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## Poll of Iranians and Americans

### Questionnaire

#### *Fielded in Iran*

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#### *Fielded in the United States by Knowledge Networks*

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#### Q1. *To be released*

Q2-I32. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the following.

#### Q2a-I32a. The United States

	Iranians	
	2/08	12/06
Very favorable .....	7%	5%
Somewhat favorable.....	17	17
Somewhat unfavorable.....	18	11
Very unfavorable .....	51	65
Refused/Don't know .....	7	3

#### Q2b-I32b. The current US government

	Iranians	
	2/08	12/06
Very favorable .....	2%	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	6	3
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10	9
Very unfavorable .....	75	84
Refused/Don't know .....	8	3

#### Q2c-I32c. The American people

	Iranians	
	2/08	12/06
Very favorable .....	15%	9%
Somewhat favorable.....	36	36
Somewhat unfavorable.....	17	16
Very unfavorable .....	20	33
Refused/Don't know .....	12	6

Q3. *To be released*

Q4. Let me ask you a question about US military forces in the region, apart from those now in Iraq. Do you think that these US forces stationed in countries in the Persian Gulf increase or decrease stability in this region

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Increase .....	8%	61%
Decrease .....	74	34
No effect.....	9	2
Refused/Don't know .....	9	3

Q5-US38. Do you think that these US forces stationed in countries in the Persian Gulf should be increased, kept at the same level, decreased, completely withdrawn?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Increased .....	1%	8%
Kept at same level.....	6	35
Decreased.....	19	35
Completely withdrawn.....	65	19
Refused/Don't know .....	9	3

Q6-US39. How do you think the publics in the Persian Gulf region feel about the US forces being in the Persian Gulf? Do you think:

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Most favor having US forces there .....	9%	15%
Most oppose having US forces there .....	60	47
Views are evenly divided.....	15	36
Refused/Don't know .....	16	2

Q7-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>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Not at all a threat.....	17%	11%	14%
A minor threat .....	19	10	30
Some threat .....	26	29	36
A major threat .....	29	44	14
Refused/Don't know .....	9	6	7

Q8. Which point of view is closer to yours?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
The US mostly shows respect to the Islamic world.....	5%

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The US is mostly disrespectful to the Islamic world,  
but out of ignorance and insensitivity.....21

The US purposely tries to humiliate the Islamic world. ....64

Refused/Don't know .....10

Q9-US40. How committed do you think the US is to the goal of creating an independent and viable Palestinian state?

	Iranians		Americans	
	2/08	12/06	1/08	12/06
Very committed .....	3%	2%	17%	12%
Somewhat committed.....	9	9	48	43
Not very committed .....	16	13	24	28
Not at all committed.....	62	62	7	9
Refused/Don't know .....	10	14	4	9

**STATEMENT:** Thinking now about U.S. actions around the world, please tell me if you think the following are or are not U.S. goals. Please say if you think it is:

Q10-S25c. To maintain control over the oil resources of the Middle East

**Iran**  
**2/08**

Definitely a goal of the U.S. .... 71%

Probably a goal of the U.S. ....13

Probably not a goal of the U.S. ....3

Definitely not a goal of the U.S. ....3

Refused/Don't Know .....11

Q11a-S25g. To weaken and divide the Islamic world

**Iran**  
**2/08**

Definitely a goal of the U.S. .... 69%

Probably a goal of the U.S. ....15

Probably not a goal of the U.S. ....4

Definitely not a goal of the U.S. ....3

Refused/Don't Know .....10

Q11b-US49: Do you think it is or is not a goal of the US government to weaken and divide the Islamic world?

**Americans**

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	<b>1/08</b>
Is a goal.....	32%
Is not a goal.....	62
Refused/Don't know .....	7

Q11c-US49a: Do you think it should be?

	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>1/08</b>
Yes .....	25%
No.....	66
Refused/Don't know .....	8

Q12-US41-S28. How much of what happens in the world today would you say is controlled by the US?

