

Iranian Public Opinion at the Start of the Biden Administration

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Questionnaire and Results

- February 2021 National Probability Sample Survey
Fielded: Jan. 26 – Feb. 6, 2021
Sample Size: 1,008
Margin of Error: +/- 3.1%
- October 2020 National Probability Sample Survey
Fielded: Sept. 1 – Oct. 2, 2020
Sample Size: 1,005
Margin of Error: +/- 3.1%

February 2021 National Probability Sample Survey

Q1. To what degree do you use each of the following media to get news about domestic and international affairs?

1. Domestic television channels

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot	35.6	35.9	33.0
Somewhat	47.1	41.1	42.1
Not much	9.2	9.8	10.9
Not at all	8.1	12.8	13.7
DK/NA [vol.]	0	.4	.3

2. Satellite television channels

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot	10.3	7.9	6.3
Somewhat	16	17.7	18.5
Not much	8.8	8.0	10.7
Not at all	65	66.2	64.4
DK/NA [vol.]	0	.3	.2

3. Newspaper

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot	6	2.6	3.6
Somewhat	22.8	17.6	14.3
Not much	18	13.0	10.5
Not at all	53.1	66.4	71.5
DK/NA [vol.]	0.2	.4	.1

4. Internet

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot	29.1	31.5	33.1
Somewhat	29.3	34.9	35.4
Not much	10.2	7.4	6.5
Not at all	31.3	25.8	24.8
DK/NA [vol.]	0	.4	.1

5. Social networking applications like Telegram and Instagram

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot	31.9	30.6	33.2
Somewhat	33.6	33.9	30.2
Not much	10.5	8.7	8.2
Not at all	23.9	26.4	28.3
DK/NA [vol.]	0.1	.4	.1

Q2. In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	May 2015	Jun. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Apr. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very good	11.1	3.8	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.7	2.8	3.3	5.8
Somewhat good	43.2	35.7	33.1	27.6	22.3	26.8	23.7	26.0	28.2	21.1	19.1
Somewhat bad	22.5	29.4	29.5	28.2	26.5	27.9	29.8	30.2	27.3	21.7	20.5
Very bad	21.2	29.2	33.9	40.7	45.2	42.9	43.4	40.0	40.3	52.7	53.0
DK/NA [vol.]	2.0	2.0	1.1	.9	4.3	.4	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.6

Q3. Right now, do you think economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	May 2015	Jun. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Apr. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Getting better	49.3	42.2	39.1	31.3	27	33.2	26.6	28.7	30.5	22.1	25.8
Getting worse	37.1	43.4	50.2	58.4	64	59.5	56.9	55.0	53.6	71.5	68.0
Staying the same [vol.]	9.7	9.2	7.7	6.2	5	4.1	8.7	8.0	9.7	.9	2.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0	5.2	3.0	4.1	4	3.2	7.9	8.2	6.3	5.5	4.1

Q4. As compared to about a year ago, has the economic condition of your family improved, remained roughly unchanged, or worsened? [If improved or worsened ask:] A lot or somewhat?

	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Improved a lot	1.1	1.4	1.9
Improved somewhat	6.5	9.1	7.1
Remained roughly the same	35.6	37.0	38.5
Worsened somewhat	32.4	28.7	27.5
Worsened a lot	24.2	23.5	24.8
DK/NA [vol.]	.2	.4	.2

[Half Sample A.]

Q5.1. Which of the following do you think has had the greatest negative impact on the Iranian economy? [Randomize response options]

	May 2015	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Foreign sanctions and pressures	26.3	32.1	36.2	38.4	37.7	37.5	36.2	35.3
Domestic economic mismanagement and corruption	64.3	63.3	59.1	58.0	55.3	54.5	56.6	57.9
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4	4.6	4.8	3.6	7.0	8.0	7.2	6.8

[Half Sample B]

Q5.2. Which of the following do you think has had the greatest negative impact on the Iranian economy? [Randomize response options]

	Feb. 2021
Foreign sanctions and pressures	24.6
The coronavirus pandemic	19.8
Domestic economic mismanagement and corruption	52.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5

Q6. Over the last year, has your household purchased gold coins or foreign currencies, such as the dollar or euro, in order to preserve the value of its wealth and savings?

	May 2019	Feb. 2021
Yes, it has purchased gold coins or foreign currency	8.1	2.4
No, it has not purchased gold coins or foreign currency	89.9	97.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.1	

Q7. Over the last year, has your family's consumption of red meat in general increased, decreased, or stayed the same? [If "increased" or "decreased" ask:] A lot or somewhat?

	Feb. 2021
Increased a lot	.6
Increased somewhat	2.0
Stayed the same	47.4
Decreased somewhat	27.1
Decreased a lot	22.5
DK/NA [vol.]	.4

Q8. As far as you know, as compared to about a year ago, has the availability of most foreign-made medicine and medical equipment in Iran:

	May 2019	Feb. 2021
Increased a lot	5.6	3.1
Increased somewhat	9.8	5.0
Stayed about the same	13.2	13.4
Decreased somewhat	30.1	31.9
Decreased a lot	26.9	32.3
DK/NA [vol.]	14.4	14.3

Q9. Which of the following economic policies do you think would be best for our country?

	Feb. 2021
Complete economic self-sufficiency	18.6
Meeting our most important needs on our own and trading with a few dependable countries for other items	34.9
Trading with dependable countries to meet many of Iran's needs	24.4
Trading with as many countries as possible to fulfill all of Iran's needs	19.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

Q10. Under current international circumstances, how likely do you think it is that Iran could actually increase its trade relations with other countries if it makes a major effort?

	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Very likely	33.1	29.2
Somewhat likely	35.7	41.4
Not very likely	15.5	15.9
Not likely at all	12.9	11.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.8	2.4

Q11. As you may know, the United States has withdrawn from the JCPOA nuclear agreement and has reimposed sanctions on Iran. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?

	Jul. 2014¹	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Have had great negative impact	51	47.7	44.5
Have had some negative impact	34	31.8	33.1
Have had little negative impact	7	9.5	13.9
Have had no negative impact	4	10.4	6.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4	.7	1.7

¹ In July 2014 it was asked: "As you may know, Iran is currently under sanctions for activities relating to nuclear enrichment. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?"

Q12. How about on the lives of ordinary people of our country? In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on the lives of ordinary people of our country?

	Jul. 2014	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Have had great negative impact	61	57.1	60.2
Have had some negative impact	30	25.8	26.0
Have had little negative impact	5	9.4	9.0
Have had no negative impact	2	7.2	4.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2	.6	.5

Q13. Some say that by reimposing sanctions, the United States seeks to prevent all foreign goods from reaching Iran, including humanitarian-related products, such as medicines or spare parts needed for the safe operation of Iran's civilian airplanes. Others say that the United States does not want to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran. As far as you know, does the US seek to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran or not? Definitely or probably?

