

Iranian Attitudes in Advance of the Parliamentary Elections

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Questionnaire

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Q1- In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very good	8%	11.1%	8.4%
Somewhat good	45	43.2	40.9
Somewhat bad	24	22.5	24.2
Very bad	20	21.2	24.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.0	2.1

Q2- Right now, do you think the economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	Gallup – May 2014	Gallup – Nov. 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Getting better	32%	40%	49.3%	57.4%	47.4%
Getting worse	46	41	37.1	28.5	41.0
Staying the same [vol.]	10	8	9.7	8.7	6.1
DK/NA [vol.]	12	11	4.0	5.4	5.4

Q3: In your opinion, how successful or unsuccessful has President Rouhani been thus far in doing each of the items that I will be reading to you?

Q3.1- First, how successful or unsuccessful has President Rouhani been in “Improving the economic situation of our country.” Has he been:

	May 2015	January 2016
Very successful	14.7%	9.4%
Somewhat successful	56.2	54.7
Somewhat unsuccessful	17.1	20.5
Very unsuccessful	8.8	11.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2	4.1

Q3.2- How about: Reducing unemployment

	May 2015	January 2016
Very successful	3.5%	3.6%
Somewhat successful	38.3	33.0
Somewhat unsuccessful	24.5	26.6
Very unsuccessful	28.6	30.0
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	6.8

Q3.3- How about: Improving the security situation of our country

	May 2015	January 2016
Very successful	45.7%	49.3%
Somewhat successful	40.6	36.6
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.9	6.9
Very unsuccessful	4.3	3.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	4.2

Q3.4- How about: Improving Iran’s relation with European countries

	May 2015	January 2016
Very successful	30.1%	27.9%
Somewhat successful	52.3	52.2
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.6	6.7
Very unsuccessful	3.1	4.5
DK/NA [vol.]	8.9	8.7

Q4- Do you think people in Iran have too much, too little, or just about the right amount of freedom?

	January 2016
Too much	14.1%
Too little	12.9
About right	69.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0

Q5- Would you say that over the past two years, civil liberties in Iran have generally increased, decreased, or have remained roughly unchanged?

	January 2016
Increased	31.8%
Decreased	5.8
Remained roughly unchanged	47.6
DK/NA [vol.]	14.7

Q6- Now, going forward, do you think civil liberties in Iran – in the coming two years – are going to increase, decrease, or remain unchanged? [If Increase or decrease ask: A lot or somewhat?]

	January 2016
Increase a lot	13.6%
Increase somewhat	27.5
Remain unchanged	32.6
Decrease somewhat	6.7
Decrease a lot	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	18.6

Q7 – How important do you think it is for President Rouhani to focus on increasing civil liberties in Iran? Is it:

	January 2016
Very important	18.6%
Somewhat important	45.7
Not very important	19.6
Not important at all	9.0
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2

Q8- In your opinion, to what degree should our country's policymakers take religious teachings into account when they make decisions?

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
A lot	44%	45.2%	44.0%
Somewhat	36	29.5	32.2
Not much	14	15.5	16.3
Not at all	5	6.9	5.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.9	2.1

Q9: I will now read you the names of some prominent political figures in Iran. Please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each?

Q9.1- Mohsen Rezayi

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	11%	13.9%	14.3%
Somewhat favorable	33	33.1	35.0
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.7	18.2
Very unfavorable	20	18.9	18.6
Don't recognize the name [vol]	19	12.1	8.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4	5.3	5.3

Q9.2- Ali Larijani

	January 2016
Very favorable	19.1%
Somewhat favorable	43.0
Somewhat unfavorable	14.5
Very unfavorable	14.3
Don't recognize the name [vol]	5.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0

Q9.3- Qasem Soleymani

	January 2016
Very favorable	52.1%
Somewhat favorable	20.6
Somewhat unfavorable	4.7
Very unfavorable	5.1
Don't recognize the name [vol]	15.1
DK/NA [vol.]	2.4

Q9.4- Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf

	July 2014	January 2016
Very favorable	21%	21.5%
Somewhat favorable	43	46.0
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11.2
Very unfavorable	11	8.7
Don't recognize the name [vol]	8	9.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5	3.1

Q9.5- Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	34%	27.5%	24.2%
Somewhat favorable	33	33.5	32.8
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13.0	15.0
Very unfavorable	16	22.8	23.9
Don't recognize the name [vol]	1	.2	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.0	3.7

Q9.6- Saeed Jalili

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	16%	16.6%	14.1%
Somewhat favorable	28	26.2	26.9
Somewhat unfavorable	17	14.4	12.2
Very unfavorable	12	14.8	16.0
Don't recognize the name [vol]	23	23.1	27.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5	4.9	3.4

Q9.7- Mohammad Javad Zarif

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	40%	56.0%	44.5%
Somewhat favorable	30	33.4	33.0
Somewhat unfavorable	8	3.3	9.5
Very unfavorable	8	2.1	7.6
Don't recognize the name [vol]	11	3.0	3.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.2	1.9

Q9.8- Hassan Rouhani

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	51%	61.2%	42.1%
Somewhat favorable	34	27.9	40.0
Somewhat unfavorable	7	4.7	6.8
Very unfavorable	6	4.3	8.4
Don't recognize the name [vol]	0	.3	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.6	2.0