	<b>Iran</b>	<b>US</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Very little .....	8%	12%
Some .....	19	56
Most .....	32	28
Nearly all.....	33	4
Refused/Don't Know .....	8	*

**Read Statement:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Would you say that you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

Q13. Generally speaking, do you think things in Iran today are going in the right direction, or do you think they are going in the wrong direction?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Right direction .....	65%
Wrong direction .....	24
Refused/Don't know .....	12

Q14. Please tell me if you are mostly satisfied or mostly dissatisfied with the following:

**[Randomize Order]**

Q14a. Iran's economy

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Mostly satisfied.....	36%
Mostly dissatisfied .....	49

Refused/Don't know .....15

Q14b. Iran's relations with neighboring countries

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Mostly satisfied..... 74%

Mostly dissatisfied .....18

Refused/Don't know .....8

Q14c. Iran's relations with the world as a whole

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Mostly satisfied..... 64%

Mostly dissatisfied .....28

Refused/Don't know .....8

Q15. What role would you like to see Iran try to play in the Persian Gulf region:

**Iranians**

**2/08**

A. For Iran to be the dominant power that exerts  
the most influence ..... 31%

B. For Iran to be part of a cooperative arrangement  
in which it is one of many countries. ....48

C. For Iran to go its own way and not try to influence  
other countries.....14

Refused/Don't know .....8

Q16. Which is the more important principle for Iran's foreign policy?

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Iran should use its power and influence in the way  
that best serves Iran's interests and values. .... 42%

Iran should coordinate its power and influence  
together with other countries according to shared ideas  
of what is best for the world as a whole.....45

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

Q17. Please tell me if you think each of the following are having a mainly positive or mainly negative influence in the world.

Q17a-I21a. Britain

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	11%	21%	82%
Mainly negative .....	67	60	10
Depends (vol.).....	9	7	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	2	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	12	10	9

Q17b-I21b. Russia

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	35%	44%	36%
Mainly negative .....	29	35	52
Depends (vol.).....	16	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	3	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	16	11	12

Q17c-I21c. France

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	21%	42%	47%
Mainly negative .....	38	36	42
Depends (vol.).....	13	9	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	5	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	22	11	11

Q17d-I21g: Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	79%	83%	10%
Mainly negative .....	5	3	80
Depends (vol.).....	6	8	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	4	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	6	5	10

Q17e-I21f. China

**Iranians**  
**2/08**

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Mainly positive .....	55%
Mainly negative .....	11
Depends (vol.).....	12
Neither (vol.).....	3

Refused/Don't know .....18

Q17f-I21h. The United States

**Iranians  
2/08**

Mainly positive .....	9%
Mainly negative .....	75
Depends (vol.).....	7
Neither (vol.).....	1

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

Q17g-I26b: The United Nations

	<b>Iranians 2/08</b>	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	33%	58%	64%
Mainly negative .....	25	24	27
Depends (vol.).....	17	9	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	6	1	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	19	8	9

Q17h-I26c: The International Atomic Energy Agency or IAEA

	<b>Iranians 2/08</b>	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>	<b>Americans 12/06</b>
Mainly positive .....	44%	54%	58%
Mainly negative .....	15	10	27
Depends (vol.).....	15	18	n/a
Neither (vol.).....	5	2	n/a
Refused/Don't know .....	21	15	16

Q18-I22: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of:

Q18a-I22b. Iraqi Shiite leader Muqtada al-Sadr

	<b>Iranians 2/08</b>	<b>Iranians 12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	22%	28%
Somewhat favorable.....	34	30
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10	5
Very unfavorable .....	2	7
Refused/Don't know .....	33	31

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Q18b-US42-I22g. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Very favorable .....	17%	13%	1%	1%
Somewhat favorable.....	28	35	29	32
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13	11	39	37
Very unfavorable .....	9	11	11	17
Refused/Don't know .....	33	30	19	12

Q19-US43. Do you think the current Iraqi government is or is not the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people?

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Is.....	45%	54%	36%	42%
Is not.....	33	31	55	48
Refused/Don't know .....	22	15	9	10

Q20-US44. Which of the following do you think the US-led forces in Iraq should do?