	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
The US is definitely seeking to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran	47.0	52.9	51.7	44.7
The US is probably seeking to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran	21.7	16.7	20.6	24.8
The US is probably Not seeking to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran	14.0	11.1	14.8	16.8
The US is definitely Not seeking to prevent humanitarian-related products from reaching Iran	9.0	13.1	7.4	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	8.4	6.2	5.5	5.7

Q14. Among your family, friends, and acquaintances, do you personally know someone who has gotten sick from the coronavirus?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Yes	58.8	78.9
No	41.2	21.1
DK/NA [vol.]	--	

Q15. Do you personally know someone who has lost his/her life as a result of getting sick from the coronavirus?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Yes	36.6	49.3
No	63.3	50.6
DK/NA [vol.]	0.1	.1

Q16. Has anyone in your household lost their job as because of the spread of the coronavirus?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Yes	19.2	25.1
No	80.6	74.8
DK/NA [vol.]	0.2	.1

Q17. Some people think that the government should close restaurants and work places where people work in close proximity to one another to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, even if this would damage Iran's economy. Others think it is more important for the government to encourage economic activities, even if this would lead to more people getting sick from the coronavirus. Which opinion is closer to yours?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
The government should do what it can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, even if that would damage Iran's economy	56.7	59.3
The government should do what it can to encourage economic activities, even if that would lead to more people getting sick from the coronavirus	29.1	30.5
9Other/ Depends [vol.]	10.8	8.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.4	1.9

Q18. In dealing with the coronavirus outbreak, do you think Iran has done a:

	Feb. 2021
Very good job	27.5
Somewhat good job	49.1
Somewhat bad job	12.1
Very bad job	11.0
DK/NA [vol.]	.3

Q19. If a coronavirus vaccine becomes available in Iran and is approved by Iran's Ministry of health, would you:

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Definitely get yourself vaccinated	62.0	59.4
Probably get yourself vaccinated	24.7	23.1
Probably refuse to get vaccinated	4.9	6.5
Definitely refuse to get vaccinated	5.3	7.9
Depends [vol.]	2.6	2.6
DK/NA [vol.]	.6	.4

Q20. Thinking about Iran as a whole, do you think this country is more united or more divided than before the coronavirus outbreak?

	Feb. 2021
More united	49.4
More divided	42.3
No change [vol.]	5.9
Depends [vol.]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2.2

Q21. I will now read you the names of some prominent political figures in Iran. Regardless who you Please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each.

1. Mohammad Javad Zarif

	Jul. 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	40	56.0	44.5	37.9	42.9	36.3	26.2	26.6	19.9	23.4
Somewhat favorable	30	33.4	33.0	32.8	33.1	32.1	38.9	40.4	36.3	37.8
Somewhat unfavorable	8	3.3	9.5	15.2	11.9	16.0	12.7	12.2	16.6	17.5
Very unfavorable	8	2.1	7.6	7.9	7.4	10.0	16.7	15.7	20.8	16.9
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	11	3.0	3.6	3.9	2.6	2.6	2.0	3.1	3.7	2.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.2	3.0	3.5	2.1	2.7	2.0

2. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf

	Jul. 2014	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Apr. 2017	May 2017	Jun. 2017	May 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	21	21.5	21.6	21.9	19	18.9	21.6	21.1	23.9	25.0
Somewhat favorable	43	46.0	51.6	50.7	48	46.5	43.3	38.2	40.2	41.7
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11.2	12.6	13.3	13	15.6	16.8	15.4	15.5	11.6
Very unfavorable	11	8.7	7.1	6.6	12	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	15.7
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	8	9.5	3.6	4.2	8	3.4	1.9	3.9	4.1	3.1
DK/NA [vol.]	5	3.1	3.4	3.3		4.0	4.6	8.5	4.0	3.0

3. Hassan Rouhani

	Jul. 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	May. 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	51	61.2	42.1	28.3	27.1	38.7	23.5	14.9	11.4	8.1	7.6
Somewhat favorable	34	27.9	40.0	40.4	38.4	37.5	42.0	31.7	30.9	28.7	28.1
Somewhat unfavorable	7	4.7	6.8	15.6	12.9	7.6	12.7	22.5	20.8	27.1	20.3
Very unfavorable	6	4.3	8.4	12.7	18.7	14.6	19.0	29.3	34.3	36.1	41.8
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	0	.3	.7	.4	.5	.1	.2	.1	.1		.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.4	1.4	2.7	1.5	2.5	.1	1.9

4. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi

	May. 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	17.4	22.6	19.1	21.5	28.0	42.2	41.8
Somewhat favorable	30.9	34.0	34.7	34.7	35.6	34.6	32.9
Somewhat unfavorable	15.1	13.5	15.1	14.7	13.8	9.8	10.7
Very unfavorable	20.5	20.9	19.3	16.8	14.0	10.0	9.6
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	12.6	5.1	7.6	7.3	5.9	2.0	2.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	3.9	4.3	5.0	2.7	1.4	2.2

5. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

	Jul. 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	34	27.5	24.2	28.0	27.2	22.9	18.9	23.1	22.2	23.2
Somewhat favorable	33	33.5	32.8	37.3	33.6	31.7	28.2	28.6	31.5	34.0
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13.0	15.0	14.9	13.9	15.1	16.8	16.4	17.5	16.8
Very unfavorable	16	22.8	23.9	16.1	19.5	26.2	31.2	27.1	25.2	22.9
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.8	.4	.2	.5	.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.0	3.7	3.3	5.4	3.3	4.5	4.7	3.1	2.6

6. Ali Larijani

	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	8.7
Somewhat favorable	29.3
Somewhat unfavorable	23.6
Very unfavorable	29.8
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	5.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3.6

7. Seyyed Mohammad Khatami

	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	13.3
Somewhat favorable	30.8
Somewhat unfavorable	18.0
Very unfavorable	29.1
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	4.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1

[Randomize the order of Q22 – Q24]

[Only ask if the respondent has a favorable opinion of Raisi]

Q22.1. What is the main reason why you have a favorable opinion of Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi?

[Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. He seeks justice	4.8
2. His positive initiatives in the Judiciary	19.8
3. He is a good and pious individual	3.7
4. He combats corruption and embezzlement	17.9
5. He attends to people's problems	10.8
6. His seriousness and determination	7.2
7. His speeches and lectures	3.5
8. He is honest and keeps his promises	4.1
9. He is competent	3.7
10. He obeys the Leader and is revolutionary	2.1
11. His perseverance	3.7
12. He travels to the provinces to solve people's problems	1.9
13. He follows the laws	1.9
14. His activities in Astan Quds Razavi	1.9
15. He is compassionate and down to earth	1.9
16. Their positive performance in general	2.9
60. Other	2.9
98. DK/NA	5.4

[Only ask if the respondent has an unfavorable opinion of Raisi]

Q22.2. What is the main reason why you have an unfavorable opinion of Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi?

[Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. His incompetence and poor performance in general	14.6
2. His poor performance in the Judiciary	9.3
3. He does not attend to people's problems	4.9
4. Lack of honesty and failure to keep promises	3.4
5. His hypocrisy	5.4
6. His extremism and bigotry	4.9
7. His poor performance during the presidential election	5.4
8. His thoughts and beliefs	4.9
9. His untrustworthiness	5.4
10. His strictness and application of social restrictions	3.4
11. Issuance of death sentence by him	3.4
60. Other	4.9
97. I do not know him well enough	13.2
98. DK/NA	17.1

[Only ask if the respondent has a favorable opinion of Rouhani]

Q23.1. What is the main reason why you have a favorable opinion of Hassan Rouhani? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. His tries to solve problems and serve the people	18.1
2. Creating security and peace in the country	1.9
3. His efforts to reduce economic problems	6.9
4. JCPOA and his efforts to get sanctions lifted	3.1
5. He is the President of our country	17.5
6. His good performance as a president	8.6
7. His efforts in the fight against the coronavirus	6.7
8. His efforts to improve the situation despite many problems and obstacles	6.1
9. His positive performance in the first term of his presidency	5.8
10. His efforts to improve Iran's relations	2.5
11. He is good to the people	2.5
12. His competence	1.9
13. For Keeping his promises	1.1
14. He is a clergy	1.1
60. Other	3.9
98. DK/NA	12.2

[Only ask if the respondent has an unfavorable opinion of Rouhani]

Q23.2. What is the main reason why you have an unfavorable opinion of Hassan Rouhani? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. His incompetence and mismanagement	15.0
2. Lack of honesty and failure to keep promises	18.7
3. Bad economic situation of the country	20.0
4. Inflation and high prices	11.0
5. His poor performance in general	10.2
6. Deterioration of the country during his presidency	8.6
7. Not caring about people's problems	4.5
8. He is ineffectual	1.0
9. He does not fight economic corruption	1.4
10. His bad policies	2.6
60. Other	4.2
98. DK/NA	2.9

[Only ask if the respondent has a favorable opinion of Ghalibaf]

Q24.1. What is the main reason why you have a favorable opinion of Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. His positive performance in the parliament	9.5
2. His positive performance in Tehran Municipality	12.4
3. He is a good person	2.2
4. He obeys the Leader and is revolutionary	1.8
5. His positive performance everywhere he has been	4.2
6. He is very competent	6.3
7. His strong managerial capabilities	8.9
8. He cares and attends to people's problems	7.9
9. His eloquence and good speeches	7.0
10. He is down to earth	4.0
11. He travels to the provinces to solve people's problems	3.1
12. For defending the country	5.5
13. His seriousness and determination	2.7
14. His positive performance in the police force	1.5
15. His honesty and for keeping promises	2.1
16. His initiatives in economic fields	1.6
17. His pragmatism	5.4
18. His services during the war	1.8
19. His service in the military	1.3
60. Other	4.0
98. DK/NA	6.8

[Only ask if the respondent has an unfavorable opinion of Ghalibaf]

Q24.2. What is the main reason why you have an unfavorable opinion of Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. For lying and not keeping promises	8.7
2. His poor performance in parliament	4.4
3. His poor performance in Tehran Municipality	5.5
4. For Not taking any action for the people	11.3
5. He is economically corrupt	10.2
6. His inappropriate actions during the presidential candidacy	3.3
7. His incompetence	7.3
8. His poor performance in the police force	2.2
9. He is power hungry	4.0
10. His hypocrisy	3.3
11. He is unreliable	4.0
12. Bad economic situation of the country	1.8
13. His political views and orientations	2.2
60. Other	4.4
97. I do not know him well enough	6.9
98. DK/NA	20.7

Q25. Now I am going to read to you names of some countries and organizations. Please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each.

1. Germany

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	13	13.6	17.0	17.6	18.8	22.5	20.7	18.7	17.2	13.3
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6	36.4	36.6	33.2	39.2	36.8	35.7	30.0	33.4
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1	17.0	18.7	17.6	14.6	17.6	18.3	19.0	18.5
Very unfavorable	28	27.1	22.6	20.8	24.5	20.7	21.6	23.9	29.3	30.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7	7.0	6.3	5.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	4.5	4.6

2. United Kingdom

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	6	5.6	7.1	5.2	6.2	9.4	6.9	6.1	4.5	4.3
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6	22.5	20.7	16.9	21.0	20.1	18.4	15.9	16.6
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9	18.1	18.7	21.2	22.6	24.1	21.5	22.6	20.9
Very unfavorable	52	53.0	47.0	51.6	51.4	44.4	46.4	51.0	53.6	56.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	5.3	3.9	4.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.2

3. China

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	13	9.4	14.2	8.4	10.4	14.7	13.4	14.2	12.2	11.6
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9	38.9	45.8	45.2	39.3	40.3	44.1	27.3	37.1
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7	18.9	17.8	17.4	14.6	15.8	14.6	20.1	21.1
Very unfavorable	25	31.0	21.8	22.8	22.6	28.8	26.8	24.8	36.8	28.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9	6.2	5.1	4.4	2.6	3.7	2.4	3.6	1.7

4. Saudi Arabia

	May 2015	January 2016	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	8.3	2.7	3.5
Somewhat favorable	18.6	7.5	6.4
Somewhat unfavorable	12.2	9.0	8.5
Very unfavorable	59.1	79.4	80.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8	1.4	1.0

5. United Arab Emirates

	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	2.9
Somewhat favorable	14.2
Somewhat unfavorable	20.2
Very unfavorable	58.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.6

6. The Houthis in Yemen

	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	26.6	24.9
Somewhat favorable	23.3	25.0
Somewhat unfavorable	15.4	13.6
Very unfavorable	22.6	24.3
DK/NA [vol.]	12.2	12.2

7. Hizbollah of Lebanon

	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	33.9	32.4	34.7	33.6
Somewhat favorable	40.2	40.3	30.0	34.6
Somewhat unfavorable	7.5	7.5	10.6	10.1
Very unfavorable	15.5	15.7	19.4	17.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9	4.1	5.3	4.1

8. The United States

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	9	7.9	8.6	7.8	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.0	4.8
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4	22.6	20.5	18.0	15.0	12.8	9.9	9.3	10.3
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9	14.3	16.5	15.8	12.9	11.4	12.8	10.1	11.2
Very unfavorable	58	53.2	52.3	54.2	59.8	66.9	71.3	73.0	77.1	72.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5	2.2	1.0	1.7	1.9	.8	.9	.5	1.0

9. American people

	July 2014	May 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
Very favorable	12	12.2	12.5	11.5	8.4	11.0
Somewhat favorable	38	40.1	40.3	39.6	32.3	34.4
Somewhat unfavorable	16	15.6	17.1	17.1	17.9	21.6
Very unfavorable	29	26.8	26.2	28.7	36.6	27.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5	5.4	3.9	3.1	4.8	5.8

Q26. As you may know, the United States recently held a presidential election. How closely, if at all, did you follow the news regarding that election?

	Feb. 2021
Very closely	25.7
Somewhat closely	44.9
Not very closely	15.3
Not closely at all	13.9
DK/NA[vol.]	.2

Q27. Do you know who was elected in that election?

[Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
Donald Trump	.7
Joe Biden	86.9
Other	.5
DK/NA[vol.]	11.9

Q28. How would you rate American President Donald Trump’s policies toward Iran on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means completely hostile, 5 means neither hostile nor friendly, and 10 means completely friendly?