Q9.9- Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

	January 2016
Very favorable	19.0%
Somewhat favorable	38.7
Somewhat unfavorable	17.3
Very unfavorable	19.3
Don't recognize the name [vol]	1.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

Q9.10- Seyyed Hassan Khomeini

	January 2016
Very favorable	36.2%
Somewhat favorable	29.8
Somewhat unfavorable	11.5
Very unfavorable	8.5
Don't recognize the name [vol]	11.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2.8

Q9.11- Gholam Ali Haddad Adel

	January 2016
Very favorable	18.7%
Somewhat favorable	45.9
Somewhat unfavorable	12.9
Very unfavorable	13.0
Don't recognize the name [vol]	6.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2

Q9.12- Mohammad Reza Aref

	January 2016
Very favorable	10.6%
Somewhat favorable	30.6
Somewhat unfavorable	13.1
Very unfavorable	7.7
Don't recognize the name [vol]	34.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.7

Q10- As you may know, in February 2016 there will be a Majlis election. How likely is it that you will vote in that election?

	January 2016
Very likely	66.9%
Somewhat likely	20.3
Not very likely	4.7
Not likely at all	7.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.0

[This is an open-ended question]

Q11- In your opinion, what is the most important challenge or issue that our country faces that the next Majlis should try to address?

	January 2016
Youth unemployment	13.2%
Unemployment in general	26.0
Inflation and high costs	3.9
Economic sanctions	4.4
Recession and low economic productivity	1.3
Economic problems of families	11.5
Other economic problems	10.7
Problems related to the agriculture sector	.4
Environmental problems	.2
Nonobservance of religious teachings	2.2
Lack of political and civil liberties	.6
Disunity and partisanship	1.1
Security problems	2.8
Iran's credibility in the region and the world	.7
Problems relating to Iran's foreign policy and relations	4.6
Other	3.9
DK/NA [vol.]	12.6

Q12) How free and fair do you think the upcoming Majlis elections will be? Do you think it will be:

	January 2016
Very free and fair	40.6%
Somewhat free and fair	39.6
Not very free and fair	10.2
Not free and fair at all	3.5
DK/NA	6.1

Q13- In general, how free and fair have past Iranian Majlis elections been? Have they in general been:

	January 2016
Very free and fair	37.5%
Somewhat free and fair	40.8
Not very free and fair	11.5
Not free and fair at all	5.0
DK/NA	5.2

Q14- Would you prefer most of the Majlis to be composed of the:

	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Supporters of President Rouhani	49.8%	60.1%	58.9%
Critics of President Rouhani	24.4	21.9	24.6
Other/depends/neither [vol]	7.7	6.8	7.7
DK/NA [vol.]	18.1	11.2	8.8

Q15- As you may know, the Assembly of Experts election is going to take place on the same day as the Majlis election. How likely it is that you would vote in the Assembly of Experts election?

	January 2016
Very likely	69.2%
Somewhat likely	17.4
Not very likely	5.2
Not likely at all	6.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.6

Q16) Some say that this year's Assembly of Experts election is more important for the country than the Majlis election. Others disagree and say that this year's Majlis election is more important for the country than the Assembly of Experts election. Which of these statements is closer to your view?

	January 2016
Assembly of Experts election is more important	43.3%
Majlis election is more important	31.4
Both are equally important	19.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6

[This is an open-ended question. This question was only asked from those who think the Assembly of Experts elections is more important than the Majlis elections in Q16]

Q17- Why do you think this year's Assembly of Experts election is more important?

	January 2016¹
The Assembly's oversight powers over the Supreme Leader	4.0%
The Assembly's power to select the next Supreme Leader	15.7
Longer duration of the Assembly's term	4.3
The Assembly strengthens the Islamic aspect of Iran's system of government	.8
The Assembly's ability to influence grand policies of the country	4.1
The Assembly's ability to provide consultancy to the Supreme Leader	.3
The Assembly's support of the Supreme Leader	.5
The Assembly's ability to solve people's problems	4.0
Other	2.3
DK/NA	7.4
<i>Assembly of Experts election is NOT more important</i>	56.7

¹ Percent of total

Q18- Now on a new topic:

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

	WPO December 2006	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Favor very much	50%	65%	61.8%	64.0%
Somewhat favor	21	20	17.9	15.0
Somewhat oppose	5	5	9.9	6.3
Oppose very much	13	6	7.4	11.3
DK/NA [vol.]	11	4	2.9	3.4

Q19- In your opinion, how important is it for our country to develop its nuclear program? Is it:

	RAND December 2009²	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very important	87%	84%	83.3%	84.6%	82.2%
Somewhat important	5	7	11.2	8.6	10.6
Not very important	1	3	2.3	2.8	3.0
Not important at all	2	2	1.8	1.8	2.4
DK/NA/Other	5	4	1.4	2.2	1.9

Q20- In your opinion, is Iran's objective for developing nuclear capabilities purely for peaceful purposes such as energy and medical needs, or is it also seeking to attain the needed capabilities to be able to develop nuclear weapons?