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Withdraw all US-led forces within six months .....	64%	58%	19%	18%
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a one-year timeline.....	7	8	30	25
Gradually withdraw US-led forces according to a two-year timeline.....	3	2	16	15
Only reduce US-led forces as the security situation improves in Iraq .....	15	23	32	38
Refused/Don't know .....	11	8	3	4

Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of [Iran/the US] having talks with [the US/Iran] on trying to stabilize the situation in Iraq?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Approve.....	69%	73%
Disapprove .....	21	22
Refused/Don't know .....	10	5

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Q22. Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for Iraq's neighbors to provide weapons to Iraqis fighting US forces in Iraq?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Good idea .....	39%
Bad idea .....	51
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q23. What role would you most like to see Iran try to play in Iraq:

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
For Iran to have a very strong influence over Iraq.....	24%
For Iran, Iraq, and some neighboring countries to be part of a cooperative arrangement with Iran having no special influence over Iraq.....	47
For Iran to go its own way and not try to influence Iraq. ....	19
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q24-US46. As you may know, in the US there was recently a new report from all of the major intelligence agencies. Is it your understanding that the report concluded that today Iran does or does not have a nuclear weapons program?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Does .....	19%	54%
Does not .....	55	35
Refused/Don't know .....	25	10

Q25-CC25: Thinking about specific steps that could be taken to strengthen the United Nations, here are some options that have been proposed. For each one, select if you would favor or oppose this step.

Q25a-CC25a: Giving the UN the power to regulate the international arms trade

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>7/06</b>
Favor .....	59%	60%
Oppose .....	16	34
Refused/Don't know .....	26	6

Q25b-CC25b: Having a standing UN peacekeeping force selected, trained and commanded by the United Nations

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	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>7/06</b>
Favor .....	62%	72%
Oppose .....	13	24
Refused/Don't know .....	25	5

Q25c-CC25c: Giving the UN the power to fund its activities by imposing a small tax on such things as the international sale of arms or oil

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>7/06</b>
Favor .....	39%	45%
Oppose .....	31	50
Refused/Don't know .....	30	5

Q25d-CC25d: Giving the UN the authority to go into countries in order to investigate violations of human rights

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>7/06</b>
Favor .....	54%	75%
Oppose .....	22	22
Refused/Don't know .....	25	3

Q26-CC126: Some people say that the UN Security Council has the responsibility to authorize the use of military force to protect people from severe human rights violations such as genocide, even against the will of their own government. Others say that the UN Security Council does not have such a responsibility. Do you think that the UN Security Council does or does not have this responsibility?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>7/06</b>
Has this responsibility.....	59%	74%
Does not have this responsibility .....	25	22
Refused/Don't know .....	16	4

Q27. As you may know, Iran's position is that it should have a full fuel cycle nuclear energy program, but should not develop nuclear weapons. Do you:

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
A. Approve of this policy.....	66%
B. Think Iran should not pursue a full fuel cycle nuclear energy program .....	5

C. Think Iran should develop nuclear weapons.....20

None of the above (vol.) .....1

Refused/Don't know .....8

Q28-I40a. How important do you think it is for Iran to have a full-fuel-cycle nuclear program?

	<b>Iranians</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Not at all important.....	2%	2%
Not very important.....	2	2
Somewhat important.....	9	7
Very important.....	81	84
Refused/Don't know.....	5	5

Q29-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>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Not at all likely.....	36%	34%	5%	9%
Not very likely.....	18	11	34	36
Somewhat likely.....	25	37	36	36
Very likely.....	9	11	9	13
Refused/Don't know.....	11	7	6	7

**Read Statement:** 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 [COUNTRY], have agreed not to try to acquire them.

Q30-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>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Good idea.....	59%	66%	78%
Bad idea.....	13	10	15
Refused/Don't know.....	27	24	7

Q31-I47. Do you approve of Iran continuing to be a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) or do you think Iran should withdraw from it?