	Dec. 2016²	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
0) Completely hostile	49.6	69.2	70.4
1	5.8	4.5	3.1
2	4.8	5.7	4.1
3	4.4	3.5	5.4
4	3.8	1.9	3.7
5) Neither hostile nor friendly	15.5	11.3	9.3
6	.8	.6	.8
7	1.0	.3	.3
8	.4	.3	.7
9	.1	.1	.4
10) Completely friendly	.7	.5	.8
98) DK/NA[vol.]	13.1	2.2	1.1
Mean	1.66	1.05	1.13
Median	.0000	.0000	.0000

Q29. Now, how do you think Joe Biden’s policies toward Iran will be?

	Feb. 2021
0) Completely hostile	28.7
1	4.8
2	6.4
3	6.1
4	6.3
5) Neither hostile nor friendly	28.0
6	3.1
7	2.9
8	2.2
9	.4
10) Completely friendly	3.0
98) DK/NA[vol.]	8.3
Mean	2.91
Median	3.0000

² In Dec. 2016 it was asked “How do you think Donald Trump’s policies toward Iran will be?”

Q30. There is discussion about positive steps the Biden administration could take toward Iran soon after taking office. Some steps might be viewed by Iranians as meaningful, while others might not be. For each of the following actions, please say whether you feel it would be very meaningful, somewhat meaningful, not that meaningful, or not meaningful at all.

1. Remove all obstacles to Iran purchasing vaccines against covid-19

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	36.5
Somewhat meaningful	20.2
Not that meaningful	21.6
Not meaningful at all	20.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1.2

2. Send Nowruz greetings to the people of Iran.

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	12.4
Somewhat meaningful	19.2
Not that meaningful	25.3
Not meaningful at all	42.3
DK/NA [vol.]	.8

3. Lift the ban on travel to the United States by people from Iran and some other Muslim countries.

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	17.0
Somewhat meaningful	23.2
Not that meaningful	21.6
Not meaningful at all	35.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2.7

4. Condemn the assassination of scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh as a violation of international law.

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	68.6
Somewhat meaningful	16.0
Not that meaningful	4.6
Not meaningful at all	5.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.4

5. Stop blocking Iran's application for a loan from the International Monetary Fund

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	34.2
Somewhat meaningful	20.2
Not that meaningful	16.7
Not meaningful at all	18.2
DK/NA [vol.]	10.7

6. Lift sanctions on the Central Bank of Iran

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	81.0
Somewhat meaningful	10.8
Not that meaningful	2.6
Not meaningful at all	3.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3

7. Return and fully adhere to the terms of the JCPOA

	Feb. 2021
Very meaningful	64.9
Somewhat meaningful	16.3
Not that meaningful	5.9
Not meaningful at all	10.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.8

Q31. As you may know, in July 2015, Iran and the P5+1 countries reached a comprehensive agreement in regard to Iran's nuclear program, which is also known as the JCPOA. In general and based on what you know about the JCPOA, to what degree do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? Do you:

	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Mar. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Strongly approve	42.7	30.4	26.5	30.7	26.0	22.8	19.7	15.2	12.3	13.3	16.3
Somewhat approve	32.8	41.4	45.0	36.4	29.1	28.3	27.5	30.3	30.0	30.7	34.7
Somewhat disapprove	13.9	13.2	13.3	15.9	21.7	22.9	24.7	26.4	31.6	27.5	19.9
Strongly disapprove	6.7	8.3	8.0	11.6	12.1	16.4	18.3	19.2	20.1	20.4	21.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9	6.6	7.3	5.5	11.1	9.6	9.9	8.9	6.1	8.1	7.7

Q32. As you may know, the amount of European trade and investment in Iran has been much lower than many Iranians expected after the JCPOA was signed. Why do you think European companies have been reluctant to trade and invest in Iran? Is it:

	Feb. 2021
Mostly because of pressure or fear from the United States	75.2
Mostly because of Iran's unattractive business environment	19.7
Both about equally [vol.]	1.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5

Q33. As you may know, European countries are stating that they are taking steps to protect companies that engage in some types of trade with Iran from facing U.S. sanctions. What do you think about these efforts? Do you think they are:

	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
An important development.	7.7	6.8	9.1
A small step in the right direction.	18.4	16.8	15.7
Too little, too late.	20.8	24.8	21.5
The Europeans are not taking such steps	43.7	45.5	44.1
DK/NA [vol.]	9.3	6.1	9.5

Q34. As you may know, in retaliation for US withdrawal from the nuclear deal and reimposition of sanctions, our government exceeded some limits it had accepted under the JCPOA. The Majlis viewed the steps taken by the government as insufficient and recently passed a law demanding further expansion of Iran’s nuclear activities now. The law would also end more intrusive inspection of Iran’s nuclear facilities by international inspectors unless the United States and other P5+1 countries take major steps needed for Iran to fully benefit from the JCPOA within the next month. President Rouhani and the P5+1 countries say that if Iran takes the steps required by the Majlis law, it would be harder for the P5+1 to make the changes that the Majlis wants. With this in mind, to what degree do you support or oppose the recent law passed by the Majlis?

	Feb. 2021
Strongly support	38.8
Somewhat Support	34.1
Somewhat oppose	11.3
Strongly oppose	9.5
Depends [vol.]	.5
DK/NA [Vol.]	5.8

Q35. The European countries that signed the JCPOA have argued that it will be easier for the new Biden administration to rejoin the agreement after Iran again fully complies with the terms of the JCPOA. If the European countries offered an agreement to make specific commitments to increase trade and investment with Iran in return for Iran to again fully comply with the terms of the JCPOA, would you:

	Oct. 2019³	Feb. 2021
Strongly support such an agreement	16.9	16.5
Somewhat support	28.4	30.0
Somewhat oppose	22.0	20.8
Strongly oppose such an agreement	29.9	28.3
Depends [vol.]	.7	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.1	3.1

³ In Oct. 2019 it was asked “If the European countries that signed the JCPOA offered to make specific commitments to increase trade and investment with Iran if Iran would agree to again fully comply by the terms of the JCPOA, would you:”

Q36. As you may know, after US president Trump pulled the United States out of the JCPOA nuclear agreement, Iran indicated that it would not hold any talks with the United States unless the United States returns to the JCPOA and fulfills all of its obligations. Some say now that Joe Biden has become the US president, Iran should talk with the new US administration and try to reach a new nuclear agreement. Others, however, say that Iran should not hold any talks with the United States until after it returns to the JCPOA and fulfills all of its obligations. Which view is closer to your opinion?

	Oct. 2020⁴	Feb. 2021
Iran should talk with the new US administration and try to reach a new nuclear agreement	20.9	28.2
Iran should not hold any talks with the United States until it first returns to the JCPOA and fulfills all of its obligations	68.7	68.8
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.5	.9
DK/NA [vol.]	9.0	2.1

Q37. How likely do you think it is that the United States will return to the JCPOA under the Presidency of Joe Biden?