	May 2015	January 2016
Purely for peaceful purposes such as energy and medical needs	72.9%	74.8%
Also seeking to attain the needed capabilities to be able to develop nuclear weapons	19.4	16.9
Iran is only in pursuit of nuclear weapons [vol.]	0.2	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	7.4	8.0

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

Q21- As you may know Iran and the P5+1 countries reached a comprehensive agreement in regard to Iran’s nuclear program in July 2015, which is also known as JCPOA. In general and based on what you know about JCPOA, to what degree do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? Do you:

	August 2015	January 2016
Strongly approve	42.7%	30.4%
Somewhat approve	32.8	41.4
Somewhat disapprove	13.9	13.2
Strongly disapprove	6.7	8.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9	6.6

Q22: With regards to the nuclear agreement reached in July between Iran and the United States, in your opinion, did Iranian leadership negotiate a good deal for Iran?

	Gallup Sept. 2015	January 2016
Yes	68%	66.5%
No	10	18.8
DK/NA [vol.]	22	14.7

Q23- Is it your impression that, according to JCPOA³:

	August 2015	January 2016
Sanctions were lifted as soon as JCPOA was signed in July 2015	32.6%	8.2%
Sanction are being lifted at the same time that Iran is taking the steps mandated by JCPOA	44.0	52.2
Sanctions won’t be lifted until after Iran has completed most of the steps it must take	15.7	31.8
DK/NA [vol.]	7.7	7.8

Q24- Is if it your impression that according to JCPOA:

	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
All U.S. sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%	59.0%	40.1%
Some U.S. sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many U.S. sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	23.7	29.5	44.1
No U.S. sanctions are to be lifted	9.0	5.0	8.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.1	6.5	7.6

³ In August 2005 it was asked: “Is it your impression that, according to the agreement, the sanctions will start to be lifted before, at the same time, or after Iran takes most of the steps it has agreed to take?”

Q25- How about EU sanctions? Is it your impression that according to JCPOA:

	January 2016
All EU sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%
Some EU sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many EU sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	23.7
No EU sanctions are to be lifted	5.7
DK/NA [vol.]	8.4

Q26- How about UN sanctions? Is it your impression that according to JCPOA:

	January 2016
All UN sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	64.9%
Some UN sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many UN sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	24.5
No UN sanctions are to be lifted	4.4
DK/NA [vol.]	6.1

Q27- Is it your impression that according to JCPOA Iran has or has not agreed to place some restraints on its nuclear research?

	August 2015	January 2016
Iran has agreed	32.7%	48.8%
Iran has <i>not</i> agreed	56.4	40.8
DK/NA [vol.]	10.9	10.4

Q28- Is it your impression that under JCPOA, the IAEA:

	August 2015	January 2016
Can inspect military sites whenever it thinks it is necessary	6.7%	6.5%
Could perform limited inspections on military sites under specific conditions	24.0	22.6
Cannot inspect military sites under any conditions	60.6	63.9
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7	6.9

Q29- Is it your impression that the United States has or has not agreed to refrain from imposing new sanctions on Iran to replace the ones it is required to remove under JCPOA?

	August 2015	January 2016
Yes, the United States has agreed	59.7%	65.0%
No, the United States has <i>not</i> agreed	27.0	25.9
DK/NA [vol.]	13.3	9.1

Q30- All in all when you think about JCPOA, do you see it as mostly a victory for Iran, mostly a defeat for Iran, or as beneficial for both Iran and the P5+1?

	August 2015	January 2016
Mostly a victory for Iran	36.6%	27.4%
Mostly a defeat for Iran	17.7	13.8
Beneficial for both Iran and the P5+1	43.0	54.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.7	4.5

Q31- Now that Iran has conceded to limit its nuclear program and accept more intrusive inspections of its nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions, which do you think is more likely:

	July 2014	May 2015⁴	August 2015⁵	January 2016
The United States will be more willing to compromise with Iran in most other areas of contention	20%	17.7%	30.0%	27.6%
The United States will rely on pressure and sanctions to extract concessions from Iran in most other areas as well	58	51.2	26.9	50.4
Iran's concession on the nuclear issue will not have much of an effect on most other issues between the two countries	13	21.5	31.9	14.7
DK/NA [vol.]	10	9.5	11.2	7.3

Q32- As result of the nuclear agreement, in general do you think that Iran's relations with European countries have or have not improved? [If improved ask: a lot, somewhat, or a little]

	January 2016
Improved a lot	16.4%
Improved somewhat	49.8
Improved a little	11.3
Have not improved	15.1
Have worsened	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	6.0

Q33- Now about Iran's relations with the US. Do you think that since JCPOA, Iran's relations with the US have in general:

	January 2016
Significantly improved	1.9%
Slightly improved	28.5
Stayed the same	51.5
Slightly worsened	11.2
Significantly worsened	2.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4

⁴ In July 2014 and May 2015 it was asked: "As you may know, our country has many problems and differences with the United States, including with respect to the nuclear issue. In your opinion, if Iran were to provide concessions on the nuclear issue in return for the lifting of sanctions, is that..."

⁵ In August 2015 it was asked: "As you may know, our country has many problems and differences with the United States, including with respect to the nuclear issue. Now that Iran has provided concessions on the nuclear issue in return for the lifting of sanctions, do you think this is:

-- More likely to make the United States more accommodating in other areas of contention,
 -- More likely to make the United States rely on pressures and sanctions to extract concessions from Iran in other areas as well,
 -- Or is it your opinion that Iran's concession on the nuclear issue will not have much of an effect on other issues between the two countries?