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	<b>Iranians</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Should continue to be a member.....	63%	60%
Should withdraw .....	10	15
Refused/Don't know .....	27	25

Q32-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>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>11/06</b>
Favor .....	72%	68%	82%
Oppose .....	13	18	14
Refused/Don't know .....	15	14	5

Q33-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>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
None.....	3%	1%	1%
A few.....	24	28	23
Some .....	28	26	36
Many .....	24	22	36
Refused/Don't know .....	21	22	4

Q34. Suppose the UN Security Council were to say that it would accept Iran having a full fuel cycle nuclear program limited to the enrichment levels necessary for nuclear energy, if Iran agrees to allow the IAEA permanent and full access throughout Iran to ensure that its nuclear program is limited to energy production. Do you think Iran should or should not be willing to agree to this?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Should .....	58%
Should not .....	26
Refused/Don't know .....	15

Q35. Is it your opinion that producing nuclear weapons is or is not against the principles of Islam?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Yes, producing nuclear weapons is against the principles of Islam.....	58%

No, Islam does not prohibit the production  
of nuclear weapons .....23

Islam does not have a position on  
nuclear weapons (vol.).....5

Islam requires Muslims to pursue  
nuclear weapons (vol.).....1

Refused/Don't know .....12

Q36. In the way Iran is governed, do you think that Shari'a should play a larger role, a smaller role, or about the same role as it plays today?

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Larger role..... 34%

Smaller role.....14

About the same role as today .....45

Refused/Don't know .....8

**[Ask those who say "larger role (01)" or "same role (03)" in Q140]**

Q37. In applying Shari'a, how important is it for the government to do each of the following: \*

**[Alternately Reverse Order of Items]**

Q37a. Providing welfare to the poor

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very..... 48%

Somewhat.....20

Not very .....4

Not at all.....3

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

Q37b. Policing moral behavior such as gambling and prostitution

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very..... 43%

Somewhat.....22

Not very .....6

Not at all.....5

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

Q37c. Applying severe physical punishments to people convicted of certain crimes

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\* Percent of total.

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very.....	22%
Somewhat.....	28
Not very .....	13
Not at all.....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	5

Q37d. Making education and healthcare available to all

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very.....	46%
Somewhat.....	22
Not very .....	6
Not at all.....	2
Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q37e. Punishing those who consume alcoholic beverages in public

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very.....	45%
Somewhat.....	22
Not very .....	5
Not at all.....	3
Refused/Don't know .....	2

Q37f. Preventing usury

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Very.....	51%
Somewhat.....	16
Not very .....	6
Not at all.....	2
Refused/Don't know .....	3

Q38. Do you think that the government should or should not punish an Iranian citizen who converts from Islam to a non-Muslim religion?

**Iranians**

**2/08**

Should punish.....	32%
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Should not punish .....	50
Depends (vol.).....	7
Refused/Don't know .....	10

Q39. Thinking about the following kinds of attacks on Americans, please tell me if you approve of them, disapprove of them, or have mixed feelings about them?

**[Alternately Reverse Order of Items]**

Q39a-S47. Attacks on US civilians working for US companies in Islamic countries

	<b>Iran</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Strongly approve.....	8%
Somewhat approve.....	7
Mixed feelings .....	6
Somewhat disapprove .....	11
Strongly disapprove .....	53
Refused/Don't Know .....	15

Q39b-S49. Attacks on civilians in the United States

	<b>Iran</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Strongly approve.....	4%
Somewhat approve.....	5
Mixed feelings .....	4
Somewhat disapprove .....	10
Strongly disapprove .....	63
Refused/Don't Know .....	15

Q40. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Ahmadinejad is handling his job as president?

