOBESCAN SURVEY

Dates of Survey: June 19-24, 2009
Sample Size: 1051

Margin of Error: +/- 3.0 percentage points

Q1) Did you vote in the recent presidential elections?

Yes	86%
No	11
DK	1
No Response/refused	2

Q2) Which of the following candidates did you vote for?

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	56%
Mir Hussein Mousavi	32
Mohseni Rezayi	2
Mehdi Karoubi	0
Other	1
DK	2
No Response/refused	7

Q3) Why did you not vote? [open-ended ONLY ASKED TO THOSE WHO SAID NO ON Q1]

Because the elections does not change anything in Iran...	1%*
None of the candidates were acceptable to me	1
I am not interested in politics	1
Voting is too difficult for me / purely personal reasons	5
Disqualification of the candidate of my choice...	1
I tried to vote but was not because the voting station...	*
Other	1
DK	*
No Response/refused	*

Q4) If you had voted, which of the following candidates do you think you would have voted for?

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	27%
Mir Hussein Mousavi	41
Mohsen Rezayi	3

* Percent of total.

Mehdi Karoubi	1
other	5
DK	13
No Response/refused	10

Q5) How free and fair do you think was this election?

Completely free and fair	54%
Mostly free and fair	22
Not very free and fair	10
Not at all free and fair	6
DK	4
No Response/refused	4

Q6) Some people have been calling for re-running the elections with greater oversight of the process. To what extent do you agree or disagree with re-running the elections with greater oversight?

Agree very much	17%
Agree somewhat	10
Disagree somewhat	8
Disagree strongly	54
DK	6
No Response/refused	3

Q7.1- To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following measures? Q7.1- Pursuing direct talks with the US to resolve the problems between the two countries

Agree very much	26%
Agree somewhat	32
Disagree somewhat	11
Disagree strongly	18
Depends	2
DK	8
No Response/refused	3

Q7.2- Pursuing Iran's nuclear programme cooperatively with other nations, accepting full inspections if sanctions are lifted

Agree very much	26%
Agree somewhat	33
Disagree somewhat	9
Disagree strongly	15
Depends	2
DK	13
No Response/refused	3

Q7.3- Expanding the private sector in Iran

Agree very much	38%
Agree somewhat	26
Disagree somewhat	8
Disagree strongly	12
Depends	1
DK	13
No Response/refused	2

Q7.4- Putting a greater priority on rights of freedom of speech and the press

Agree very much	35%
Agree somewhat	36
Disagree somewhat	8
Disagree strongly	6
Depends	1
DK	9
No Response/refused	5

Q7.5- Allowing labour unions to be established

Agree very much	36%
Agree somewhat	35
Disagree somewhat	4
Disagree strongly	5
Depends	6
DK	10
No Response/refused	5

Q8) Given everything that you have heard and read about the recent election, do you consider Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to be the legitimate president of Iran?

Yes	75%
No	13
DK	10
No Response/refused	3

Q9) Taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the current system of government in Iran?

Very satisfied	49%
Somewhat satisfied	36
Somewhat dissatisfied	7
Very dissatisfied	4
DK	3

No Response/refused 2

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1 Gender

Male 51%
Female 49

D2 Age

18-24 25%
25 to 34 24
35 to 44 21
45 to 54 14
55 to 64 8
65+ 5
DK/NA 3

D3) What is your level of education?

Illiterate 8%
Primary 15
Some middle school / Middle school diploma 13
Some High school / high school student 6
High school diploma 32
Some tertiary / tertiary student 6
Associates degree 7
Bachelors degree 9
Master/PhD 3
Seminary education 0
DK 0
No Response/refused 2

D4) How often do you use the internet?

Never 65%
Less than once a month 10
once a month 5
two or three times a month 7
Once or more than once a week 6
Almost daily 5
DK 0
No Response/refused 2

D5) What is your marital status?

Married	69%
Single	27
Widowed/divorced	2
DK	0
No Response/refused	2

D6) What is your religion?

