

Iranian Public Opinion After the Protests

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Questionnaire

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Q1. To what degree would you say you follow news regarding domestic affairs?

	January 2018
Follow a lot	19.1%
Follow somewhat	51.2
Do not follow much	17.5
Do not follow at all	12.2
DK/NA [vol.]	.1

Q2. To what degree would you say you follow news regarding international affairs?

	January 2018
Follow a lot	12.3
Follow somewhat	42.6
Do not follow much	21.8
Do not follow at all	23.2
DK/NA [vol.]	.2

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

January 2018	A lot	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA [vol.]
Q3. Domestic television channels	35.6%	47.1%	9.2%	8.1%	0%
Q4. Domestic radio channels	11.1	24.0	13.3	51.6	.1
Q5. Foreign radio channels	1.3	7.1	6.6	85.0	0
Q6. Newspaper	6.0	22.8	18.0	53.1	.2
Q7. Satellite television channels	10.3	16.0	8.8	65.0	0
Q8. Internet	29.1	29.3	10.2	31.3	0
Q9. Social networking applications like Telegram and Instagram	31.9	33.6	10.5	23.9	.1

Q10. In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	May 2015	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018
Very good	11.1%	8.4%	7.9%	5.3%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	2.5%	2.5%
Somewhat good	43.2	40.9	41.1	40.3	35.7	31.7	29.8	33.1	27.6
Somewhat bad	22.5	24.2	25.2	26.3	29.4	30.3	28.4	29.5	28.2
Very bad	21.2	24.4	23.5	25.7	29.2	33.2	36.6	33.9	40.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.1	.9

Q11. Right now, do you think economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	May 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018
Getting better	49.3%	57.4%	47.4%	52.4%	42.2%	41.5%	40.2%	39.1%	31.3%
Getting worse	37.1	28.5	41.0	33.3	43.4	51.3	52.4	50.2	58.4
Staying the same [vol.]	9.7	8.7	6.1	8.3	9.2	3.5	4.1	7.7	6.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0	5.4	5.4	6.0	5.2	3.7	3.3	3.0	4.1

Q12. Would you say the economic condition of your family has in general improved, deteriorated, or remained unchanged over the last 4 years?

	May 2017	January 2018
Has improved	23.0%	17.3%
Has deteriorated	40.8	41.4
Has remained unchanged	36.0	41.3
DK/NA [vol.]	.3	0

Q13. Which of the following do you think has the greatest negative impact on the Iranian economy?

	May 2015	January 2018
Foreign sanctions and pressures	26.3%	32.1%
Domestic economic mismanagement and corruption	64.3	63.3
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4	4.6

Q14. When children today in Iran grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	January 2018
Better off	48.5%
Worse off	43.4
Same [vol.]	2.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.5

Now I would like to ask you some questions regarding the protests that took place earlier this month.

Q. As you may know, many different protests recently occurred across Iran for various reasons. I will now read you different complaints that were voiced during the protests. Please tell me the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of these complaints.

January 2018	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	DK/NA [vol.]
Q15. The government is not doing enough to help the poor.	43.0%	29.6%	13.4%	9.1%	4.9%
Q16. The government is not doing enough to help farmers who are suffering due to the drought.	44.5	25.8	11.5	7.7	10.5
Q17. The government should spend less money in places like Syria and Iraq.	21.5	20.3	23.1	28.0	7.2
Q18. The government should not be strict in enforcing Islamic laws.	21.7	14.7	26.0	33.3	4.3
Q19. Iran's current level of involvement in Iraq and Syria is not in Iran's national interests.	17.2	15.4	31.1	30.1	6.2
Q20. The government should not increase the price of gasoline.	73.2	12.9	4.8	7.9	1.3
Q21. The government should do more to keep the price of food products from increasing.	81.3	13.7	1.8	2.4	.8
Q22. The government should do more to fight financial and bureaucratic corruption in Iran.	85.2	10.5	1.4	1.0	1.9
Q23. The government interferes too much in people's personal lives.	11.3	15.0	36.7	30.1	6.9
Q24. Iran's political system needs to undergo fundamental change.	4.9	11.5	23.2	53.5	7.0
Q25. The government should compensate people who lost money when some financial institutions failed.	46.0	35.0	9.0	6.2	3.8
Q26. The government should not cut cash subsidies.	69.2	16.1	5.8	7.6	1.4
Q27. The military should spend less much money on developing missiles.	8.8	17.4	25.5	39.4	8.9
Q28. The government should be more forceful to stop rioters who use violence or damage property.	63.0	21.5	6.7	6.4	2.5

Q29. In general, how well or badly did the police handle the protests?