Q34: Do you expect that in the next three years, Iran's relations with the United States will in general:

	January 2016
Significantly improve	12.4%
Slightly improve	25.9
Stayed the same	35.6
Slightly worsen	12.4
Significantly worsen	8.1
DK/NA [vol.]	5.7

Q35: Some say that Iran should fulfill its commitments under JCPOA as quickly as possible so that the sanctions on Iran would come off as soon as possible. Others argue that it would be better for Iran to undertake its commitments slowly until it has more confidence that the P5+1, including the United States, will live up to its end of the bargain as well. Which of these views are closer to your view?

	January 2016
Iran should undertake its commitments as fast as possible	20.2%
Iran should undertake its commitments more slowly	74.9
Iran should not undertake its commitments [vol]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4.6

Q36: As a result of JCPOA, at this point would you say people's living condition have or have not improved? [If improved ask: a lot, somewhat, or only a little]

	January 2016
Improved a lot	3.2%
Improved somewhat	23.6
Improved only a little	20.4
Have not improved	46.9
DK/NA [vol.]	5.9

[Gallup] Q37: How confident are you that the United States will live up to its obligations toward the nuclear agreement? Are you:

	Gallup Sept. 2015	January 2016
Very confident	5%	4.1%
Somewhat confident	40	29.8
Not very confident	18	28.1
Not confident at all	23	33.9
DK/NA [vol.]	14	4.2

Q38: As you may know according to JCPOA other countries are permitted to cooperate with Iran on building new nuclear reactors and supplying Iran with nuclear fuel. In your opinion, is it more likely that the US will accept other countries cooperating with Iran in this way or that the US will try to impede such cooperation? [Follow on: Is that somewhat likely or very likely]

	May 2015 ⁶	August 2015	January 2016
Very likely will accept	6.8%	12.3%	6.9%
Somewhat likely will accept	20.7	36.3	27.4
Somewhat likely will impede	36.3	29.7	35.9
Very likely will impede	32.1	16.8	22.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1	4.9	6.9

Q39: Now that the P5+1 and Iran have reached an agreement, I would like to know how soon you expect certain changes might occur, if at all.

Q39.1- Iranians gaining better access to foreign-made medicines and medical equipment:

	May 2015 ⁷	August 2015 ⁸	January 2016
Has already happened	28.4%	30.4%	7.9%
In about six months			29.7
In about a year	32.6	36.5	18.6
In about two years	11.7	18.1	12.6
More than two years	18.6	7.7	11.6
Never	2.0	2.8	7.5
Not related to / affected by deal [vol.]	0.2	2.0	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4	2.5	11.8

⁶ In May 2015 it was asked: “If Iran and the P5+1 do reach a deal, and based on that agreement other countries would be permitted to cooperate with Iran on building new nuclear reactors and supplying Iran with nuclear fuel, in your opinion, is it more likely that the US will accept other countries cooperating with Iran in this way or that the US will try to impede such cooperation?”

⁷ In May 2015 it was asked: “Assuming that the P5+1 and Iran do come to such a deal, I would like to know how long you think it will take before you see certain changes as a result of the deal...”

⁸ In August 2015 it was asked: “Now that the P5+1 and Iran have reached an agreement, I would like to know how long you think it will take before you see certain changes in the country.” Also, in May and August 2015, “has already happened” was not provided as a response option and “never” was provided as a volunteered response option.

Q39.2- A lot more foreign companies making investments in Iran:

	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Has already happened	32.1%	35.7%	5.2%
In about six months			33.9
In about a year	30.0	36.5	21.3
In about two years	12.9	11.0	11.6
More than two years	16.7	7.3	8.9
Never	0.9	3.5	5.6
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.2	3.2	.1
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2	2.8	13.3

Q39.3- The unemployment rate going down significantly:

	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Has already happened	21.6%	27.5%	3.8%
In about six months			24.3
In about a year	30.5	35.8	25.4
In about two years	16.1	12.0	11.2
More than two years	23.7	14.0	14.3
Never	3.4	6.4	10.7
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	0.7	2.4	1.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1	1.9	9.3

Q39.4- Significant improvement in the Iranian economy:

	January 2016
Has already happened	4.1%
In about six months	24.0
In about a year	24.8
In about two years	13.7
More than two years	14.6
Never	6.9
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	1.8
DK/NA [vol.]	10.1

Q39.5- A tangible improvement in people's economic condition:

	May 2015	August 2015 ⁹	January 2016
Has already happened	26.0%	26.2%	4.3%
In about six months			21.0
In about a year	29.1	36.3	25.9
In about two years	14.8	14.4	14.0
More than two years	22.2	15.1	16.9
Never	3.0	4.0	6.8
Not related to / affected by deal [vol.]	0.3	1.4	.8
DK/NA [vol.]	4.7	2.6	10.2

Q40- Do you think that JCPOA will or will not eventually results in improvements in your economic condition?

	January 2016
It will	61.4%
It will not	27.6
DK/NA [vol.]	11.1

Q41- Do you think that as a result of reaching a nuclear agreement with the P5+1 countries the political power of Rouhani and his allies has increased or decreased? A lot or somewhat?