	Oct. 2020⁵	Feb. 2021
Very likely	6.2	9.0
Somewhat likely	38.3	48.9
Somewhat unlikely	18.8	18.3
Very unlikely	26.1	21.4
DK/NA [vol.]	10.6	2.4

Q38. As you may know, both Iran and the Biden administration have said that they would completely fulfil their obligations under the JCPOA if the other party also complies fully with the terms of the JCPOA. I will now read some ways that this could be achieved. Please tell me whether or not you agree with each of these ways:

1. Iran would completely fulfil its obligations under the JCPOA first and the United States would return to the agreement after the IAEA certifies that Iran is back in full compliance.

	Feb. 2021
Strongly agree	6.6
Somewhat agree	25.4
Somewhat oppose	23.5
Strongly oppose	41.2
Depends [vol.]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.0

⁴ In Oct. 2020 it was asked “As you may know, after US president Trump pulled the United States out of the JCPOA nuclear agreement, Iran indicated that it would not hold any talks with the United States unless the United States returns to the JCPOA and fulfills all of its obligations. Some say that if Joe Biden defeats Donald Trump and becomes the next US president, Iran should talk with the new US administration and try to reach a new nuclear agreement. Others say that even if Biden becomes the next US president, Iran should not hold any talks with the United States until after it returns to the JCPOA and fulfills all of its obligations.”

⁵ In Oct. 2020 it was asked “If Biden is elected president, how likely do you think it is that the United States will return to the JCPOA?”

Q39. Iran and the United States would gradually meet their obligations under the agreement in a step-by-step way, such that Iran would take some steps in return for some steps taken by the United States until both countries fully meet the terms of the JCPOA

	Feb. 2021
Strongly agree	15.0
Somewhat agree	31.9
Somewhat oppose	23.2
Strongly oppose	27.5
Depends [vol.]	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.2

Q40. Iran and the United States would fulfil all their obligations under the JCPOA at the same time. Would you:

	Feb. 2021
Strongly agree	21.1
Somewhat agree	33.6
Somewhat oppose	19.6
Strongly oppose	23.9
Depends [vol.]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	1.4

Q41. Iran would fulfil its obligations under the JCPOA after the United States is back in full compliance.

	Feb. 2021
Strongly agree	68.8
Somewhat agree	19.5
Somewhat oppose	6.2
Strongly oppose	4.1
Depends [vol.]	.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.4

Q42. If the United States rejoins the JCPOA, how likely do you think it is that the United States will live up to its obligations under the nuclear agreement? Is it:

	Oct. 2020⁶	Feb. 2021
Very likely	1.6	4.9
Somewhat likely	28.1	32.8
Somewhat unlikely	27.2	27.4
Very unlikely	34.2	32.8
DK/NA [vol.]	9.0	2.1

⁶ In Oct. 2020 it was asked “If Biden is elected president, how likely do you think it is that the United States would begin to uphold its obligations under the nuclear agreement? Is it:”

Q43. How confident are you that other P5+1 countries besides the U.S. will live up to their obligations under the nuclear agreement? Are you:

	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Very confident	5.8	3.2	5.9	6.5	7.2	3.0	3.1	4.1	6.0
Somewhat confident	55.0	48.2	47.5	53.5	36.7	37.7	27.1	25.6	37.1
Not very confident	21.4	27.2	24.0	22.6	28.0	30.0	32.6	32.3	33.2
Not confident at all	13.5	16.0	16.7	13.4	19.7	24.6	34.4	36.9	21.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4	5.4	5.9	4.1	8.4	4.8	2.9	1.2	2.7

Q44. If the United States returns to the JCPOA, and both the United States and Iran are fully complying with the JCPOA, the question will arise about whether they should begin negotiating about other issues over which there is a conflict between Iran and the United States. If at that point the United States invites Iran to start negotiate on other issues, should Iran:

	Feb. 2021
Immediately agree to negotiate with the United States.	11.6
Agree to negotiate with the United States only after the US complies with the terms of the JCPOA for a few years.	54.3
Refuse to negotiate with the United States even if the it complies with the terms of the JCPOA for a few years.	30.0
Other/Depends [vol.]	.8
DK/NA [Vol.]	3.4

Q45. Biden, the new U.S. president, has stated that after rejoining the JCPOA, he would seek negotiations to discuss strengthening the nuclear deal, limiting Iran’s ballistic missile development, and reducing Iran’s military activities in the Middle East. If the United States indicated that a comprehensive agreement could include lifting all current sanctions on Iran, how would you feel about Iran entering such negotiations?

	Feb. 2021
Would support strongly	8.6
Would support somewhat	22.8
Would oppose somewhat	25.2
Would oppose strongly	41.3
Other/Depends [vol.]	.4
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.7

Q46. How would you feel if these negotiations were to include not just the United States and Iran, but all the countries that signed the JCPOA—Germany, France, Britain, China and Russia?

	Feb. 2021
Would support strongly	9.8
Would support somewhat	21.2
Would oppose somewhat	23.7
Would oppose strongly	42.2
Other/Depends [vol.]	.8
DK/NA [Vol.]	2.3

Q47. And how would you feel if the negotiations about regional issues included not just all the countries that signed the JCPOA, but also some other Middle Eastern countries in addition to Iran?

	Feb. 2021
Would support strongly	9.6
Would support somewhat	29.0
Would oppose somewhat	22.7
Would oppose strongly	32.9
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.2
DK/NA [Vol.]	4.6

Q48. Now I am going to read to you some possible demands that might come up in such negotiations. For each please indicate whether you think the demand is acceptable, the demand is unacceptable, or that the demand could be acceptable depending on other conditions of the agreement, in return for additional lifting of sanctions on Iran.

1. Extending the duration of JCPOA limits on Iran’s nuclear program for a few years.

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	11.3
Is unacceptable	60.2
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	23.0
DK/NA [Vol.]	5.5

2. Making the JCPOA limits on Iran’s nuclear program permanent

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	6.1
Is unacceptable	71.8
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	18.7
DK/NA [Vol.]	3.5

3. Ending uranium enrichment in Iran

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	3.4
Is unacceptable	84.5
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	9.0
DK/NA [Vol.]	3.1

4. Ending all ballistic missile testing by Iran

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	6.2
Is unacceptable	83.4
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	8.7
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.7

5. Limiting the range of Iranian ballistic missiles

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	10.9
Is unacceptable	74.2
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	11.5
DK/NA [Vol.]	3.4

6. Limiting the range of the ballistic missiles of all countries in the Middle East

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	13.6
Is unacceptable	56.8
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	24.1
DK/NA [Vol.]	5.5

7. Limiting the exports of advanced weaponry by arms producers to all countries in the Middle East

	Feb. 2021
Is acceptable	22.1
Is unacceptable	45.2
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	27.6
DK/NA [Vol.]	5.1

Q49. As a general rule, what do you think is the better approach for Iran to pursue in trying to solve the problems it is facing in the region:

	January 2018	Feb. 2021
Seeking to become the most powerful country in the region	46.2	46.2
Seeking to find mutually acceptable solutions with other countries through negotiations	49.4	51.5
Both [vol.]	1.4	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.0	1.3

Q50. As you may know, Iran has had diplomatic discussions with other Middle Eastern countries about de-escalating tensions in the region. The idea has been to develop common understandings, so that certain provocative actions are avoided by all parties. Which of the following is closer to your views about such efforts?