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Approve.....	66%
Disapprove .....	22
Refused/Don't know .....	13

Q41. Do you think the way President Ahmadinejad has been traveling abroad and speaking about Iran's foreign policy has made the following mostly better or mostly worse:

Q41a. The overall security of Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Mostly better .....	63%
Mostly worse.....	14
No difference (vol.).....	14
Refused/Don't know .....	9

Q41b. Other countries' views of Iran

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Mostly better .....	64%
Mostly worse.....	16
No difference (vol.).....	8
Refused/Don't know .....	13

Q42. 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>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Conflict inevitable.....	12%	25%	47%
Possible to find common ground .....	64	58	50
Refused/Don't know .....	24	17	3

Q43. Please tell me if you favor or oppose the US and Iran doing each of the following. \*

**[Randomize Order]**

Q43a. Having greater cultural, educational, and sporting exchanges

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>

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\* In the December 2006 survey of Iranians, the introductory statement for this question series read:

“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.”

It is possible that some Iranian respondents understood this statement in Farsi as asking them to also evaluate whether they thought each step would be *effective* in improving relations between the United States and Iran. For this reason, these questions should not be seen as providing a pure trendline between December 2006 and February 2008. A part of the change toward more favorable responses may be due to the simpler introductory statement.

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Favor strongly .....	34%	21%	20%	27%
Favor somewhat .....	29	25	43	45
Oppose somewhat .....	9	6	24	12
Oppose strongly .....	15	25	10	9
Refused/Don't know .....	14	22	3	8

Q43b. Providing more access for each other's journalists

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	37%	19%	21%	24%
Favor somewhat .....	33	32	49	44
Oppose somewhat .....	7	11	20	15
Oppose strongly .....	8	28	7	9
Refused/Don't know .....	15	10	3	8

Q43c. Having greater trade

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	38%	24%	12%	19%
Favor somewhat .....	26	28	43	46
Oppose somewhat .....	8	7	29	18
Oppose strongly .....	14	19	13	9
Refused/Don't know .....	14	21	3	8

Q43d. For the governments to have direct talks on issues of mutual concern

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	29%	17%	33%	37%
Favor somewhat .....	28	31	49	42
Oppose somewhat .....	13	24	11	7
Oppose strongly .....	13	18	5	7
Refused/Don't know .....	18	10	3	8

Q43e. To have more Americans and Iranian visit each other's countries as tourists

	<b>Iranians</b>		<b>Americans</b>	
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>12/06</b>
Favor strongly .....	45%	17%	12%	16%
Favor somewhat .....	26	31	31	35
Oppose somewhat .....	6	31	34	25
Oppose strongly .....	8	13	20	16
Refused/Don't know .....	14	8	3	8

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Q44. How satisfied are you with the process by which members of [parliament/Congress] are elected in this country? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, not at all satisfied?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Very satisfied .....	18%	13%
Somewhat satisfied .....	40	52
Not very satisfied .....	21	24
Not at all satisfied .....	11	8
Refused/Don't know .....	10	2

Q45: In general how satisfied are you with the process by which the authorities are elected in this country?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Very satisfied .....	18%	12%
Somewhat satisfied .....	44	57
Not very satisfied .....	21	22
Not at all satisfied .....	7	9
Refused/Don't know .....	10	0

Q46-Q48. *To be released.*

Q49-EL1: I am going to read a list of political leaders from around the world. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs—a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all.

Q49a-EL1a: US President George W. Bush

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
A lot of confidence.....	2%
Some confidence.....	4
Not too much confidence .....	8
No confidence at all .....	72
Depends (vol.).....	0
Refused/Don't know .....	14

Q49b-Q49d: *To be released*

Q49e-EL1e: United Nations' Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon

**Iranians**

**2/08**

A lot of confidence.....	5%
Some confidence.....	38
Not too much confidence.....	10
No confidence at all.....	8
Depends (vol.).....	0
Refused/Don't know.....	38

Q49f-Q49h: *To be released*

Q50-GP1: Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: The will of the people should be the basis of the authority of government?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Strongly agree.....	41%	44%
Somewhat agree.....	26	43
Somewhat disagree.....	7	10
Strongly disagree.....	2	3
Neither agree nor disagree (vol.).....	2	0
Refused/Don't know.....	23	0