	January 2016
Increased a lot	17.2%
Increased somewhat	44.5
Decreased somewhat	12.5
Decreased a lot	3.6
Has not changed [Vol.]	15.9
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4

Q42- Which position is closer to yours:

- Islamic and Western religious and social traditions are incompatible with each other and conflict between the two is inevitable; or
- Most people in the West and the Islamic world have similar needs and wants, so it is possible to find common ground?
- DK/NA [vol.]

	February 2008	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Conflict is inevitable	12%	30%	35.0%	30.1%	29.2%
Common ground possible	64	58	54.5	58.9	58.2
DK/NA [vol.]	24	13	10.5	11.0	12.5

⁹ In May and July 2015 this question asked about: "A tangible improvement in people's standard of living"

Q43: Now, for the countries that I am going to read to you, please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each?

Q43.01- Turkey

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	13%	10.7%	9.6%
Somewhat favorable	43	34.6	30.3
Somewhat unfavorable	18	17.7	22.1
Very unfavorable	24	34.5	35.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.5	2.4

Q43.02- Iraq

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	30%	32.6%	28.1%
Somewhat favorable	33	34.0	41.0
Somewhat unfavorable	15	15.5	14.2
Very unfavorable	21	16.7	15.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.3	1.1

Q43.03- Hezbollah of Lebanon

	January 2016
Very favorable	33.9%
Somewhat favorable	40.2
Somewhat unfavorable	7.5
Very unfavorable	15.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

Q43.04- Syria

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	32%	30.8%	32.2%
Somewhat favorable	43	46.2	42.3
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12.2	12.1
Very unfavorable	11	9.0	11.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.8	2.0

Q43.05- ISIS

	January 2016
Very favorable	0.3%
Somewhat favorable	0.2
Somewhat unfavorable	0.8
Very unfavorable	97.8
DK/NA [vol.]	0.9

Q43.06- Saudi Arabia

	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	8.3%	2.7%
Somewhat favorable	18.6	7.5
Somewhat unfavorable	12.2	9.0
Very unfavorable	59.1	79.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8	1.4

Q43.07- China

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	13%	9.4%	14.2%	8.4%
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9	38.9	45.8
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7	18.9	17.8
Very unfavorable	25	31.0	21.8	22.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9	6.2	5.1

Q43.08- Russia

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	14%	10.3%	13.3%	15.3%
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0	38.8	42.0
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1	17.2	15.7
Very unfavorable	26	32.2	26.6	23.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4	4.1	3.9

Q43.09- Germany

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	13%	13.6%	17.0%	17.6%
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6	36.4	36.6
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1	17.0	18.7
Very unfavorable	28	27.1	22.6	20.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7	7.0	6.3

Q43.10- Lebanon

	January 2016
Very favorable	24.3%
Somewhat favorable	42.0
Somewhat unfavorable	13.4
Very unfavorable	16.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3.4

Q43.11- France

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	7%	10.1%	13.4%	10.5%
Somewhat favorable	30	30.9	31.8	33.2
Somewhat unfavorable	26	20.4	19.6	21.5
Very unfavorable	33	35.0	29.4	29.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6	5.8	5.8

Q43.12- United Kingdom

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	6%	5.6%	7.1%	5.2%
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6	22.5	20.7
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9	18.1	18.7
Very unfavorable	52	53.0	47.0	51.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	5.3	3.9

Q44.1- United States

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	9%	7.9%	8.6%	7.8%
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4	22.6	20.5
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9	14.3	16.5
Very unfavorable	58	53.2	52.3	54.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5	2.2	1.0

Q44.2- How about the US government? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	4%	2.5%	1.7%
Somewhat favorable	9	8.6	8.1
Somewhat unfavorable	14	12.6	14.5
Very unfavorable	70	73.4	73.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	2.1

Q44.3- How about the American people? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016
Very favorable	12	12.2%	12.5%
Somewhat favorable	38	40.1	40.3
Somewhat unfavorable	16	15.6	17.1
Very unfavorable	29	26.8	26.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5	5.4	3.9

Q45- Some say that the nuclear agreement shows that the most of differences between Iran and the US are not very fundamental and could be resolved through negotiations. Others disagree and say that most of the differences between Iran and the United States are so fundamental that they cannot be resolved through negotiations alone? Which of these views is closer to your opinion?

	January 2016
Differences are not very fundamental and could be resolved through negotiations	31.9%
Differences are so fundamental that they cannot be resolved through negotiations alone	59.3
Differences are fundamental but could be resolved through negotiation [vol.]	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	7.3

Now I would like to ask you some questions about the ongoing conflicts in the region:

Q46: How closely are you following the news regarding the conflict and unrest in:

46.1-Syria

	January 2016
Very	34.1%
Somewhat	44.6
Not much	8.7
Not at all	12.5
DK/NA [vol.]	.2

46.2- Iraq

	January 2016
Very	32.6%
Somewhat	45.8
Not much	8.5
Not at all	12.7
DK/NA [vol.]	.4

46.3-Yemen

	January 2016
Very	29.0%
Somewhat	41.4
Not much	11.2
Not at all	18.0
DK/NA [vol.]	.5