	Feb. 2021
They are worthwhile and should be expanded.	46.5
They should continue, but are not likely to do much.	34.6
They are a waste of time and should be ended.	13.0
Other/Depends [vol.]	.8
DK/NA [Vol.]	5.1

Q51. In general, do you think the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' activities in the Middle East region have made Iran more or less secure? A lot or somewhat?

	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
A lot more secure	50.2	53.7	52.6	57.2
Somewhat more secure	25.1	26.8	28.8	30.9
Somewhat less secure	10.7	9.3	7.9	6.3
A lot less secure	9.4	7.5	6.2	3.6
Depends/Other [vol.]	1.1	.4	.8	.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	2.3	3.8	1.5

Q52. Do you think the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, in addition to fulfilling its security and military responsibilities, should or should not also be involved in construction projects and other economic matters?

	May 2019	Feb. 2021
IRGC should be involved in construction projects and other economic matters	62.9	63.6
IRGC should not be involved in construction projects and other economic matters	30.6	31.9
Depends/Other [vol.]	1.3	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	3.1

Q53. Some say one of the reasons why no country has attacked Iran in the last thirty years is because Iran is deterring such attacks by developing advanced missiles. Others say that pressure of some countries on Iran's missile program is increasing, and if Iran continues developing advanced missiles, it is likely that some countries like the US or Israel will attack Iran. Do you think that developing advanced missiles increases, decreases, or does not affect the likelihood that other countries will attack Iran?

	May 2019	Feb. 2021
Developing missiles decreases the likelihood of other countries attacking Iran	61.2	66.2
Developing missiles increases the likelihood of other countries attacking Iran	13.0	12.3
Developing missiles does not affect the likelihood of other countries attacking Iran	21.8	18.8
Other [vol.]	.5	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	2.5

Q54. In your opinion should Iran increase its support of groups fighting terrorist groups like ISIS, decrease it, or maintain it at the current level?

	Mar. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
Increase it	62.8	59.8	56.2	67.9	54.8	58.7
Decrease it	13.1	8.1	9.7	6.8	10.2	12.3
Maintain it at the current level	19.5	29.7	29.0	22.7	31.7	26.9
Other/Depends [vol.]	.5	.2	.6	.9	1.0	.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1	2.2	4.5	1.7	2.3	1.5

Q55. Which of these is closer to your view about the situation in Yemen?

	Feb. 2021
Iran should help the Houthis defeat their opponents	29.9
Iran should use its influence in the region to encourage a diplomatic resolution to the conflict	44.3
Iran should not get involved in Yemen's domestic conflict	20.2
Depends [vol.]	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.9

Q56. Do you think that Iran should use its influence in Iraq to support policies that:

	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2021
Primarily benefit Shia leaders and citizens in Iraq	14.4	13.2
Equally benefit both Shiites and Sunnis	77.6	81.3
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.6	2.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4	3.6

Q57. As you may know, our country has many differences with the United States, including about the activities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in countries like Iraq and Syria. In your opinion, if Iran were to accept US demands and stop the activities of IRGC in Iraq and Syria, would that more likely:

	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021
Make the United States more accommodating in other areas of contention	13.5	10.8	15.9
Make the United States rely on pressures and sanctions to extract more concessions from Iran in other areas	54.1	59.5	56.4
Not have much of an effect on other issues between the two countries	23.4	21.2	19.3
DK/NA [vol.]	9.0	8.6	8.3

Q58. As you may know, there have been numerous military incidents in past months involving Iran, Israel, the United States, and the Persian Gulf countries. Please say which of the following statements comes closest to your own view:

	Aug. 2019⁷	Feb. 2021
Whenever there is evidence of a violation of Iranian waters, air space, or of an attack on Iranian vessels, aircraft, facilities, or personnel, Iran should punish the perpetrators to make such incidents less likely in the future.	76.6	72.3
Iran should primarily be careful to make sure these incidents do not multiply and turn into a bigger conflict, so Iran need not always respond to such incidents.	18.9	23.6
Depend/other [vol.]	2.6	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	1.9	3.4

⁷ In Aug. 2019 it was asked "As you may know, there have been several incidents in recent months concerning drones, oil tankers and smaller ships, involving Iran, Britain the U.S., and Gulf states. Please say which of the following statements comes closest to your own view..."

Q59. As you may know, in past year there has been more than one assassination of important, high-ranking Iranian figures. Please say which of the following comes closest to your own view:

	Feb. 2021
Whenever there is evidence of foreign activity in the death of an important Iranian citizen or official, Iran should seek revenge to make such incidents less likely in the future.	61.0
Seeking revenge would not make such incidents less likely and will only make Iran less safe. Instead, Iran should take diplomatic and legal action to punish the perpetrator.	36.2
Depend/other [vol.]	.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.2

Q60. As you may know, President Rouhani's second term in office is going to finish next year and our country will hold an election to elect Iran's next president in June 2020. Do you think you will vote or not vote in that election? Definitely or probably?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Will vote, definitely	51.1	52.7
Will vote, probably	24.0	21.7
Will not vote, probably	7.8	9.0
Will not vote, definitely	14.3	14.9
DK/NA [vol.]	2.8	1.7

Q61. What do you think is the single most important issue and challenge that our country faces that the next president should try to address? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021
1. Poverty and poor living conditions of the people	20.1
2. Inflation and high prices	25.1
3. International sanctions	5.0
4. Economic and administrative corruption	3.6
5. Unemployment	15.6
6. Depreciation of the national currency	1.7
7. Economic problems in general	6.9
8. Social and cultural problems	1.5
9. Insecurity in the country	.9
10. Mismanagement in the country	3.0
11. Making Iran self-sufficient	2.8
12. Improving Iran's foreign relations	2.6
13. Attending to the needs of the poor and the needy	1.6
14. Problems related to the housing sector	1.3
15. Reducing discrimination and injustice in the country	.9
16. Combating the spread of the coronavirus	1.1
60. Other	3.2
98. DK/NA	3.3

Q62. When Iran’s leaders talk about building a resistance economy, what do you think they mean? Do they mean:

	Feb. 2021
Complete self-sufficiency, so Iran has no need for external trade.	23.2
Being able to meet our most important needs on our own, and trading with a few dependable countries for other items.	41.2
Relying on trade and investment with dependable countries to meet most of Iran’s needs.	12.5
Trading with as many countries as possible to strengthen Iran’s economy.	18.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4.9

Q63. Do you want the next president to be someone who currently supports president Rouhani and his policies or someone who currently critiques president Rouhani and his policies?