	January 2018
Very well	34.5%
Somewhat well	31.8
Somewhat badly	11.5
Very badly	12.2
DK/NA [vol.]	10.0

Q30. In general, do you think the police used too much force, too little force, or an appropriate amount of force as they handled the protests?

	January 2018
Too much force	14.0%
Too little force	11.4
Appropriate amount of force	63.9
DK/NA [vol.]	10.8

Q. As you know, a number of people were arrested during the protests by the police and the judiciary is thinking about releasing some of those who were arrested. I will now read you some categories of people who were arrested. As I read each, please tell whether in general you think most of them should be released, most of them should be prosecuted, but not punished harshly, or most should be prosecuted and punished harshly if found guilty.

January 2018	Most should be released	Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	Depend/Other [vol.]	DK/NA [vol.]
Q31. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against government policies	64.5%	27.0%	3.7%	1.7%	3.1%
Q32. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against Islam or religious laws	19.9	42.3	31.9	2.2	3.7
Q33. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against Iran's political system	25.5	40.0	28.3	1.9	4.2
Q34. Protestors who burned the flag of the Islamic Republic	4.3	30.4	62.5	.9	1.9
Q35. Protestors who damaged public property	3.4	33.5	59.7	1.5	1.9
Q36. Protestors who attacked the police	5.6	25.5	63.9	2.7	2.3
Q37. Protestors who accidentally caused injury to bystanders	18.9	57.3	19.6	1.7	2.6

Q38. As you may know, a number of US officials, including President Donald Trump, expressed their support for the protestors. Do you think such statements of support for protestors mostly help, mostly hurt, or have no effect on advancing the demands of protestors?

	January 2018
Mostly help	9.2%
Mostly hurt	39.2
Have no effect	48.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.6

Statement: Now I would like to ask you some questions regarding Iran’s nuclear programs and the JCPOA nuclear agreement that Iran reached with United States, England, France, Germany, Russia and China, who are often collectively called the P5+1.

Q39. In your opinion, how important is it for our country to develop its nuclear program? Is it:

	Dec. 2009	Oct. 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Very important	87%	84%	84.6%	82.2%	80.6%	80.0%	79.2%	75.3%
Somewhat important	5	7	8.6	10.6	9.5	12.6	11.6	10.5
Not very important	1	3	2.8	3.0	4.2	2.5	2.7	5.1
Not important at all	2	2	1.8	2.4	2.3	1.7	2.7	4.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5	4	2.2	1.9	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.6

[Only asked from those who say it is “important” for Iran to develop its nuclear program]

Q40. Why do you think it is important for our country to develop its nuclear program?

[Open-ended]

	January 2018
To be able to advance in scientific areas	17.4%
To increase Iran’s power	13.1
To become more technologically advanced	11.6
In order not to fall behind other countries	8.7
To use instead of fossil fuels	7.7
To defend Iran against its enemies	6.7
For the advancement of the country in general	6.3
To be able to advance in economic areas	5.5
To increase Iran’s independence and self-sufficiency	4.4
To increase Iran’s security	4.3
To increase Iran’s military strength	1.9
Because we have a right to nuclear energy	1.7
For use in agricultural sector	1.5
To increase employment opportunities	1.4
Other	1.5
DK/NA	6.2

Q41. 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	Feb. 2016	Mar 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Strongly approve	42.7%	30.4%	28.3%	26.5%	22.3%	21.3%	22.5%	30.7%	26.0%
Somewhat approve	32.8	41.4	45.5	45.0	40.3	34.1	36.7	36.4	29.1
Somewhat disapprove	13.9	13.2	12.5	13.3	16.5	20.4	19.3	15.9	21.7
Strongly disapprove	6.7	8.3	5.3	8.0	8.0	13.2	13.0	11.6	12.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9	6.6	8.4	7.3	12.8	11.0	8.5	5.5	11.1