46.4- Ukraine

	January 2016
Very	4.9%
Somewhat	26.9
Not much	19.1
Not at all	46.8
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3

46.5- Palestine

	January 2016
Very	32.1%
Somewhat	44.8
Not much	8.6
Not at all	13.9
DK/NA [vol.]	.6

46.6- Libya

	January 2016
Very	8.3%
Somewhat	33.8
Not much	19.0
Not at all	37.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

46.7- Nigeria

	January 2016
Very	18.1%
Somewhat	36.2
Not much	10.4
Not at all	33.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.6

Q47: In general, to what degree do you support or oppose Iran providing help to:

Q47.1- Hezbollah of Lebanon

	January 2016
Strongly Support	32.0%
Somewhat Support	39.4
Somewhat Oppose	10.9
Strongly Oppose	13.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3.8

Q47.2- The government of Bashar Assad in Syria

	January 2016
Strongly Support	28.6%
Somewhat Support	37.3
Somewhat Oppose	12.1
Strongly Oppose	16.8
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q47.3- The Houthis in Yemen

	January 2016
Strongly Support	25.1%
Somewhat Support	38.5
Somewhat Oppose	12.5
Strongly Oppose	14.8
DK/NA [vol.]	9.1

Q47.4- Hamas in Palestine

	January 2016
Strongly Support	29.0%
Somewhat Support	40.6
Somewhat Oppose	13.5
Strongly Oppose	13.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9

Q47.5- The Shiite groups in Iraq fighting against ISIS

	January 2016
Strongly Support	57.9%
Somewhat Support	29.2
Somewhat Oppose	5.7
Strongly Oppose	5.1
DK/NA [vol.]	2.1

Q47.6- The Iraqi Kurdish groups fighting against ISIS

	January 2016
Strongly Support	52.1%
Somewhat Support	35.7
Somewhat Oppose	3.6
Strongly Oppose	5.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2

Q48) Some say that Iran should send military personnel to Syria to help the government of Bashar Assad in its fight against armed Syrian rebels, including ISIS, so that these rebels would not be able to threaten Iran’s interests and security in the region. Others argue that Iran should not send military personnel to Syria because this would increase Iran’s enemies in the region and beyond. Which of these views is closer to your opinion?

	January 2016
Iran should send military personnel to Syria	62.7%
Iran should not send military personnel to Syria	30.8
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4

Q49) As you may know, the United Nations has determined that chemical weapons have been used in Syria. Some say the international community should try to identify and punish whoever conducted these chemical attacks. Others argue that chemical weapons are no different than other kinds of weapons and no particular action needs to be taken in response to the use of chemical weapons in Syria. Which of these views is closer to your opinion?

	January 2016
International community should identify and punish those who use chemical weapons	79.4%
No particular action needs to be taken in response to the use of chemical weapons	13.5
DK/NA [vol.]	7.0

Q50) As far as you know who has used chemical weapons in Syria?

	January 2016
The government of Bashar Assad	3.4%
The armed rebels fighting against the government of Bashar Assad	57.1
Both the government of Bashar Assad and the armed rebels	16.5
DK/NA [vol.]	23.0

[Open-ended]

Q51) What do you think is the single most important reason behind Iran's current involvement in Syria?

	January 2016
To create peace and security in the region	3.4%
To protect Syrian civilians	9.0
To protect Syrian Shiites	5.1
To protect Shiite religious sites	9.8
To protect Syria's territorial integrity	2.4
To strengthen the hands of Bashar Assad	3.9
To support its allies in the region	1.2
To be able to continue to provide support to Hizbollah	1.5
Fight terrorists and ISIS	13.5
To prevent terrorists from nearing Iran's borders	13.0
To counter security threats against Iran	10.5
To increase Iran's power and influence in the region	1.7
To advance Iran's interests	6.4
To counter US and Israel's policies in the region	1.2
Other	1.5
DK/NA	16.0

Q52: Now, to what degree do you support or oppose Iran to pursue each of the following objectives in Syria.

52.1- To protect Syrian civilians

	January 2016
Strongly Support	29.2%
Somewhat Support	39.3
Somewhat Oppose	14.2
Strongly Oppose	9.7
DK/NA [vol.]	7.5

52.2- To protect Shiite religious sites

	January 2016
Strongly Support	67.3%
Somewhat Support	22.3
Somewhat Oppose	3.8
Strongly Oppose	3.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2

52.3- To fight ISIS

	January 2016
Strongly Support	72.0%
Somewhat Support	15.3
Somewhat Oppose	3.8
Strongly Oppose	6.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.5

52.4- To strengthen Syrian President Assad

	January 2016
Strongly Support	27.5%
Somewhat Support	34.5
Somewhat Oppose	14.2
Strongly Oppose	13.3
DK/NA [vol.]	10.5

52.5- To prevent the conflict in Syria from spreading to other countries

	January 2016
Strongly Support	44.8%
Somewhat Support	35.5
Somewhat Oppose	7.1
Strongly Oppose	5.2
DK/NA [vol.]	7.4

52.6- To increase Iran's influence and power in the region

	January 2016
Strongly Support	57.3%
Somewhat Support	26.7
Somewhat Oppose	5.4
Strongly Oppose	6.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