Shia Muslim	92%
Sunni Muslim	6
Other religions and sects of Islam	0
60	0
DK	0
No Response/refused	1

D7) What is your ethnicity?

Persian	51%
Turk	23
Kurd	7
Arab	2
Baluch	2
Lor	6
Gilak/Shomali	6
Other	1
DK	0
No Response/refused	1

D8) Do you live in Urban or Rural area?

Urban	71%
Rural	29

D9) Province name

Ardabil	2%
Esfahan	7
Ilam	1
East Azerbaijan	5
West Azerbaijan	4
Bushehr	1
Tehran	21
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiyari	1
South Khorasan	1

Razavi Khorasan	9
North Khorasan	1
Khuzestan	6
Zanjan	1
Semnan	1
Sistan & Baluchistan	4
Fars	7
Ghazmin	2
Qom	2
Kurdistan	2
Kerman	4
Kermanshah	3
Kohkiluyeh and Bouyer Ahmad	1
Golestan	2
Gilan	3
Lorestan	2
Mazandaran	4
Markazi	3
Hormozgan	2
Hamedan	2
Yazd	1
DK	0
No Response/refused	0

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN SURVEYS

May 19 through July 15, 2009

NOTE: This questionnaire includes all questions discussed in the text of WPO's analysis. It does not include every question asked in the ten nationwide fieldings by the University of Tehran. Each question includes a secondary code, (i.e. Q3-UT7). The UT code number represents the question number that appears in the University of Tehran dataset for that field period. If there are exceptions across datasets (i.e. Q3, June 9-10 [UT21.1], the secondary code reflects those given for that field period).

Questionnaire

<u>Field Organization</u>	<u>Dates of Survey:</u>	<u>Sample Size:</u>	<u>Margin of Error:</u>
University of Tehran	May 19-21	1166	2.9%
University of Tehran	May 22-23	3657	1.6%
University of Tehran	May 25-28	1091	3%
University of Tehran	June 1 st	625	3.9%
University of Tehran	June 4 th	543	4.2%
University of Tehran	June 6-8	2084	2.1%
University of Tehran	June 9-10	1009	3.1%
University of Tehran	June 11	450	4.6%
University of Tehran	June 18-25	1051	3%
University of Tehran	July 13-15	1199	2.8%

Q1-UT1. What is your evaluation of the country's election environment? Is it:

	Very healthy	Somewhat healthy	Not very healthy	Not healthy at all	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	33	45	7	4	11	1
May 25-28	21	45	17	7	10	0
June 1	19	46	20	6	9	0
June 6-8	18	45	18	7	11	1
June 9-10 [UT7]	14	42	23	12	9	1

Q2-UT6. During the past week, with which candidate's campaigns did you come across with more?

	Ahmadinejad	Mir Hussein Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	None	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	25.2	16.1	2.1	5.7	1.7	34.2	11.8	3.1
May 22-23	29.2	21.3	1.9	4.9	1.9	23.7	14.7	2.4
May 25-28	24	29.7	2.1	7.1	2.7	17.9	14.9	1.6
June 1	37.6	41.6	1	2.1	3	7.7	6.4	0.6

Q3-UT7.1: In your opinion have the campaigns of Ahmadinejad been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs or attacking other candidates?

	Have been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs	Have been mostly geared toward attacking other candidates	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	62	8	4	25	1
May 25-28	62	9	3	25	1
June 1	54	27	2	16	1
June 9-10 [UT21.1]	51	30	4	14	2
June 18-25 [UT3.4]	51	29	5	14	1

Q4-UT7.2. In your opinion have the campaigns of Mousavi been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs or attacking other candidates?

	Have been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs	Have been mostly geared toward attacking other candidates	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	43	20	3	33	1
May 25-28	45	33	2	19	1
June 1	42	38	2	17	1
June 9-10 [UT21.1]	37	42	4	16	2
June 18-25 [UT3.2]	31	46	4	18	2

Q5-UT7.3. In your opinion have the campaigns of Rezayi been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs or attacking other candidates?