Q42. Is it your impression that according to JCPOA:

	May 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2018
All U.S. sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%	59.0%	40.1%	63.2%
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	23.7
No U.S. sanctions are to be lifted	9.0	5.0	8.2	6.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.1	6.5	7.6	6.8

Q43. Is it your impression that under JCPOA, the IAEA:

	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2018
Can inspect military sites whenever it thinks it is necessary	6.7%	6.5%	5.5%
Can perform limited inspections on military sites under specific conditions	24.0	22.6	23.5
Cannot inspect military sites under any conditions	60.6	63.9	63.2
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7	6.9	7.9

Q44. As a result of the JCPOA, at this point would you say people’s living conditions have or have not improved? [If improved ask: a lot, somewhat, or only a little]

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	January 2018
Improved a lot	1.5%	1.5%	2.9%	4.1%	2.5%
Improved somewhat	9.9	10.5	11.3	15.1	13.3
Improved only a little	13.2	10.1	7.4	7.4	4.5
Have not improved	73.7	72.6	74.4	70.3	74.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7	5.3	4.0	3.1	5.0

Q45 . In your opinion, which of the following sentences that I will be reading best describes what has happened with the economic benefits of the JCPOA:

	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Iran has received most of the promised benefits and they are making life better for average Iranians.	6.3%	6.3%
Iran has received most of the promised benefits but they are making life better only for Iranians with special connections.	21.1	18.6
Iran has received most of the promised benefits but they are mostly being used to pay for the costs of Iran's military and foreign allies.	14.9	11.7
Iran has not received most of the promised benefits	50.8	52.5
None of the above / Other [Vol.]	.5	.8
DK/NA [Vol.]	6.4	10.2

Q46. Which view is closest to yours in regard to the sanctions on Iran that the United States agreed to lift as part of the JCPOA?

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
The US has lifted the sanctions it agreed to lift in the JCPOA and it is refraining from doing anything that would keep the negative effects of those sanctions	3.8%	2.7%	2.1%
The US has lifted the sanctions it agreed to lift in the JCPOA, but it is finding other ways to keep the negative effects of those sanctions	66.1	51.7	30.4
The US has not lifted all of the sanctions it agreed to lift in the JCPOA.	24.5	38.9	60.3
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6	6.7	7.2

Q47. As a result of the nuclear agreement, in general do you think that Iran's relations with the United States have or have not improved? [If improved ask: a lot, somewhat, or a little]

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Improved a lot	2.3%	1.9%	2.9%	.5%
Improved somewhat	17.2	16.1	14.8	2.7
Improved a little	9.3	9.7	8.1	2.3
Have not improved	55.7	56.6	57.4	82.7
Have worsened [vol.]	10.2	9.5	10.3	7.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3	6.2	6.5	4.3

Q48. As a 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]

	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Improved a lot	16.4%	9.3%	9.8%	6.3%
Improved somewhat	49.8	47.8	43.9	38.5
Improved a little	11.3	11.6	13.8	10.7
Have not improved	15.1	25.6	22.5	34.6
Have worsened [vol.]	1.4	.6	3.7	1.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6.0	5.1	6.3	8.6

Q49. How confident are you that the United States will live up to its obligations toward the nuclear agreement? Are you:

	Sept. 2015	Jan. 2016	March 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Very confident	5%	4.1%	3.2%	3.2%	2.0%	4.2%	1.1%
Somewhat confident	40	29.8	25.9	22.7	17.0	19.4	10.5
Not very confident	18	28.1	29.5	30.3	33.3	25.6	22.5
Not confident at all	23	33.9	36.5	41.5	44.2	46.0	63.9
DK/NA [vol.]	14	4.2	5.0	2.3	3.5	4.7	2.1

Q50. How confident are you that other P5+1 countries will live up to their obligations toward the nuclear agreement? Are you:

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Very confident	5.8%	3.2%	5.9%	6.5%
Somewhat confident	55.0	48.2	47.5	53.5
Not very confident	21.4	27.2	24.0	22.6
Not confident at all	13.5	16.0	16.7	13.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4	5.4	5.9	4.1

Q51. As you may also know, according to the JCPOA the P5+1 countries have agreed to refrain from any policy that would prevent other countries from normalizing their trade and economic relations with Iran. As far as you know, in general is the United States allowing other countries to normalize their trade and economic relations with Iran or is the United States trying to prevent such relations?