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Someone who currently supports president Rouhani and his policies	14.8	14.2
Someone who currently critiques president Rouhani and his policies	61.4	64.0
9Other/Depends [vol.]	10.8	11.5
DK/NA [vol.]	12.9	10.3

Q64. Considering the current changes in the world, including Joe Biden becoming the US President, do you think Iran needs a President who will mostly:⁸

	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	Feb. 2021
Focus on negotiating and finding common ground with other countries	33.6	39.0	32.5	35.4
Stand up for Iran’s rights and refuse to compromise on Iran’s rights	57.1	52.3	62.3	59.9
Neither/Both [vol.]	1.2	2.7	1.9	1.5
DK/NA[vol.]	8.1	6.0	3.4	3.2

⁸ Before Feb. 2021 it was asked “Q46. Considering the current changes in the world, including Donald Trump becoming US President, do you think Iran now needs a President who will mostly:”

Q65. From among all prominent figures in Iran, who would you want to be Iran's next president?
[Open-ended]

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Ebrahim Raisi	27.0	28.2
Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	11.8	15.1
Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf	8.2	6.4
Mohammad Javad Zarif	4.4	5.3
Saeed Jalili	2.6	1.1
Mohsen Hashemi Rafsanjani	2.1	--
Seyyed Mohammad Khatami	1.9	4.2
Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi	1.0	.6
Hassan Rouhani	.5	.3
Mohsen Rezayi	.4	.5
Ghazizadeh Hashemi	.4	--
Saeed Mohammad	--	.7
Seyed Hassan Khomeini	--	.4
Mir Hossein Mousavi	--	.5
Other	2.2	3.9
Don't Know / Refused	37.6	32.9

Q66. Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday?

1. Enjoyment

	Feb. 2021
Yes	56.8
No	42.8
DK/NA	.4

2. Worry

	Feb. 2021
Yes	55.9
No	43.8
DK/NA	.3

3. Sadness

	Feb. 2021
Yes	43.3
No	56.5
DK/NA	.2

Q67. Please imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. The top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand at this time?

	Feb. 2021
0 – Worst possible life	5.4
1	4.4
2	8.6
3	11.6
4	10.6
5	25.7
6	10.8
7	8.9
8	6.4
9	3.4
10 – Best possible life	3.7
DK/NA [vol.]	.5
Mean	4.7
Median	4.000

Q68. On which step do you think you will stand about five years from now?

	Feb. 2021
0 – Worst possible life	4.2
1	4.0
2	5.8
3	6.2
4	6.7
5	12.7
6	7.3
7	11.6
8	14.0
9	6.2
10 – Best possible life	15.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2
Mean	5.7
Median	6.000

Q69. Comparing your life today with your parents at the same age, do you think you are better or worse off than your parents were?

	Feb. 2021
A lot better off	26.5
A little better off	28.6
A little worse off	24.6
A lot worse off	16.4
Same [Vol.]	2.5
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.5

Q70. When children today in Iran grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	January 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021
Better off	48.5	43.7	49.8
Worse off	43.4	44.2	39.7
Same [vol.]	2.6	2.0	.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.5	10.1	9.9

Demographics:

D1. Sex:

	Feb. 2021
Male	49.9
Female	50.1

D3. What is your level of education?

	Feb. 2021
Illiterate	3.6
Less than high school diploma	28.9
High school diploma	32.2
Associates degree / University Student seeking Associates or Bachelor's degree	12.1
Bachelor's degree	18.5
Masters or PhD	4.8
DK/NA [vol.]	

D5. What is your ethnicity?

	Feb. 2021
Fars	47.7
Turk/Azeri	21.8
Kurd	8.1
Lur	8.8
Arab	1.1
Baluch	.7
Mazani/Gilak/Shomali	8.9
Other	2.8
DK/NA [vol.]	

D6. What is your household's average monthly income?

	Feb. 2021
Under 1 million tomans	14.9
Between 1- 2 million tomans	18.5
Between 2- 3 million tomans	24.3
Between 3 - 4 million tomans	13.5
Between 4 - 5 million tomans	12.5
Between 5 - 6 million tomans	7.4
Over 6 million tomans	8.2
DK/NA	.7

D6. Do you follow the news programs of BBC or VOA?

	Feb. 2021
Yes	21.1
No	78.2
DK/NA	.7

October 2020 National Probability Sample Survey
 (Questions that were not asked in February 2021 survey)

Q1. I will now read you a list of activities. Please tell me how many of them you have done during the past year. Please do NOT tell me which ones you have and which ones you have not done. Just tell me how many of the following activities you have done during the past year.

SAMPLE A:

- Talking to family and friends about the situation of the country
- Watching IRIB News
- Writing a letter to President Rouhani
- Filing a lawsuit against an official in the Court

SAMPLE B:

- Talking to family and friends about the situation of the country
- Watching IRIB News
- Writing a letter to President Rouhani
- Filing a lawsuit against an official in the Court
- Voting in the Feb. 2020 Parliamentary election

	Oct. 2020
Mean Sample A	1.465
Mean Sample B	1.916
Percent who voted in the Feb. 2020 Parliamentary election	45.1%

Q2. As you may know, some people voted in the Feb. 2020 election and others did not for a variety of reasons. How about you? Did you or did you not vote in the Feb. 2020 election?

	Oct. 2020
Yes, I did vote	47.3
No, I did not vote	51.6
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.1

[Only Asked if '2' in Q2]

Q3b1. What was the main reason why you did not vote in the Feb. 2020 election? [Open-ended]

	Oct. 2020
Officials not addressing people's needs	12.3
Spread of the Coronavirus	11.9
Dissatisfaction with the performance of Majlis	10.6
Illness of self or family member	8.3
Not being familiar enough with the candidates	7.9
People's vote not mattering	7.7
Bad economic situation of the country	6.4
None of the candidates were good	6.4
Lack of trust in officials/candidates	4.6
Dishonesty of the officials	4.2
Being younger than 18 at the time	3.9
Traveling at the time	3.9
Not having the time	3.5
Economic corruption of the officials	1.5
Other personal reasons	3.1
Other	1.9
Don't Know / Refused	1.9

[Only Asked if '2' in Q2 and NOT '98' in Q3b1]

Q3b2. Was there another reason why you did not vote in the Feb. 2020 election? [If 'Yes' in

Q3b2, Asked: What was that reason?

	Oct. 2020
Yes	31.4
No	64.8
DK/NA [Vol.]	3.7

Q3b. What was the main reason why you did not vote in the Feb. 2020 election? (Q3b1 and Q3b2 combined) [Open-ended]

	Oct. 2020
Officials not addressing people's needs	17.5
Spread of the Coronavirus	15.2
Dissatisfaction with the performance of Majlis	11.8
Bad economic situation of the country	11.6
People's vote not mattering	10.6
Not being familiar enough with the candidates	9.8
Illness of self or family member	8.3
None of the candidates were good	7.3
Lack of trust in officials/candidates	6.9
Dishonesty of the officials	5.4
Not having the time	4.4
Being younger than 18 at the time	4.0
Traveling at the time	3.9
Economic corruption of the officials	3.3
Other personal reasons	3.5
Other	4.8
Don't Know / Refused	2.5

Q4. In your opinion, what is the most important challenge or issue that our country faces that the new Majlis should try to address?

	Oct. 2020
Inflation and high costs	19.4
Unemployment	12.1
Economic problems of the country in general	11.9
Poverty	11.1
Economic corruption of officials	7.1
Sanctions	5.3
Incompetence and mismanagement of officials	4.8
Iran's relations with other countries	4.1
Corruption in general	2.9
Officials not attending to people's needs	2.5
Making Iran self-reliant	2.3
Spread of the Coronavirus	2.2
Laws not being implemented	1.5
Lack of unity in the country	1.4
Low income	1.2
Lack of affordable housing	0.8
Other	3.8
98- Don't Know / Refused	5.7

Q7. Would you rather Iran's next president to be older and experienced or to be younger and energetic?