	Have been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs	Have been mostly geared toward attacking other candidates	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	30	8	3	57	2
May 25-28	48	9	3	38	1
June 1	50	8	2	39	1
June 9-10 [UT21.3]	47	9	2	40	2
June 18-25 [UT3.1]	61	14	2	21	1

Q6-UT7.4. In your opinion have the campaigns of Karoubi been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs or attacking other candidates?

	Have been mostly geared toward introducing his own programs	Have been mostly geared toward attacking other candidates	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	30	33	3	33	2
May 25-28	31	38	3	27	2
June 1	33	41	1	23	1
June 9-10 [UT21.4]	30	42	3	22	2
June 18-25 [UT3.3]	30	49	4	15	1

Q7-UT8. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate's campaign do you think has thus far been more effective?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	All equally	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	45	18	1	4	2	3	26	3
May 22-23	42	20	1	3	2	3	27	3
May 25-28	37	29	1	2	2	7	20	2
June 1	38	39	2	2	1	4	13	1
June 11	44	31	2	0	2	7	14	1

Q8-UT10.1. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think has a better understanding of people's problems?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	63	13	2	3	2	16	2
May 25-28	54	21	2	2	3	16	3
June 1	46	26	8	3	3	13	2
June 11	55	24	6	1	4	9	1

Q9. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think is more honest?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
June 11 [UT10.2]	53	22	5	3	2	13	2

Q10-UT10.2. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think is more unwavering?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	58	11	4	6	1	19	2
May 25-28	53	16	2	4	3	21	2
June 1	47	28	4	4	3	13	1

Q11-UT10.5. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which one of the candidates do you think is more unpretentious and down to earth?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
June 1	67	12	2	4	3	11	2

Q12-UT11. Now imagine that you have to pick one between two candidates where victory of one will result in the improvement of Iran's economy and the victory of the other will result in improvement of Iran's power in the world. Which one of would you pick?

	The person who will improve the economy	The person who will improve Iran's power	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	38	46	6	8	2
May 25-28	43	43	6	7	2
June 1	45	40	5	8	2
June 11	48	39	8	5	1

Q13-UT12.1. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think will be more successful in dealing with the problems that are specific to the youth?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	50	16	3	3	3	24	3
May 25-28	40	27	2	4	4	21	3
June 1	39	31	5	2	3	18	2

Q14-UT12.2. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think will better be able to deal with the country's economic problems?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	46	17	2	4	2	26	4
May 25-28	43	23	6	3	3	20	3
June 1	41	27	9	3	4	15	2

Q15-UT12.3. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think will better be able to make Iran outstanding in the world?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	56	14	2	2	2	21	4
May 25-28	51	20	1	2	3	20	3
June 1	49	26	2	2	3	17	2
June 11	54	22	3	1	3	16	1

Q16-UT13. Now imagine that you have to pick one between two candidates where victory of one will result in the improvement of Iran's security and the victory of the other will result in improvement of civil liberties in Iran. Which one would you pick?

	The person who will improve the security	The person who will improve civil liberties	Depends	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	80	11	3	5	2
May 25-28	82	11	3	4	1

Q17-UT14. Will you participate (Vote) in the upcoming presidential elections?

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	71	11	11	5	1	2
May 22-23	71	10	14	3	1	2
May 25-28	74	9	12	5	0	0
June 1	80	7	11	2	1	0
June 4 [UT6]	81	6	11	2	0	
June 6-8 [UT26]	80	7	9	2	1	2
June 9-10 [UT26]	84	5	8	2	0	0
June 11	85	6	8	1	0	

Q17a: Did you vote in the recent presidential elections?