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
The United States is allowing other countries to normalize their trade and economic relations with Iran	19.2%	11.3%	10.6%	3.7%
The United States is trying to prevent such relations	74.7	82.2	80.9	92.6
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2	6.5	8.5	3.7

Q52. Are European countries moving as rapidly as they can to trade and invest with Iran now that some sanctions have been lifted, or are they moving slower than they could?

	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
They are moving as rapid as they can	19.2%	17.8%	16.8%
They are moving slower than they could	70.3	71.3	73.0
None of the above/ other [vol.]	1.1	1.0	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4	9.9	8.9

[Q53 asked only of those who said the Europeans are moving slower than they could in Q52]

Q53. In your opinion, are European countries moving slower than they could to trade and invest with Iran mostly because of:

	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Iran's own weak business environment	18.6%	19.3%	13.4%
Pressure or fear of the United States	78.7	75.3	83.4
None of the above/ other [vol.]	.9	2.1	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8	3.3	1.6

Q54. As far as you know, is the government taking any steps to make Iran's business environment more appealing to foreign businesses and investors or not?

	January 2018
Yes, the government is taking some steps	57.9%
No, the government is not taking any steps	24.7
DK/NA [vol.]	17.5

Q55. Do you think the government should or should not take some steps to make Iran's business environment more appealing to foreign businesses and investors?

	January 2018
Yes, it should	87.4%
No, it should not	9.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

Q56. What in particular do you think the government should do to attract more foreign businesses to trade and invest in Iran? [Open-ended]

	January 2018
Insure investments	13.4
Improve relations with other countries	12.1
Win confidence of investors	6.7
Provide investors with greater incentives	5.6
Improve laws relating to the operation of foreign companies in Iran	4.3
Better introduce investment opportunities in Iran	3.8
Improve economic conditions in Iran	3.4
Increase Iran's security	2.9
Ease investment laws	2.5
Provide investors with tax incentives	1.8
Improve Iran's tourism industry	1.7
Make Iranian industries more globally competitive	1.7
Make it easier for investors to travel in and out of Iran	1.1
Other	1.9
Nothing	.8
DK/NA	36.2

Q57. 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. 2016	Jan. 2018
0) Completely hostile	49.6%	69.2%
1	5.8	4.5
2	4.8	5.7
3	4.4	3.5
4	3.8	1.9
5) Neither hostile nor friendly	15.5	11.3
6	.8	.6
7	1.0	.3
8	.4	.3
9	.1	.1
10) Completely friendly	.7	.5
98) DK/NA[vol.]	13.1	2.2
Mean	1.6594	1.0663
Median	0.0000	0.0000

Q58. Do you think the United States has:

	January 2018
Taken measures against Iran that violate the letter of the JCPOA agreement, or	41.8%
Taken measures that violate the spirit, but not the letter of the agreement, or	36.2
Has not taken any measure that are at odds with the JCPOA	8.5
DK/NA [vol.]	13.5

Q59. If the United States takes measures against Iran that are in violation of the JCPOA agreement, do you think:

	Dec. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
1. Iran should retaliate by restarting the aspects of its nuclear program that it has agreed to suspend under the JCPOA, or	48.4%	45.3%	55.4%	58.7%
2. Iran should continue to live by the JCPOA agreement and should seek to resolve the issue by taking its complaints to the UN	39.1	43.1	41.4	37.7
None of the above/ other [vol.]	4.2	2.9	.2	.6
DK/NA [vol.]	8.3	8.8	3.0	3.0

Q60. If the United States decides to withdraw from the JCPOA agreement and reimpose sanctions on Iran, but other P5+1 countries remain committed to the agreement and do not reimpose sanctions, what do you think Iran should do?