Q51-GP2: As a general rule, do you think government leaders should be selected through elections in which all citizens can vote, or do you think they should be selected some other way?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Selected through elections in which citizens can vote.....	80%	96%
Selected some other way.....	6	4
Refused/Don't know.....	14	0

Q52-GP3: Do you think that: elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence, or that also between elections leaders should consider the views of the people as they make decisions?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Elections are the only time when the views of the people should have influence.....	14%	5%

Leaders should pay attention to the views

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of the people as they make decisions.....	68	94
Refused/Don't know .....	18	1

Q53a-Q53d: *To be released.*

**Statement:** Now I would like to ask you about the government of Iran

Q54-GA1: How much of the time do you think you can trust the national government in Tehran to do what is right?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Just about always .....	48%	3%
Most of the time .....	26	37
Only some of the time.....	11	60
Never (vol.).....	2	0
Refused/Don't know .....	12	0

Q55-GA3a: How much is this country governed according to the will of the people? Please answer on a scale of 0-10 with 0 meaning "not at all" and 10 meaning "completely."

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
0 (Not at all) .....	3%	9%
1.....	4	5
2.....	4	13
3.....	3	16
4.....	6	15
5.....	18	20
6.....	12	8
7.....	13	7
8.....	11	4
9.....	5	1
10 (Completely) .....	9	1
Refused/Don't know .....	13	2
Mean .....	5.9	4.0

Q56-GA3b: Using the same scale, how much do you think this country should be governed according to the will of the people?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
0 (Not at all) .....	1%	2%
1.....	*	*

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2.....	1	*
3.....	1	2
4.....	2	1
5.....	6	8
6.....	4	7
7.....	5	13
8.....	14	24
9.....	16	15
10 (Completely) .....	35	27
Refused/Don't know .....	16	1
Mean .....	8.4	7.9

Q57a-HR1a: How important do you think it is for women to have full equality of rights compared to men?  
 Would you say that is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Very important.....	44%	77%
Somewhat important.....	34	20
Not very important.....	5	2
Not important at all.....	3	1
Depends (vol.).....	2	0
Refused/Don't know .....	12	1

Q57b-HR1b. *Previously released*

Q57c-HR1c: How important is it for the press to be free to publish news and ideas without any government control

	<b>Iranians</b>
	<b>2/08</b>
Very important.....	29%
Somewhat important.....	36
Not very important.....	9
Not important at all.....	8
Depends (vol.).....	3
Refused/Don't know .....	16

Q58-W1: Thinking about the course of your lifetime, would you say, compared to the rights men have in this society, that women now have much more equality, a little more equality, a little less equality, much less equality, or that there has been no real change?

<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>

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Much more equality .....	39%	37%
A little more equality .....	36	42
A little less equality .....	3	13
Much less equality .....	2	3
No real change .....	4	5
Women now have more rights than men (vol.).....	1	0
Refused/Don't know .....	14	0

Q59-W2: Do you think the government should make an effort to prevent discrimination against women, or do you think the government should not be involved in this kind of thing?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Should make an effort.....	70%	82%
Should not be involved [ <b>Skip to Q60-W3</b> ] .....	18	17
Refused/Don't know .....	12	1

[Ask if “Should make an effort” or (99) in Q59-W2]

Q59a-W2a: Do you think the government is doing enough to prevent discrimination against women or do you think it should do more?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Doing enough.....	24%*	35%*
Should do more .....	36	48
Government is doing too much (vol.).....	1	0
Refused/Don't know .....	22	*

Q60-W3: Do you think the UN should make efforts to further the rights of women or do you think this is improper interference in a country's internal affairs?

	<b>Iranians</b>	<b>Americans</b>
	<b>2/08</b>	<b>1/08</b>
Make efforts to further the rights of women.....	52%	59%
Improper interference in a country's internal affairs .....	36	38
Refused/Don't know .....	12	2

Q61-R1 through Q65a-R3a: *Previously released*

\* Percent of total sample. Iranian respondents who chose “Refused/Don't know” in Q59-W2 were not asked Q59a-W2a.

