



Iranian Public Opinion, One Year After the Nuclear Deal

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Questionnaire**

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Q1- How often do you watch domestic television channels to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015	June 2016
Every day	73%	70.9%	65.2%
At least once a week	19	19.6	22.7
Less than once a week	5	3.9	7.0
Never	3	5.5	4.8
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.2	.3

Q2- How often do you use the internet to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015	June 2016
Every day	14%	16.7%	25.4%
At least once a week	14	16.9	17.4
Less than once a week	8	10.4	11.8
Never	63	55.8	45.3
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.1	.1

Q3- How often do you watch satellite television channels to become informed about the news?

	July 2014	May 2015	June 2016
Every day	13%	16.6%	18.2%
At least once a week	11	10.0	9.7
Less than once a week	7	8.4	5.9
Never	69	64.9	66.0
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.1	.2

Q4- In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Very good	8%	11.1%	8.4%	7.9%	5.3%	3.8%
Somewhat good	45	43.2	40.9	41.1	40.3	35.7
Somewhat bad	24	22.5	24.2	25.2	26.3	29.4
Very bad	20	21.2	24.4	23.5	25.7	29.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.0

SPLIT Q5a- Right now, do you think the economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	Gallup – Nov. 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Getting better	40%	49.3%	57.4%	47.4%	52.4%	42.2%
Getting worse	41	37.1	28.5	41.0	33.3	43.4
Staying the same [vol.]	8	9.7	8.7	6.1	8.3	9.2
DK/NA [vol.]	11	4.0	5.4	5.4	6.0	5.2

SPLIT Q5b- In your opinion, has the economic situation of our country become better, worse, or remained unchanged since last year?

	July 2014	June 2016
Has become better	25.9%	13.1%
Has become worse	37.5	34.3
Has remained unchanged	35.3	49.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3	3.2

[This Question was only asked from those who said the economy is not getting / has not become better in Q5a and Q5b]

Q6- In regards to the economic situation of the country, do you think that the lack of improvement is mostly due to:

	June 2016
Economic mismanagement of President Rouhani	27.0% ¹
Circumstances and conditions that are beyond President Rouhani's control	45.0
Both equally [vol.]	14.6
Neither [vol.]	2.6
DK/NA [vol.]	10.8

Q7- In your opinion is it better for Iran to increase its economic engagement with the western countries, decrease it, or maintain it at the current level?

	March 2016	June 2016
Increase it	64.3%	61.4%
Decrease it	6.9	9.0
Maintain it at the current level	21.5	19.4
Other/Depends [vol.]	2.2	2.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	7.5

¹ Percent of those who said the economy was not getting better in Q5a or has not become better in Q5b.

Q8- Do you think people in Iran have too much, too little, or just about the right amount of freedom?

	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Too much	14.1%	15.9%	15.8%
Too little	12.9	12.1	14.8
About right	69.0	68.3	66.5
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0	3.7	2.9

Q9 – Would you say that over the past two years, civil liberties in Iran have generally increased, decreased, or have remained roughly unchanged?

	January 2016	June 2016
Increased	31.8%	31.9%
Decreased	5.8	7.3
Remained roughly unchanged	47.6	51.9
DK/NA [vol.]	14.7	8.8

SPLIT Q10a - 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	June 2016
Increase a lot	13.6%	14.8%
Increase somewhat	27.5	29.7
Remain unchanged	32.6	33.6
Decrease somewhat	6.7	5.6
Decrease a lot	1.0	1.7
DK/NA [vol.]	18.6	14.6

SPLIT Q10b - Now, going forward, how optimistic are you that civil liberties in Iran – in the coming two years – will increase? Are you:

	June 2016
Very optimistic	14.2%
Somewhat optimistic	42.8
Not very optimistic	19.9
Not optimistic at all	13.1
The situation of civil liberties will remain unchanged [vol.]	1.1
Civil liberties in Iran will decrease [vol.]	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	8.5