	January 2018
Iran should withdraw from the JCPOA	52.8%
Iran should remain committed to the JCPOA	39.0
Other [vol.]	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2

[Ask only of those who answer “withdraw” to Q60]

Q61. Suppose the United States were to violate or withdraw from the JCPOA but our government were to decide to remain committed to the JCPOA so long as the other P5+1 countries fulfill their commitment. To what degree would you support or oppose such a decision?

	January 2018
Strongly support	20.2%
Somewhat support	34.4
Somewhat oppose	21.9
Strongly oppose	22.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

62. What do you think should be Iran’s response if Trump threatens to re-impose U.S. sanctions lifted under the JCPOA unless Iran agrees to increase the duration of the nuclear limits it has accepted under the JCPOA?

	Dec. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Iran should accept Donald Trump’s demand	2.7%	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%
Iran should agree to renegotiate the JCPOA but only accept increasing the duration of the nuclear limits it has accepted under the JCPOA as part of a deal that includes the US lifting more sanctions on Iran	30.0	29.7	30.6	27.2
Iran should not agree to increase the duration of the limits it has accepted under the JCPOA under any circumstances	58.9	61.3	61.6	64.4
DK/NA [vol.]	8.4	7.6	6.7	7.0

Q63. What do you think should be Iran’s response if Trump threatens to re-impose U.S. sanctions lifted under the JCPOA unless Iran agrees to stop developing advanced missiles?

	Jan. 2018
Iran should accept Donald Trump’s demand	1.9%
Iran should only agree to stop developing advanced missiles if the US agrees to lift more sanctions on Iran	24.0
Iran should not agree to stop developing advanced missiles	70.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1

Q64. Thinking about how the JCPOA has worked out so far, which view is closer to yours?

	January 2018
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%
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
It is too early to tell [vol.]	.1
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.1
DK/NA [vol.]	9.6

Statement: Now I would like to ask you some questions about Iran’s missile program.

Q65. In your opinion, how important is it for our country to develop missiles? Is it:

	January 2018
Very important	73.8%
Somewhat important	21.1
Not very important	1.7
Not important at all	2.3
DK/NA [vol.]	1.2

[Only asked from those who say it is “important” for Iran to develop missiles]

Q66. Why do you think it is important for our country to develop missiles? [Open-ended]

	January 2018
To maintain/increase Iran’s security	14.8%
To increase Iran’s power	3.9
To increase Iran’s defense and military capabilities	8.4
To defend Iran against its enemies	32.7
To defend Iran in case of a war	9.7
To deter others from attacking Iran	16.3
To not fall behind other countries	3.2
To counter threats from US/Israel	6.9
Other	.4
DK/NA	3.6

Q67. As you may know, the United Nations Security Council has urged Iran not to undertake activities related to development of missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, because this would be against UNSC resolutions and against the spirit of the JCPOA. Over the last few years, the IRGC has tested several missiles. Citing UNSC’s request, the United States and some European countries demand Iran to stop testing missiles and because of this are threatening to impose new sanctions on Iran. Iran, however, insists that none of its missiles are specifically designed to deliver nuclear weapons and has refused to stop the development and testing of its missiles. With this in mind, which of the following positions do you think Iran should adopt?

	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Iran should continue testing ballistic missiles and insist this issue is not negotiable	54.8%	56.7%
Iran should continue testing ballistic missiles but make an offer to negotiate on ways Iran could create confidence that the missiles are not produced to carry nuclear weapons	31.3	28.5
Iran should halt ballistic missile testing until after confidence is created that it missiles are not produced to carry nuclear weapons	12.7	10.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.2	4.2

Statement: Now I would like to ask some questions about Iran’s role in the Middle East

Q68. 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
Seeking to become the most powerful country in the region	46.2%
Seeking to find mutually acceptable solutions with other countries through negotiations	49.4
Both [vol.]	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.0

Q69. 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
Increase it	62.8%	59.8%	56.2%	67.9%	54.8%
Decrease it	13.1	8.1	9.7	6.8	10.2
Maintain it at the current level	19.5	29.7	29.0	22.7	31.7
Other/Depends [vol.]	.5	.2	.6	.9	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1	2.2	4.5	1.7	2.3

Q70. Do you think that Iran should use its influence in Iraq to support policies that:

	January 2018
Primarily benefit Shia leaders and citizens in Iraq	14.4%
Equally benefit both Shiites and Sunnis	77.6
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.6
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4

Q71. Now that Iran and Russia have declared victory over ISIS in Syria, do you think Iran should end its military assistance to the government of Bashar Assad, reduce its assistance or continue its assistance until Assad's government gains full control over all Syrian territories?