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**Read Statement:** Now I would like to ask some questions about the role of the media.

Q66-P1: Which view is closer to yours? Do you think:

**Iranians**  
**2/08**

The press should have the right to publish news  
and ideas without any government control. .... 31%

The government should have the right to prevent  
the media from publishing things that it thinks  
will be destabilizing. ....45

Refused/Don't know .....24

Q67-P2: How much freedom does the press have in your country?

**Iranians**  
**2/08**

A lot ..... 17%

Some .....45

Not very much.....16

None at all .....5

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

Q68-P3: Do you think that in Iran the press should have more freedom, less freedom, or the same amount of freedom?

**Iranians**  
**2/08**

More freedom..... 34%

Less freedom.....9

The same amount of freedom .....43

Refused/Don't know .....15

Q69-P4: Do you think people in your country should or should not have the right to read publications from all other countries?

**Iranians**  
**2/08**

Should ..... 79%

Should not .....6

Refused/Don't know .....16

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Q70-P5: Do you think people in Iran should have the right to read whatever is on the Internet or do you think the government should have the right to prevent people from having access to some things on the internet?

**Iranians**

**2/08**

People should have the right to read  
whatever is on the internet ..... 32%

Government should have the right to prevent  
people from having access to some  
things on the Internet. ....44

Refused/Don't know .....24

Q71-Q74. *To be released*

US DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:

[FULL SAMPLE]

D1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican .....	27%
Independent.....	19
Democrat.....	31
Other .....	2
No preference.....	21
Refused/Don't know .....	1

[IF "OTHER," "NO PREFERENCE" "INDEPENDENT" OR SKIP at D1]

D1a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party .....	9%*
Democratic Party .....	10
Neither .....	23
Refused/Don't know .....	*

D2. What is your religious preference? Do you consider yourself:

Christian.....	72%
Jewish.....	1
Muslim.....	1
Buddhist.....	1
Hindu .....	1
Agnostic.....	2
Atheist.....	2
No religious preference.....	12
Other religion.....	7
Refused/Don't know .....	*

[IF "CHRISTIAN" at D2]

D2a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

Yes .....	25% <sup>†</sup>
No.....	32
No opinion .....	15
Refused/Don't know .....	*

D3. Would you say you are...

Very religious.....	21%
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\* Percent of total.

<sup>†</sup> Percent of total.

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Somewhat religious.....	46
Not very religious .....	18
Not at all religious.....	13
Depends.....	*
Refused/Don't know .....	*

D4. Did you vote for a candidate for the House of Representatives or the Senate in the election in November 2006?

Yes .....	58%
No.....	40
Refused/Don't know .....	1

D5. Age

18-29 .....	16%
30-44 .....	28
45-59 .....	29
60+ .....	27

D6. Education level (categorical)

Less than High School .....	11%
High School Graduate.....	29
Some College .....	28
Bachelor's degree or higher .....	32

D7. Race/Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic .....	78%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	8
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	3
Hispanic .....	8
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....	3

D8. Region

Northeast.....	17%
Midwest.....	26
South .....	35
West .....	22

D9. Gender

Male .....	50%
Female.....	50

IRAN DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

D1. Gender

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

D2. Please tell me the highest class in school you have completed?

Illiterate – Less than primary .....	7%
Primary.....	17
Less than High School Diploma .....	17
High School Diploma .....	33
Some College/University .....	15
Bachelor Degree or Higher .....	10
Refused/Don't know .....	1

D4. Age

18-29 .....	46%
30-44 .....	28
45-59 .....	15
60+ .....	9
Refused/Don't know .....	2

D5. Total Household Income

Very low.....	16%
Low .....	37
Average/Median.....	26
High.....	5
Very high .....	6
Refused/Don't know .....	10

D6. Have you ever used the internet?

Yes .....	39%
No.....	59
Refused/Don't know .....	3

D6a. How often do you use the internet?

Few times a year .....	8%*
Once a month .....	8
Once or a few times per week.....	16
One or more times per day.....	6

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\* Percent of total

D7. Does your household have a land-line telephone?