Q11 – How important do you think it is for President Rouhani to focus on increasing civil liberties in Iran? Is it:

	January 2016	June 2016
Very important	18.6%	21.6%
Somewhat important	45.7	44.6
Not very important	19.6	18.2
Not important at all	9.0	8.7
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2	6.9

Q12 - 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	February 2016	March 2016	June 2016
A lot	44%	45.2%	44.0%	45.1%	42.5%	41.3%
Somewhat	36	29.5	32.2	33.0	33.9	34.2
Not much	14	15.5	16.3	14.5	14.5	16.2
Not at all	5	6.9	5.4	4.9	5.6	6.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.9	2.1	2.6	3.5	2.2

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

Q13- In your opinion, how important is it for our country to develop its nuclear program? Is it:

	RAND December 2009²	UTCPOR October 2014	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very important	87%	84%	84.6%	82.2%	80.6%
Somewhat important	5	7	8.6	10.6	9.5
Not very important	1	3	2.8	3.0	4.2
Not important at all	2	2	1.8	2.4	2.3
DK/NA/Other	5	4	2.2	1.9	3.4

Q14- 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 all of them not to have nuclear weapons?

	WPO December 2006	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Favor very much	50%	65%	61.8%	64.0%	58.7%
Somewhat favor	21	20	17.9	15.0	16.1
Somewhat oppose	5	5	9.9	6.3	8.9
Oppose very much	13	6	7.4	11.3	10.0
DK/NA [vol.]	11	4	2.9	3.4	6.3

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?”

SPLIT Q15a - As far as you know, is the production of atomic bombs contrary to the principles of Islam or not?

	WPO February 2008	UTCPOR October 2014	May 2015	June 2016
Yes, it is contrary to the principles of Islam	58%	65%	68.9%	67.9%
No, Islam has not banned it	23	25	21.6	19.3
Islam has no specific opinion in this regard	5	3	1.6	.4
Islam mandates attainment of atomic bombs	1	0	0.1	0
DK/NA [vol.]	12	7	7.8	12.5

SPLIT Q15b - As far as you know, according to Islam is it acceptable or unacceptable to develop atomic bombs?

	June 2016
According to Islam, it is acceptable to develop atomic bombs	15.3%
According to Islam, it is unacceptable to develop atomic bombs	70.8
Depends [vol.]	1.7
DK/NA [vol.]	12.3

Q16- As you may know last year 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:

	August 2015	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Strongly approve	42.7%	30.4%	28.3%	26.5%	22.3%
Somewhat approve	32.8	41.4	45.5	45.0	40.3
Somewhat disapprove	13.9	13.2	12.5	13.3	16.5
Strongly disapprove	6.7	8.3	5.3	8.0	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9	6.6	8.4	7.3	12.8

Q17 - 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	March 2016	June 2016
Very confident	5%	4.1%	3.2%	3.2%
Somewhat confident	40	29.8	25.9	22.7
Not very confident	18	28.1	29.5	30.3
Not confident at all	23	33.9	36.5	41.5
DK/NA [vol.]	14	4.2	5.0	2.3

Q18 - How confident are you that other P5+1 countries will live up to their obligations toward the nuclear agreement? Are you:

	June 2016
Very confident	5.8%
Somewhat confident	55.0
Not very confident	21.4
Not confident at all	13.5
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4

Q19 - In the nuclear agreement would you say Iran made:

	August 2015	June 2016
Many important concessions to the P5+1	11.9%	19.0%
Some important concessions to the P5+1	27.8	32.4
A few important concessions to the P5+1	27.1	24.3
No important concessions to the P5+1	22.0	8.5
DK/NA [vol.]	11.2	15.8

Q20 - How about the P5+1? In the nuclear agreement would you say the P5+1 made:

	August 2015	June 2016
Many important concessions to Iran	22.6%	5.1%
Some important concessions to Iran	42.2	24.3
A few important concessions to Iran	22.5	45.4
No important concessions to Iran	4.3	11.9
DK/NA [vol.]	8.4	13.3

Q21 - In general, do you think did Iranian officials negotiated a good deal for Iran or a bad deal?