	January 2018
End its assistance to Assad	14.8%
Reduce its assistance to Assad	30.0
Continue its assistance until Assad's government gains full control over all Syrian territories	48.5
DK/NA [vol.]	6.7

Q72. Some people say that going forward, Bashar Assad should not be allowed to remain President of Syria because he is an incompetent leader who used excessive force against Syrian civilians and let ISIS gain control of territory. Others say that Bashar Assad did what was necessary to keep Syria together and whether he remains the president of Syria should be decided by the Syrian people. Which view is closer to your perspective?

	January 2018
Bashar Assad should not be allowed to remain President of Syria	9.2%
Syrian people should decide whether Bashar Assad remains as President of Syria	84.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6.8

Q73. Which of these is closer to your view about the situation in Yemen?

	January 2018
Iran should help the Houthis defeat their opponents	46.7%
Iran should not get involved in Yemen's domestic conflict	41.2
Other [vol.]	1.9
Depends [vol.]	1.7
DK/NA [vol.]	8.5

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?

Q74. China

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	13%	9.4%	14.2%	8.4%	10.1%	10.4%	14.7%
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9	38.9	45.8	48.1	45.2	39.3
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7	18.9	17.8	16.3	17.4	14.6
Very unfavorable	25	31.0	21.8	22.8	23.1	22.6	28.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9	6.2	5.1	2.4	4.4	2.6

Q75. Russia

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	14%	10.3%	13.3%	15.3%	14.2%	16.8%	18.6%
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0	38.8	42.0	39.7	38.8	39.9
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1	17.2	15.7	17.4	16.5	15.9
Very unfavorable	26	32.2	26.6	23.1	25.5	23.3	22.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.2	4.6	3.2

Q76. Germany

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	13%	13.6%	17.0%	17.6%	18.3%	18.8%	22.5%
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6	36.4	36.6	38.9	33.2	39.2
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1	17.0	18.7	17.6	17.6	14.6
Very unfavorable	28	27.1	22.6	20.8	22.2	24.5	20.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7	7.0	6.3	3.0	5.9	3.1

Q77. France

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	7%	10.1%	13.4%	10.5%	11.4%	10.8%	18.6%
Somewhat favorable	30	30.9	31.8	33.2	33.3	30.6	37.0
Somewhat unfavorable	26	20.4	19.6	21.5	21.0	22.9	20.3
Very unfavorable	33	35.0	29.4	29.0	31.2	30.7	20.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6	5.8	5.8	3.2	5.0	3.6

Q78. United Kingdom

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	6%	5.6%	7.1%	5.2%	6.2%	6.2%	9.4%
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6	22.5	20.7	19.7	16.9	21.0
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9	18.1	18.7	20.5	21.2	22.6
Very unfavorable	52	53.0	47.0	51.6	51.1	51.4	44.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	5.3	3.9	2.6	4.3	2.7

Q79. The United Nations

	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	12.1%	10.4%	9.9%
Somewhat favorable	35.0	35.0	41.9
Somewhat unfavorable	19.4	19.7	19.3
Very unfavorable	28.3	27.1	23.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3	7.8	5.8

Q80. The Houthis in Yemen

	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	26.6%
Somewhat favorable	23.3
Somewhat unfavorable	15.4
Very unfavorable	22.6
DK/NA [vol.]	12.2

Q81. Hizbollah of Lebanon

	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	33.9%	32.4%	34.7%
Somewhat favorable	40.2	40.3	30.0
Somewhat unfavorable	7.5	7.5	10.6
Very unfavorable	15.5	15.7	19.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9	4.1	5.3

Q82. What is your opinion of the United States?

