



Public Opinion in Iran and America on Key International Issues

Questionnaire

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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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans CCGA 7/06*
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...

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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	*

* Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Americans
	12/06
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].

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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]?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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]?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	CCGA
		7/06[†]
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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.

[†] 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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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.

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	CCGA
		7/06*
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.

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

* Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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 know7 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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans CCGA 7/06*
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?

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

* Data from Chicago Council on Global Affairs study.

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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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 11/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

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

Q-I22c: Pakistani President Pervez Musharaff

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

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

Q-I22j: Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

	Iranians
	12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

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

Q-I24b: attacks by Israelis against Palestinian civilians?

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

Q-I24c: attacks against Iraqi civilians in Iraq?

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

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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

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

Q-I26e: World public opinion

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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.

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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:

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

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

Q-I32b: The current US government

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

Q-I32c: The American people

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

Q-I32d: American culture

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

Q-I32e: The current Iranian government

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

Q-I32f: The Iranian people

	Americans
	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06*
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06*	Americans 12/06†
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 12/06
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?

	Iranians
	12/06
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?

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06
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

	Iranians 12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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.

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

	Iranians
	12/06
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

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

Refused/Don't know13

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 know14

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 know13

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 know17

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 know14

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

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	38%
Oppose	51
Refused/Don't know	11

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

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	14%
Oppose	73
Refused/Don't know	13

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

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	54%
Oppose	34
Refused/Don't know	12

Q-I43d: Lifting US economic sanctions against Iran

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	47%
Oppose	40
Refused/Don't know	13

Q-I43e: Unfreezing Iranian assets held by the US

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	39%
Oppose	50
Refused/Don't know	12

Q-I43f: Providing spare parts for civilian aircraft

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	52%
Oppose	38
Refused/Don't know	10

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

	Americans
	12/06
Favor	44%
Oppose	43
Refused/Don't know	13

Q-I43h: Transfer of nuclear energy technology to Iran

	Americans
	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	4/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 11/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 11/06
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?

	Iranians 12/06
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?

	Americans 11/06
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)?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	11/06
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.

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	11/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	11/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
Yes	27% [*]	86% [†]
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	12/06
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?

	Iranians
	12/06
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?

	Iranians	Americans
	12/06	5/05[‡]
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 5/05*
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?

	Iranians 12/06	Americans 5/05†
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%
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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.

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 Bakhtiyari, 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 1st residential unit on the left side of street and then every 3rd 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 Bakhtiyari	14	8	6
C	Yazd	22	19	3
Tehran	Tehran	186	164	22
Tehran	Semnan	11	9	2
Tehran	Ghazvin	22	12	7
Tehran	Ghom	16	15	1
Tehran	Markazi	12	12	3
Tehran	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
	Total	1000	689	311

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.