52.7- To decrease the influence and power of Saudi Arabia in the region

	January 2016
Strongly Support	62.2%
Somewhat Support	22.1
Somewhat Oppose	4.9
Strongly Oppose	5.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.0

52.8- To counter US and Israel's policies in the region

	January 2016
Strongly Support	53.8%
Somewhat Support	23.2
Somewhat Oppose	11.7
Strongly Oppose	6.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.1

52.9- To be able to continue to provide support to Hizbollah

	January 2016
Strongly Support	41.1%
Somewhat Support	32.9
Somewhat Oppose	11.8
Strongly Oppose	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2

Q53: As the sanctions on Iran are lifted this will free up funds, such as those that have been frozen for many years now. After the unfreezing of these funds, do you think Iran should or should not use some of those funds to increase its support to its allies abroad? [If increase ask: a lot, somewhat, or only a little?]

	January 2016
Increase a lot	14.8%
Increase somewhat	36.9
Increase a little	13.9
Not increase at all	24.5
DK/NA [vol.]	9.9

[This question was only asked from those who said "Not increase at all" or "DK/NA" in Q53] Q54) Do you think Iran should or should not decrease its support to its allies abroad? [If decrease ask: a lot, somewhat, or only a little]?

	January 2016¹⁰
Decrease a lot	3.2%
Decrease somewhat	8.0
Decrease a little	3.0
Not Decrease at all	14.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5.7
<i>Iran should increase its support of its allies abroad</i>	65.6

¹⁰ Percent of total

Q55- As you may know, ISIS has brought under its control large sections of Iraq's territory. Iran and the United States have both declared that they will support the government of Iraq in order to preserve Iraq's territorial integrity and counter ISIS. To what degree would you approve or disapprove Iran and the United States collaborating with one another to help the government of Iraq and counter ISIS?

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016
Strongly approve	20%	24.4%	22.3%
Somewhat approve	28	34.9	28.4
Somewhat disapprove	19	11.8	13.0
Strongly disapprove	27	25.7	30.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6	3.2	5.9

Q56: As you may know, various countries have declared that ISIS is a threat to their national security and have indicated that they are fighting ISIS in Syria and Iraq. As I read the names of various countries, please tell me how sincere you think they are in countering ISIS.

Q56.1- Turkey

	January 2016
Very	5.5%
Somewhat	21.0
Not very	17.0
Not at all	47.6
DK/NA [vol.]	8.8

Q56.2- Iran

	January 2016
Very	68.9%
Somewhat	21.1
Not very	1.8
Not at all	3.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.0

Q56.3- France

	January 2016
Very	7.6%
Somewhat	28.9
Not very	16.9
Not at all	33.1
DK/NA [vol.]	13.5

Q56.4- Saudi Arabia

	January 2016
Very	2.7%
Somewhat	8.6
Not very	11.9
Not at all	68.2
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7

Q56.5- Russia

	January 2016
Very	31.4%
Somewhat	39.5
Not very	8.4
Not at all	10.1
DK/NA [vol.]	10.6

Q56.6- United States

	January 2016
Very	5.9%
Somewhat	19.7
Not very	12.4
Not at all	53.6
DK/NA [vol.]	8.5

Q57: As you may know, many countries and organizations are not now involved in the conflict in Syria. As I read the names of various countries, please tell if in general you mostly approve or disapprove of the role that country or organization is playing in Syria?

Q57.1- Turkey

	January 2016
Mostly approve	16.9%
Mostly disapprove	69.8
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	1.2
Depends [vol]	
DK/NA [vol.]	12.2

Q57.2- Iran

	January 2016
Mostly approve	80.1%
Mostly disapprove	13.3
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	.8
Depends [vol]	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q57.3- Hizbollah of Lebanon

	January 2016
Mostly approve	66.6%
Mostly disapprove	22.1
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	1.0
Depends [vol]	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	9.9

Q57.4- France

	January 2016
Mostly approve	24.8%
Mostly disapprove	58.4
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	2.9
Depends [vol]	.5
DK/NA [vol.]	13.4

Q57.5- ISIS

	January 2016
Mostly approve	.9%
Mostly disapprove	95.1
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	.7
Depends [vol]	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2

Q57.6- Saudi Arabia

	January 2016
Mostly approve	4.6%
Mostly disapprove	87.3
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	.7
Depends [vol]	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2

Q57.7- Russia

	January 2016
Mostly approve	59.6%
Mostly disapprove	27.5
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	1.9
Depends [vol]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	10.8

Q57.8- United States

	January 2016
Mostly approve	15.6%
Mostly disapprove	74.0
Neither approve or disapprove [vol]	1.5
Depends [vol]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	8.6

Q58- Do you mostly approve or mostly disapprove of Iran participating in international negotiations over the future of Syria?

	January 2016
Mostly approve	80.4%
Mostly Disapprove	13.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2

Q59- How much have you heard or read about the agreement – to which Iran was a party – over the future of Syria that was recently reached in Vienna and then approved by the UN Security Council?

	January 2016
A lot	6.5%
Somewhat	43.5
Only a little	15.0
Not at all	30.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4.5

[Only asked from those who have heard or read about the agreement at least “only a little.”]

Q60- In general, based on what you have read or heard, do you mostly approve or mostly disapprove of this agreement?