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	9%	7.9%	8.6%	7.8%	5.5%	4.7%	3.4%
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4	22.6	20.5	21.1	18.0	15.0
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9	14.3	16.5	14.2	15.8	12.9
Very unfavorable	58	53.2	52.3	54.2	58.7	59.8	66.9
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5	2.2	1.0	.6	1.7	1.9

Q83. How about the US government? Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or a very unfavorable opinion of the US government?

	July 2014	May 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	4%	2.5%	1.7%	2.2%	.8%
Somewhat favorable	9	8.6	8.1	8.8	4.0
Somewhat unfavorable	14	12.6	14.5	14.8	8.1
Very unfavorable	70	73.4	73.6	72.6	85.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.7

Q84. How about the American people? Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or a very unfavorable opinion of the American people?

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

Q85. Which position is closer to yours?

1. Islamic and Western religious and social traditions are incompatible with each other and conflict between the two is inevitable; or
2. Most people in the West and the Islamic world have similar needs and wants, so it is possible to find common ground for peaceful coexistence?

	July 2014	May 2015	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018
Conflict is inevitable	30%	35.0%	30.1%	29.2%	29.6%	28.5%	35.2%
Common ground possible	58	54.5	58.9	58.2	58.9	61.0	58.1
DK/NA [vol.]	13	10.5	11.0	12.5	11.5	10.5	6.7

Statement: Finally, I would like to ask you some questions about the domestic affairs of our country

Q86. What do you think is the single most important problem or challenge that Iran currently faces? [Open-ended]

	January 2018
Financial corruption & embezzlements	6.0%
Unemployment	40.1
Youth unemployment	9.4
Inflation and high costs of living	12.5
Bad economic condition of the country	5.2
Low income of people	6.9
Poverty	1.7
Injustice	1.4
Mismanagement of the country's affairs	5.7
Sanctions	2.7
Drought	.8
Lack of civil liberties	.3
Issues relating to the JCPOA	1.0
Other	3.3
Nothing	.4
DK/NA	2.7

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?

Q87. Mohammad Javad Zarif

	July 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	40%	56.0%	44.5%	41.4%	37.9%	42.9%	36.3%
Somewhat favorable	30	33.4	33.0	35.9	32.8	33.1	32.1
Somewhat unfavorable	8	3.3	9.5	12.0	15.2	11.9	16.0
Very unfavorable	8	2.1	7.6	6.3	7.9	7.4	10.0
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	11	3.0	3.6	3.0	3.9	2.6	2.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.2	1.9	1.4	2.3	2.2	3.0

Q88. General Qasem Soleymani

	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	52.1%	54.1%	56.1%	54.9%	61.0%	64.7%
Somewhat favorable	20.6	21.4	18.2	19.3	17.2	18.0
Somewhat unfavorable	4.7	4.9	4.0	5.8	5.9	4.5
Very unfavorable	5.1	3.8	5.1	7.0	4.6	5.3
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	15.1	13.7	13.4	10.2	10.2	5.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2.4	2.1	3.2	2.8	1.2	2.3

Q89. Hassan Rouhani

	July 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Mar. 2016	Jun. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	51%	61.2%	42.1%	40.4%	37.8%	28.3%	27.1%	38.7%	23.5%
Somewhat favorable	34	27.9	40.0	43.3	44.1	40.4	38.4	37.5	42.0
Somewhat unfavorable	7	4.7	6.8	6.4	8.8	15.6	12.9	7.6	12.7
Very unfavorable	6	4.3	8.4	6.7	7.6	12.7	18.7	14.6	19.0
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	0	.3	.7	.1	.2	.4	.5	.1	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.6	2.0	3.2	1.4	2.6	2.4	1.4	2.7

Q90. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi

	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	17.4%	22.6%	19.1%
Somewhat favorable	30.9	34.0	34.7
Somewhat unfavorable	15.1	13.5	15.1
Very unfavorable	20.5	20.9	19.3
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	12.6	5.1	7.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	3.9	4.3

Q91. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

	July 2014	August 2015	Jan. 2016	June 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018
Very favorable	34%	27.5%	24.2%	28.0%	27.2%	22.9%	18.9%
Somewhat favorable	33	33.5	32.8	37.3	33.6	31.7	28.2
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13.0	15.0	14.9	13.9	15.1	16.8
Very unfavorable	16	22.8	23.9	16.1	19.5	26.2	31.2
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	1	.2	.4	.4	.4	.8	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.0	3.7	3.3	5.4	3.3	4.5

Q92. Did you vote in the presidential election that was held in May 2017 or were you not able to do so?