	Yes	No	DK	NA
June 18-25 [UT7.2]	89	11	0	0
July 13-15 [UT10]	83	13	4	0

Q18-UT16. If the presidential elections were held tomorrow, which candidate would you vote for? [ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID “DEFINITELY YES” OR “PROBABLY YES” IN Q17-UT14]

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	63	19	2	3	2	6	5
May 22-23	56	26	2	2	2	9	4
May 25-28	48	30	3	4		6	11
June 1	39	30	4	2	1	6	19
June 4 [UT8]	48	29	1	2	2	8	12
June 6-8 [UT29]	52	28	7	2	1	5	5
June 9-10 [UT29]	54	23	5	1		7	11
June 11	57	27	3	1	2	6	4

Q18a. Who did you vote for in this election? [ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID “YES” ON Q17a-UT7.2 and Q17a-UT10]

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
June 18-25 [UT8]	61	30	2	0	0	1	5
July 13-15 [UT12]	66	25	2	0	0	6	

Q19-UT21. Irrespective of who you intend to vote for, which candidate do you think will ultimately win the elections?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	DK	NA / Ref
May 19-21	61	8	1	1	1	24	4
May 22-23	55	16	1	1	1	22	4
May 25-28	57	20	0	1		19	3
June 1	53	22	0	0	2	20	3
June 4 [UT10]	55	18	0	1	3	19	4
June 11	57	24	0	0	2	14	3

Q20-UT22. If Ahmadinejad and Mousavi go to the second round, which candidate will you vote for then? [ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID “DEFINITELY YES” OR “PROBABLY YES” IN Q17-UT14]

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	DK/NA
June 11	56	30	15

Q21-UT18. In your opinion how impartial have Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting's (IRIB) programs been in introducing the candidates?

	Very Impartial	Somewhat impartial	Not very Impartial	Not Impartial at all	DK	NA
June 6-8	40	33	11	6	9	1
June 9-10	34	35	14	6	10	1

Note: In the original post-election questionnaires, Q22 through Q31 preceded Q17a and Q18a.

Q22-UT04: In your opinion how impartial have IRIB's programs been with respect to each of the candidates?

	Very Impartial	Somewhat impartial	Not very Impartial	Not Impartial at all	DK	NA
June 18-25	36	30	17	12	5	1

Q23-UT4.2-Irrespective of whom you have supported in the recent elections, in your opinion how likely is it that Ahmadinejad will fail combating economic corruption?

	Very Much	Somewhat	Not Much	Not at all	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	10	20	21	36	1	11

Q24-UT4.3. Irrespective of whom you have supported in the recent elections, in your opinion to what degree will Ahmadinejad be able bolster national unity?

	Very Much	Somewhat	Not Much	Not at all	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	41	28	20	5	1	5

Q25-UT4.4. Irrespective of whom you have supported in the recent elections, in your opinion to what degree will Ahmadinejad be able make Iran outstanding in the world?

	Very Much	Somewhat	Not Much	Not at all	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	45	27	6	16	2	5

Q26-UT5. As you know our country is under sanctions because of its nuclear program. To what degree do you think these sanction have negatively affected our country?

	Very much	Somewhat	Not much	None at all	DK/NA
July 13-15	22	35	19	16	9

Q27-UT6. How likely is it that these sanctions will be increased?

	Very much	Somewhat	Not much	None at all	DK/NA
July 13-15	27	33	13	14	13

Q28-UT7.1-To what degree do you agree or disagree: For Iran to militarily cooperate with the US to fight terrorist organizations such as the Taliban?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	10	12	8	58	1	10

Q29-UT7.2 - To what degree do you agree or disagree: For Iran to politically cooperate with the US to bring stability to Iraq and Afghanistan?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	19	23	8	37	1	12

Q30-UT8.2-To what degree do you agree or disagree: For Iran not to give up its nuclear activities regardless of the circumstances?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	72	13	3	5	0	7

Q31-UT9- Now consider that the president could either focus on improving our country's security or improving civil liberties in our country. Which one of these would you recommend to him?

	Improve security	Improve civil liberties	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	82	12	4	2

Q32-UT13.01: How much confidence do you have in the declared election results?

	Complete confidence	Some confidence	Little confidence	No confidence at all	DK	NA
June 18-25	60	23	5	7	4	2
July 13-15 [UT15]	61	23	4	8	4	

Q33-UT13.03.95: Taking into consideration everything that happened before, during, and after the elections, do you consider Ahmadinejad to be the legitimate president of Iran?