	January 2016¹¹
Mostly approve	46.8%
Mostly Disapprove	10.3
DK/NA [vol.]	7.9
<i>Have NOT read or heard about the agreement at all or DK/NA in Q59</i>	<i>35.0</i>

¹¹ Percent of total

Q61- Do you approve or disapprove of the military attacks being conducted by various countries against ISIS? (Would that be strongly or somewhat?)

	January 2016
Strongly approve	46.8%
Somewhat approve	18.5
Somewhat disapprove	4.2
Strongly disapprove	7.4
Depends [vol.]	19.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3.4

Q62: As you may know, the United State has been involved in Syria. Many reasons have been given for the United States' involvement in Syria. As I read each reason, please say if, as far as you know, this is the most important reason, an important reason, a possible reason, or not one of the reasons behind United States' involvements in Syria?

Q62.1- To protect Syrian civilians

	January 2016
The most important reason	4.5%
An important reason	6.5
A possible reason	28.4
Not one of the reasons	49.5
DK/NA [vol.]	11.1

Q62.2- To topple the government of Bashar Assad

	January 2016
The most important reason	35.4%
An important reason	17.8
A possible reason	27.3
Not one of the reasons	8.2
DK/NA [vol.]	11.4

Q62.3- To fight ISIS

	January 2016
The most important reason	9.1%
An important reason	8.1
A possible reason	29.5
Not one of the reasons	43.2
DK/NA [vol.]	10.1

Q62.4- To increase U.S. influence and power in the region

	January 2016
The most important reason	56.5%
An important reason	12.2
A possible reason	13.9
Not one of the reasons	6.8
DK/NA [vol.]	10.6

Q62.5- To end the conflict in Syria

	January 2016
The most important reason	7.2%
An important reason	6.9
A possible reason	26.7
Not one of the reasons	48.6
DK/NA [vol.]	10.6

Q62.6- To prevent the conflict in Syria from spreading to other countries

	January 2016
The most important reason	6.0%
An important reason	8.6
A possible reason	27.4
Not one of the reasons	44.0
DK/NA [vol.]	14.0

Q62.7- To protect the interests of Saudi Arabia in the region

	January 2016
The most important reason	30.3%
An important reason	19.9
A possible reason	24.4
Not one of the reasons	13.0
DK/NA [vol.]	12.4

Q62.8 - To protect Israel

	January 2016
The most important reason	43.3%
An important reason	19.5
A possible reason	17.6
Not one of the reasons	7.7
DK/NA [vol.]	12.0

Q62.9- To increase U.S. military presence in the region

	January 2016
The most important reason	33.3%
An important reason	21.8
A possible reason	25.4
Not one of the reasons	8.3
DK/NA [vol.]	11.2

Q62.10- To decrease Iran's influence and power in the region

	January 2016
The most important reason	39.2%
An important reason	19.8
A possible reason	22.2
Not one of the reasons	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	10.8

Q63) As you may have heard, Saudi Arabia has announced a new coalition of 34 nations that Saudi Arabia says will fight against ISIS. Do you see the creation of this coalition as:

	January 2016
Very positive	4.1%
Somewhat positive	12.9
Somewhat negative	15.7
Very negative	55.5
DK/NA [vol.]	11.8

[Open-ended]

Q64) Why do you see the creation of the coalition announced by Saudi Arabia as mostly negative?

	January 2016¹²
It increases Saudi Arabi's power and influence in the region	3.8%
Its real aim is to counter Iran	3.4
Its real aim is to counter Shiites	1.0
Its real aim is to counter Bashar Assad	1.1
Saudi Arabia is the main supporter of ISIS	41.4
They are lying about its objective	6.2
Its real aim is to cover up Saudi Arabi's relations with ISIS	3.2
Saudi Arabia is a warmonger	3.7
It has been created to advance the interests of the US and Israel	2.3
Other	1.4
DK/NA	4.0
<i>See Saudi Arabia's announcement as positive or DK/NA in Q63</i>	28.8

¹² Percent of total

Demographics:

Now I would like to ask some question about yourself:

D5) What is your current occupation?

	January 2016
Self-employed	13.8%
Farmer / Animal Husbandry	8.0
Low ranking government employee	5.1
Medium / High ranking government employee	6.1
Low ranking private sector employee	1.9
Medium / High ranking private sector employee	2.7
Retired	7.9
Homemaker	28.6
Student	10.5
Unemployed	11.4
Other	3.7
DK/NA [vol]	.4

D6) What is your household's total monthly income?

	January 2016
Under 500,000 Tomans	18.9
500,000 – 1 million Tomans	35.7
1 – 1.5 million Tomans	20.9
1.5 – 2 million Tolams	12.8
2 – 2.5 million Tomans	3.6
2.5 – 3 million Tomans	2.6
More than 3 million Tomans	3.3
DK/NA [vol]	2.3

D7- Do you follow the news programs of BBC Farsi or VOA?

	Sept. 2009	August 2015	January 2016
Yes	20%	28.0%	26.1%
No	80	68.9	73.1
DK/NA [vol.]	--	3.1	.8

D8- On average, how often do you use the internet?

	January 2016
Everyday	35.4%
At least once a week	17.6
Less than once a week	8.4
Never	37.9
DK/NA [vol.]	.7