	January 2018
Did vote	76.7%
Did not vote	22.9
DK/NA [vol.]	.4

[if did vote]

Q93. Who did you vote for in the recent presidential election?

	January 2018
Rouhani	56.6%
Raisi	27.0
Mirsalim	1.7
Hashemitaba	.9
Refused [vol.]	13.8

Q94. In your opinion, to what degree should our country's policymakers take religious teachings into account when they make decisions?

	July 2014	May 2015	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	March 2016	June 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
A lot	44%	45.2%	44.0%	45.1%	42.5%	41.3%	41.7%	46.5%	47.2%
Somewhat	36	29.5	32.2	33.0	33.9	34.2	33.1	29.2	29.8
Not much	14	15.5	16.3	14.5	14.5	16.2	14.6	15.8	12.8
Not at all	5	6.9	5.4	4.9	5.6	6.2	7.4	6.0	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.9	2.1	2.6	3.5	2.2	3.3	2.5	2.2

Q95. Thinking about how much political freedom people in Iran have, do you think they have too much, too little, or just about the right amount of political freedom?

	January 2018
Too much	9.2%
Too little	30.4
Just about the right amount	56.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

Q96. Do you think the government tries to exercise too much control over people's personal lives, not enough control, or about the right amount of control?

	January 2018
Too much	17.6%
Too little	17.9
Just about the right amount	57.7
DK/NA [vol.]	6.9

Q97. Now assume that our country could only adopt one of these policies. In your opinion is it better for Iran to:

	July 2014	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016	May 2017	June 2017	Jan. 2018
Strive to achieve economic self-sufficiency	53%	57.3%	58.4%	63.1%	65.1%	67.3%
Strive to increase its trade with other countries	43	39.1	36.4	33.7	33.3	29.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6	5.2	3.3	1.6	3.3

Q98. In your view, is global climate change a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious or not a problem?

	January 2018
Very serious	73.1%
Somewhat serious	21.2
Not too serious	2.2
Not a problem	1.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.0

Q99. Do you think global climate change is harming people around the world now, will harm people in the next few years, will not harm people for many years, or will never harm people?

	January 2018
Now	59.0%
In the next few years	33.5
Not for many years	1.7
Never	2.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.3

Q100. How concerned are you, if at all, that global climate change will harm you personally at some point in your lifetime? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

	January 2018
Very concerned	64.6%
Somewhat concerned	27.5
Not too concerned	3.2
Not at all concerned	3.8
DK/NA [vol.]	.9

Q101. With which of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree:

	January 2018
The government should put a higher priority on protecting the environment, even if the economy suffers to some extent	66.6%
The government should put a higher priority on economic growth, even if the environment suffers to some extent	23.1
Depends [vol.]	6.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0

Q102. As you may know, Iran and most other countries around the world made an agreement to cut their air pollution in order to reduce climate change. Have you heard about this agreement before?

	January 2018
Yes	24.2%
No	74.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

Q103. As part of this agreement, Iran has promised to significantly reduce its air pollution over the next 15 years if it gets some financial assistance to develop cleaner technology. These steps, however, have costs and may increase the price of some products and raise unemployment in the short-term. Some people approve of Iran taking these steps because it will lead to better air quality in Iran and will reduce global climate change. Other people say that Iran should not have made this commitment because efforts to reduce air pollution will hurt Iran's economy and only the wealthier countries who have caused most of the climate change should be required to take such steps. To what degree do you approve or disapprove of Iran taking these steps?

	January 2018
Strongly approve	22.2%
Somewhat approve	42.1
Somewhat disapprove	19.8
Strongly disapprove	10.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6.0

D8. Do you follow the news programs of BBC or VOA?

	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Jan. 2018
Yes	28.0%	26.1%	28.1%	29.5%	31.0%	22.5%
No	68.9	73.1	70.1%	69.9	68.5	76.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3.1	.8	1.8%	.7	.5	.6