	Yes	No	DK	NA
June 18-25	73	14	10	3
July 13-15 [UT17]	76	12	12	

Q34-UT19- In your opinion how impartial have IRIB's programs been with respect to the post-election unrest?

	Very Impartial	Somewhat impartial	Not very Impartial	Not Impartial at all	DK/NA
July 13-15	40	28	14	11	7

Q35-UT21-In your opinion how free and fair was the elections?

	Very	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
July 13-15	60	18	5	14	4

Q36-UT22- If the same election was to be repeated again, who would you vote for?

	Ahmadinejad	Mousavi	Rezayi	Karoubi	Other	I would not vote	DK/NA
July 13-15	60	17	2	1	2	4	15

Q37-UT35.1-Irrespective of whom you have supported in the recent elections, in your opinion to what degree does Ahmadinejad have an understanding of people's problems?

	Very Much	Somewhat	Not Much	Not at all	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	40	37	12	7	1	4

Q38-UT35.2- Irrespective of whom you have supported in the recent elections, in your opinion how honest is Ahmadinejad when he speaks to the people?

	Very Much	Somewhat	Not Much	Not at all	Depends	DK/NA
July 13-15	50	25	5	13	1	6

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Gender

	Male	Female
May 19-21	51	49
May 22-23	49	52
May 25-28	48	52
June 1	50	50
June 4	55	45
June 6-8	49	52
June 9-10	49	51
June 11	53	47
June 18-25	51	49
July 13-15	52	48

D2.1. Age

	Up to 25	26 - 35	36 - 45	Over 45	NA/Refused
May 19-21	25	27	20	24	4
May 25-28	29	27	19	24	1
June 1	26	30	20	23	1
June 4	27	27	24	21	1
June 6-8	24	31	19	23	3
June 9-10	28	24	21	21	6
June 11	27	25	22	23	3
June 18-25	29	30	21	17	3
July 13-15	25	31	20	23	1

D3a - What is your level of education?

	Illiterate	Primary	Some Lower Secondary	Some Secondary	Secondary	Some college	AA	BA	MA / PhD	Semi- nary
May 19-21	7	18	14	5	30	4	8	9	2	0
May 25-28	8	16	15	4	30	6	8	10	2	0
June 1	6	15	10	7	36	4	8	12	2	0
June 6-8	7	16	16	6	31	5	6	10	2	0
June 9-10	8	14	13	6	31	7	8	11	2	0
June 18-25	6	15	13	6	33	6	7	10	3	N/A
July 13-15	8	17	15	4	29	5	8	12	3	0

D3b - What is your level of education?

	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	DK/Ref
May 22-23	38	36	23	3
June 4	38	32	29	1
June 11	40	35	24	1

D5 - Do you own your house or are you a tenant?

	Tenant	Owner	other	DK	NA
May 19-21	28	67	3		3
May 25-28	25	70	3	0	2
June 1	24	71	4	0	1

D6 - How often do you use the internet?

	Never	Less than once a month	Once a month	Two or three times a month	One or a few times a week	Almost daily	DK
May 19-21	68	8	5	6	6	5	0
May 25-28	70	8	5	7	5	5	1
June 1	69	6	5	6	7	6	0
June 6-8	67	6	5	7	6	5	0
June 9-10	65	9	6	5	8	6	0
June 18-25	64	10	6	7	6	6	2
July 13-15	69	8	6	5	7	6	0

D5- How frequently do you watch satellite TV?

	More than 4 hours a day	2-4 hours a day	1-2 hours a day	Less than 1 hour a day	Rarely	None at all	DK/NA
July 13-15	5	4	7	8	11	65	1

D6- Do you follow the news programs or BBC Farsi or VOA?

	Yes	No	DK/Ref
July 13-15	21	74	5

D7 - Are you single or Married?

	Married	Single	Divorced / Widow	DK	NA/Refused
May 19-21	70	25	3	0	3
May 25-28	68	29	3	0	0
June 1	68	29	2	0	1
June 6-8	68	27	3	0	3
June 9-10	68	28	2	0	1
June 18-25	68	29	2	0	2

D9 - What is your ethnicity?