	Oct. 2020
Older and experienced	40.3
Young and energetic	52.7
Other/Depends [vol.]	5.9
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.1

Q. 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.

Q12. Mohammad Reza Aref

	Jan. 2016	Mar. 2016	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	10.6	14.5	4.0
Somewhat favorable	30.6	33.9	18.4
Somewhat unfavorable	13.1	10.1	17.5
Very unfavorable	7.7	8.7	21.1
Don't recognize the name [vol]	34.3	28.1	34.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3.7	4.7	4.3

Q14. Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi

	May 2019	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	8.3	4.9
Somewhat favorable	25.1	27.0
Somewhat unfavorable	17.4	17.3
Very unfavorable	13.1	20.3
Don't recognize the name [vol]	31.6	27.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.5	3.5

Q15. Mohsen Hashemi Rafsanjani, son of late Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani

	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	7.3
Somewhat favorable	25.3
Somewhat unfavorable	17.9
Very unfavorable	28.8
Don't recognize the name [vol]	15.8
DK/NA [vol.]	5.0

Q16. Saeed Jalili

	Jul. 2014	Aug. 2015	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	16	16.6	10.2
Somewhat favorable	28	26.2	29.4
Somewhat unfavorable	17	14.4	13.5
Very unfavorable	12	14.8	17.5
Don't recognize the name [vol]	23	23.1	25.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5	4.9	4.0

Q22. As you may know, in retaliation for US withdrawal from the JCPOA agreement and reimposition of the sanctions, our government has exceeded some limits it accepted under the JCPOA and threatened to withdraw unless the other P5+1 countries do more to allow Iran to benefit from the agreement. The other P5+1 countries have responded that Iran's recent actions make it more difficult for them to take the steps Iran is demanding. With this in mind, to what degree do you support or oppose our government's recent decision?

	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020
Strongly support	39.0	41.4	43.1
Somewhat support	33.2	32.9	36.2
Somewhat oppose	13.1	12.8	9.7
Strongly oppose	7.3	6.8	4.5
Depends [vol.]	1.7	1.8	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6	4.3	5.6

Q23. Thinking about how the JCPOA has worked out so far, which view is closer to yours?

	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020
The JCPOA experience shows that it is worthwhile for Iran to make concessions because through compromise Iran can negotiate mutually beneficial agreements with world powers.	21.9	20.6	21.0	22.6
The JCPOA experience shows that it is not worthwhile for Iran to make concessions, because Iran cannot have confidence that if it makes a concession world powers will honor their side of an agreement.	67.4	70.5	71.6	71.2
It is too early to tell [vol.]	.1	.2	--	--
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.1	.5	.9	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	9.6	8.2	6.5	5.2

Q28. How would you rate the performance of public healthcare system in Iran? Would you say it is:

	Oct. 2020
Very good	37.6
Somewhat good	47.1
Somewhat poor	9.0
Very poor	6.0
Depends [vol.]	--
DK/NA [vol.]	0.4

Q29. Do you wear a mask over your mouth and nose when you go in public? [if yes ask: always, most of the time, or sometimes?]

	Oct. 2020
Yes, always	57.2
Yes, most of the times	18.3
Yes, sometimes	15.0
No	9.0
DK/NA [vol.]	.5

Q30. In general, and based on everything you know about the coronavirus situation in Iran, do you think schools should be opened for in-person classes this year or not?

	Oct. 2020
Yes, it should be opened	27.2
No, it should remain closed	64.2
Depends [vol.]	7.0
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7

Q32. All in all, compared with other countries that are similar to Iran, would you say Iran's response to the spread of the coronavirus has been:

	Oct. 2020
More effective than similar countries	30.2
Less effective than similar countries	25.0
about as effective as similar countries	40.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.8

Q34. Do you think Iran should try more to strengthen its diplomatic and trade relations with European countries such as Germany, France, and the United Kingdom, or should it try more to strengthen its diplomatic and trade relations with Asian countries like Russia, China, and India?

	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020
Iran should try more to strengthen its relations with European countries	42.2	45.0	42.4	37.0
Iran should try more to strengthen its relations with Asian countries	48.6	47.7	48.8	50.3
Both equally [vol.]	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.6
Neither [vol.]	.2	.9	.8	1.0
Depends/Other [vol.]	.6	.5	1.8	2.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	2.5	3.5	5.4

Q35. As you may know, Iran and China are currently working on a large-scale agreement for increasing the trade and other cooperation between the two countries over the next twenty-five years. How much have you heard or read about this issue? Have you heard or read:

	Oct. 2020
A lot	7.5
Somewhat	49.0
Not much	20.7
Not at all	21.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

Q36. Based on everything you have heard or read about this agreement, do you think it would or would not be in Iran's interests? Definitely or probably?

	Oct. 2020
Would definably be in Iran's interest	23.1
Would probably be in Iran's interest	32.4
Would probably NOT be in Iran's interest	11.5
Would definably NOT be in Iran's interest	12.5
Depends/Other [vol.]	2.0
DK/NA [vol.]	18.4

Q. Now I am going to read to you names of some countries and organizations. Please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each.

Q38. Russia

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	14	10.3	13.3	15.3	14.2	16.8	18.6	15.8	15.8	13.3
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0	38.8	42.0	39.7	38.8	39.9	39.4	41.3	42.6
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1	17.2	15.7	17.4	16.5	15.9	15.9	15.9	17.7
Very unfavorable	26	32.2	26.6	23.1	25.5	23.3	22.5	25.6	24.4	22.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.2	4.6	3.2	3.3	2.7	3.6

Q40. France

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	7	10.1	13.4	10.5	11.4	10.8	18.6	13.2	10.8	9.9
Somewhat favorable	30	30.9	31.8	33.2	33.3	30.6	37.0	31.1	30.4	29.1
Somewhat unfavorable	26	20.4	19.6	21.5	21.0	22.9	20.3	23.2	24.8	21.2
Very unfavorable	33	35.0	29.4	29.0	31.2	30.7	20.6	29.4	31.5	36.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6	5.8	5.8	3.2	5.0	3.6	3.1	2.5	3.9

Q42. The United Nations

	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020
Very favorable	12.1	10.4	9.9	8.2	9.6	7.6
Somewhat favorable	35.0	35.0	41.9	36.0	34.6	31.0
Somewhat unfavorable	19.4	19.7	19.3	23.8	25.9	21.9
Very unfavorable	28.3	27.1	23.2	27.3	26.6	32.9
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3	7.8	5.8	4.8	3.4	6.6

Q48. In your opinion is it better for Iran to:

	Jul. 2014	Mar. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020
Strive to achieve economic self-sufficiency	53	58.4	63.1	65.1	67.3	69.0	68.8	68.4	69.3	67.1
Strive to increase its trade with other countries	43	36.4	33.7	33.3	29.4	27.9	28.4	29.7	28.0	28.5
DK/NA [vol.]	4	5.2	3.3	1.6	3.3	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.7	4.5