Yes ..... 84%  
No.....11  
  
Refused/Don't know .....5

D9. When you follow the news these days, how interested are you in news about the relations of Iran with other countries?

Very interested ..... 46%  
Somewhat interested .....32  
Hardly interested.....9  
Don't follow news.....7  
Depends.....1  
  
Refused/Don't know .....5

D11. Settlement Type

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

D11. Region in Iran

Tehran ..... 26%  
N.....10  
NE .....11  
SE.....6  
S .....8  
C.....9  
SW.....10  
W.....8  
NW .....13

D16. Community size

Less than 10,000 (rural) ..... 31%  
100,000-500,000 .....25  
500,000-900,000 (large city or urban area) .....8  
Greater than 900,000 (very large city or urban area).....36

## **IRAN METHODOLOGY**

**Fielded January 13 – February 9, 2008**

### **Iranian Sample**

A multistage stratified sample with random route of selecting households and the most recent birthday method of selecting respondents within households was utilized for this poll. The sample's universe included all residents of Iran aged 16 and over.

The sample design was province based.

- 1) Interviews were first allocated to each province proportional to that province's Urban and rural population.
- 2) Then cities with a population above 900,000 were selected with a probability of 1.
- 3) Discounting the cities that were selected with a probability of one, cities in each province were selected with a probability proportional to their population.
- 4) If the city selected in stage 3, included more than 50% of that province's population, another city was not selected in that province. But if it was not, another city is also selected in that province using stage 3 step.
- 5) Then interviews allocated to each province were distributed among the cities selected in that province proportional to their population.
- 6) All small cities and rural districts were assigned to regional categories according to the geographic location of their province. Then these cities and rural districts were selected randomly and independently within each category of cities and rural districts according to the number of PSUs allocated to each category.

### **Sample point selection: (SPs)**

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

### **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.

### **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, 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.

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**Interview allocation:**

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

**Survey Execution**

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

**D10 - Name of Province**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1 - Azerbaijan Sharghi	40	5.6	5.6	5.6
2 - Azerbaijan Gharbi	28	3.9	3.9	9.6
3 - Ardabil	12	1.7	1.7	11.3
4 - Esfahan	45	6.3	6.3	17.6
5 - lilan	5	.7	.7	18.3
6 - Bushehr	9	1.3	1.3	19.6
7 - Tehran	142	20.0	20.0	39.6
8 - Chahar Mahal Bakhtiyari	8	1.1	1.1	40.7
9 - Khorasan Jonoobi	6	.8	.8	41.5
10 - Khorasan Razavi	56	7.9	7.9	49.4
11 - Khorasan Shomali	13	1.8	1.8	51.3
12 - Khuzastan	44	6.2	6.2	57.5
13 - Zanjan	10	1.4	1.4	58.9
14 - Semnan	5	.7	.7	59.6
15 - Sistan and Baluchestan	19	2.7	2.7	62.3
16 - Fars	43	6.1	6.1	68.3
17 - Ghazvin	12	1.7	1.7	70.0
18 - Ghom	11	1.5	1.5	71.5
19 - Kordestan	15	2.1	2.1	73.7
20 - Kerman	26	3.7	3.7	77.3
21 - Kermanshah	18	2.5	2.5	79.9
22 - Kohkilooyeh and Boyerahmad	6	.8	.8	80.7
23 - Gilan	26	3.7	3.7	84.4
24 - Golestan	16	2.3	2.3	86.6
25 - Lorestan	17	2.4	2.4	89.0
26 - Mazandaran	29	4.1	4.1	93.1
27 - Markazi	12	1.7	1.7	94.8
28 - Hormozgan	11	1.5	1.5	96.3
29 - Hamedan	17	2.4	2.4	98.7
30 - Yazd	9	1.3	1.3	100.0
Total	710	100.0	100.0	

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## **US METHODOLOGY**

In the United States, the poll of 703 nationally representative respondents was conducted January 18 – 27, 2008 and has a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points. 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).