	Persian	Turk/ Azeri	Kurd	Arab	Baluch	Lor	Gilak/ Mazani/ Shomali	Other	DK
May 19-21	48	20	7	3	2	8	9	1	0
May 25-28	51	21	7	3	1	8	7	2	0
June 1	50	21	9	3	1	7	6	1	1
June 6-8	50	20	8	3	1	7	7	1	0
June 9-10	51	21	7	1	2	7	8	2	0
June 18-25	49	23	9	2	1	7	7	1	0
July 13-15	49	22	7	3	2	8	7	1	1

D11 - Do you live in Urban or Rural areas?

	Urban	Rural	NA/Refused
May 19-21	67	32	1
May 22-23	68	32	0
May 25-28	70	30	0
June 1	68	32	0
June 4	68	32	0
June 6-8	69	31	0
June 9-10	69	31	0
June 11	69	31	0
June 18-25	68	31	1
July 13-15	67	33	0

METHODOLOGY

This report is based upon survey work by three different organizations: WorldPublicOpinion.org, GlobeScan, and academics at the University of Tehran. All three organizations used approximately the same survey methods – random-digit telephone interviewing to a national sample of Iranians. Each used a different data collection organization: WorldPublicOpinion.org contracted with a telephone survey agency which called into Iran from a neighboring country and used native Farsi speakers as interviewers; GlobeScan used an experienced commercial survey agency in Iran; the University used its own survey capabilities. The University of Tehran and GlobeScan studies were done completely independently.

The household penetration of telephone landlines in Iran is reported to be over 80 percent by Iran’s telecommunication company. WorldPublicOpinion.org conducted an in home survey with a national probability sample of Iranians in January-February, 2008 and found that 84 percent of Iranians reported having a landline telephone in their household.

None of the surveys used a procedure to sample cell-phone-only households. While this methodological feature is becoming more common in US polling, it does not seem to be employed regularly in Iran. We are not aware of data on the proportion of the Iranian population that can only be reached by cell phones. However, Internet use in Iran reported in the WPO.org survey (36%) closely matched estimates of the World Factbook (33.5%). This suggests that users of newer telecommunications technologies were well represented. Furthermore, young people were not under-represented in the sample. It was not necessary to up-weight the young age group in the sample; young people are usually thought to be the population most affected by telephone survey designs which do not include cell phone sample frames.

The WorldPublicOpinion.org Study

This study was designed, managed, and analyzed by the Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) at the University of Maryland as part of the WorldPublicOpinion.org. Staff from this organization have carried previous studies in Iran using face-to-face interviewing and have also conducted focus groups in Iran. This organization is responsible for all of the survey questions and the interpretation of the findings.

The survey was executed by means of computer-assisted-telephone interviewing by a professional research agency outside Iran. All interviewers were native Farsi speakers. Telephone interviewing and an outside agency were chosen for this study so that there would be no political constraints on questions asked or speculation about the influence of Iranian authorities on the data collection process. In the past, when we have examined clearly documented studies of the Iranian public, we have found that telephone methods and face-to-face methods have produced very similar findings with comparable questions.

The sample was stratified by Iranian provinces using area codes and telephone exchanges for landline telephones in Iran. Numbers were randomly selected and the last four digits of actual telephone numbers were randomly varied. When a residence was reached, an adult was selected randomly using the next birthday technique. An initial attempt and three callbacks were made in an effort to complete an interview.

In implementing the random digit sample, a total of 2,886 households were contacted. Of the 2,886 contacted households, in 691 a qualified respondent could not be reached and in 106 there was a language barrier (non-Farsi). Of the 2,089 households successfully screened for qualification, there were 1,086 refusals (52%) and 1,003 completed interviews (cooperation rate 48%). Including cases in the denominator where a qualified respondent was not reached, the response rate was 34.8% (1,003 divided by 2886.)

For reference, the most recent poll by Terror Free Tomorrow conducted before the election in May, 2009 reported a 58% cooperation rate and a 42% refusal rate.

A sample of 1,003 interviews completed in this study has a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.

All thirty Iranian provinces were represented in the completed sample in proportions similar to their actual populations, as were rural and urban areas and females and males. A post-weighting procedure was employed using gender, age, province, and urban-rural residence as factors. Demographic targets were based upon 2005 data from the Statistical Center of Iran. In general, the weighting effect was quite small; however, respondents 55 years and older had to be up-weighted and those 35-44 down-weighted somewhat.

The GlobeScan Study

GlobeScan is an international survey research organization headquartered in Toronto established in 1987. GlobeScan's professional staff designed the questionnaire and arranged for it to be conducted by a commercial survey research agency in Tehran which they had previously used for Iran surveys.

The survey was conducted June 19–24, 2009, or 7–12 days after the June 12 election. It consisted of a random digit telephone sample stratified by urban-rural and by province; a total of 1,051 adults were interviewed in a nationally representative sample plus over-samples of 191 respondents in the city of Tabriz, 89 in the city of Tehran, and 183 in the province of Lorestan. The over-samples were carried out to permit a separate analysis of reported voting in these areas. The national data were weighted by province, gender, and age to properly reflect national parameters. GlobeScan reported a contact rate of 83% in their survey and a completion rate of 82% among qualified households, for a net response rate of 68%. The margin of error for the national sample in the GlobeScan survey is +/- 3.0 percentage points.

The University of Tehran Tracking Study

This set of surveys was carried out as an academic pilot project by a group of University of Tehran professors and researchers as part of a plan to inaugurate a University of Tehran International Center for Opinion Research. The findings should be considered an academic research project and not an official expression by the University.

The surveys were conducted by means of telephone interviews using random digit sampling. Each sample was stratified by province and by urban-rural within province. Five of the waves were later post-weighted by province to bring the obtained sample more precisely in line with provincial populations. Through personal communication, we have been informed that across the surveys UT contact rates averaged about 81% and among households successfully contacted, about 85% completed the interview and about 15% refused, or a net response rate of about 69%. The UT survey data consists of eight national survey waves prior to the election and two waves subsequent to it. (We also received data from a survey wave of 8 of Iran’s 30 provinces, but we have not used this non-national survey in the analysis.) The surveys were conducted with the following schedule and sample sizes:

	<u>Sample Size</u>	<u>Margin of Error</u> (+/- percentage pts.)
May 18-21, 2009	1,166	2.9
May 22-23	3,657	1.6
May 25-28	1,091	3.0
June 1	625	3.9
June 4	543	4.2
June 6-8	2,084	2.1
June 9-10	1,009	3.1
June 11	450	4.6
June 12 – Presidential Election		
June 18-25	1,051	3.0
July 13-15	1,199	2.8

Observations on Response Rate

There seems to be pattern across the three studies presented here, plus a comparison with the most recent Terror Free Tomorrow poll, that telephone interviewing from inside Iran (UT and GlobeScan) produces a higher response rate than calling from outside the country. This may be due to the fact that virtually all Iranian phones have caller ID and some potential respondents may be aware that the call-in poll is coming from another country. Moreover, introducing the survey as being conducted by the University of Tehran is likely to have a response rate benefit from the University’s good name.

The WorldPublicOpinion.org poll also was conducted in late August and early September after a period of great controversy about the election and a crackdown on demonstrations by Iranian authorities. We see in the WPO poll not only a lower response rate overall, but a lower response to the question about voting choice.

It should be noted that all of the response rates here are higher than those most commonly found in the US. Researchers in the US have found that when random digit samples are post weighted they produce a strong representation of public opinion even though the response rate to telephone surveys in the US are generally lower than those found in these studies of the Iranian public. The WPO poll and the GlobeScan poll (as well as the earlier Terror Free Tomorrow poll) were post-weighted weighted by province and by demographics.

In comparisons of the various polls of Iranians examined here, those with higher response rates were not distinctly different than those with lower response rates.