	Gallup Sept. 2015	January 2016³	June 2016
Good deal	68%	66.5%	61.6%
Bad deal	10	18.8	27.3
DK/NA [vol.]	22	14.7	11.1

³ In Sept 2015 and January 2016 it was asked: 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?

Statement: I would like to know your understanding of the nuclear agreement between Iran and the P5+1 countries:

Q22- Is it your impression that according to the JCPOA:

	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
All U.S. sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%	59.0%	40.1%	23.4%
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	60.5
No U.S. sanctions are to be lifted	9.0	5.0	8.2	10.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5.1	6.5	7.6	5.6

Q23- How about EU sanctions? Is it your impression that according to the JCPOA:

	January 2016	June 2016
All EU sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	62.2%	61.5%
Some EU sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many EU sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	23.7	21.1
No EU sanctions are to be lifted	5.7	7.6
DK/NA [vol.]	8.4	9.8

Q24- How about UN sanctions? Is it your impression that according to the JCPOA:

	January 2016	June 2016
All UN sanctions on Iran are to be lifted eventually	64.9%	60.7%
Some UN sanctions on Iran are to be lifted, but many UN sanctions are not covered by the agreement and will continue	24.5	26.3
No UN sanctions are to be lifted	4.4	4.6
DK/NA [vol.]	6.1	8.4

Q25- Is it your impression that according to the JCPOA Iran has or has not agreed to place some restraints on its nuclear research?

	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Iran has agreed	32.7%	48.8%	59.6%
Iran has <i>not</i> agreed	56.4	40.8	31.4
DK/NA [vol.]	10.9	10.4	9.0

Q26- Is it your impression that under the JCPOA, the IAEA:

	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Can inspect military sites whenever it thinks it is necessary	6.7%	6.5%	6.5%
Could perform limited inspections on military sites under specific conditions	24.0	22.6	21.6
Cannot inspect military sites under any conditions	60.6	63.9	64.1
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7	6.9	7.8

Q27- Is it your impression that the US has or has not agreed to refrain from imposing new sanctions on Iran to replace the ones it is required to remove under the JCPOA?

	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Yes, the United States has agreed	59.7%	65.0%	56.9%
No, the United States has <i>not</i> agreed	27.0	25.9	29.2
DK/NA [vol.]	13.3	9.1	13.9

Q28- 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
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%
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
The US has not lifted all of the sanctions it agreed to lift in the JCPOA.	24.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6

Q29- All in all when you think about the 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	June 2016
Mostly a victory for Iran	36.6%	27.4%	21.8%
Mostly a defeat for Iran	17.7	13.8	18.8
Beneficial for both Iran and the P5+1	43.0	54.2	55.3
DK/NA [vol.]	2.7	4.5	4.1

Q30- 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]

	January 2016	June 2016
Improved a lot	16.4%	9.3%
Improved somewhat	49.8	47.8
Improved a little	11.3	11.6
Have not improved	15.1	25.6
Have worsened	1.4	.6
DK/NA [vol.]	6.0	5.1

SPLIT Q31a- Now about Iran’s relations with the US. Do you think that since the JCPOA, Iran’s relations with the US have in general:

	January 2016	June 2016
Significantly improved	1.9%	.7%
Slightly improved	28.5	25.0
Stayed the same	51.5	56.8
Slightly worsened	11.2	12.0
Significantly worsened	2.6	3.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4	1.5

SPLIT Q31b- 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
Improved a lot	2.3%
Improved somewhat	17.2
Improved a little	9.3
Have not improved	55.7
Have worsened	10.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q33- 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
Improved a lot	1.5%
Improved somewhat	9.9
Improved only a little	13.2
Have not improved	73.7
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7

Q34 – How optimistic are you that as a result of the JCPOA people’s living conditions will improve going forward? Are you:

	June 2016
Very optimistic	18.1%
Somewhat optimistic	47.9
Not very optimistic	21.5
Not optimistic at all	11.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1.1

Q35- As you may know, according to the JCPOA other countries are permitted to cooperate with Iran on building new nuclear reactors and supplying Iran with nuclear fuel. As far as you know, in general is the United States accepting other countries cooperating with Iran in this way or is the US trying to impede such cooperation? [Follow on: Is that somewhat likely or very likely]

	June 2016
The United States is accepting such cooperation	18.4%
The United States is trying to impede such cooperation	72.5
DK/NA [vol.]	9.1

Q36- 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
The United States is allowing other countries to normalize their trade and economic relations with Iran	19.2%
The United States is trying to prevent such relations	74.7
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2

Q37⁴- Here are some possible changes that might come as a result of the JCPOA. For each one please tell me whether you think this change has already happened, will happen at some point, or will never happen. [If at some point: Do you expect that will be in about six months, in about a year, in about two years, or more than two years?]

Q37.1) Iranians gaining better access to foreign-made medicines and medical equipment

	January 2016	June 2016
Has already happened	7.9%	8.0%
In about six months	29.7	27.9
In about a year	18.6	14.0
In about two years	12.6	7.9
More than two years	11.6	17.6
Never	7.5	11.5
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	.3	1.1
DK/NA [vol.]	11.8	11.9

Q37.2) How about: A lot more foreign companies making investments in Iran

	January 2016	June 2016
Has already happened	5.2%	5.9%
In about six months	33.9	27.7
In about a year	21.3	14.7
In about two years	11.6	10.0
More than two years	8.9	16.0
Never	5.6	12.4
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	.1	.8
DK/NA [vol.]	13.3	12.5

⁴ In January 2016 it was asked: "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."

Q37.3) How about: The unemployment rate going down significantly

	January 2016	June 2016
Has already happened	3.8%	3.6%
In about six months	24.3	19.9
In about a year	25.4	18.2
In about two years	11.2	12.5
More than two years	14.3	15.9
Never	10.7	18.5
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	1.1	3.3
DK/NA [vol.]	9.3	8.2

Q37.4) How about: Significant improvement in the Iranian economy

	January 2016	June 2016
Has already happened	4.1%	5.0%
In about six months	24.0	16.8
In about a year	24.8	15.8
In about two years	13.7	14.0
More than two years	14.6	21.4
Never	6.9	16.1
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	1.8	2.2
DK/NA [vol.]	10.1	8.8

Q37.5) How about: A tangible improvement in people's economic condition

	January 2016	June 2016
Has already happened	4.3%	2.5%
In about six months	21.0	14.1
In about a year	25.9	22.9
In about two years	14.0	12.8
More than two years	16.9	24.0
Never	6.8	14.6
Not related to / affected by deal[vol.]	.8	2.2
DK/NA [vol.]	10.2	6.9

Q38- Now I am going to read to you names of some countries and organizations. For the countries and organizations that I am going to read to you, please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each?

Q38.01) Turkey

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	13%	10.7%	9.6%	7.7%
Somewhat favorable	43	34.6	30.3	32.1
Somewhat unfavorable	18	17.7	22.1	21.3
Very unfavorable	24	34.5	35.6	37.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2	2.5	2.4	1.4

Q38.02) Iraq

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	30%	32.6%	28.1%	30.2%
Somewhat favorable	33	34.0	41.0	40.1
Somewhat unfavorable	15	15.5	14.2	12.2
Very unfavorable	21	16.7	15.6	16.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.3	1.1	.7

Q38.03) Hezbollah of Lebanon

	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	33.9%	32.4%
Somewhat favorable	40.2	40.3
Somewhat unfavorable	7.5	7.5
Very unfavorable	15.5	15.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9	4.1

Q38.04) Syria

	July 2014	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	32%	30.8%	32.2%	34.1%
Somewhat favorable	43	46.2	42.3	42.0
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12.2	12.1	11.7
Very unfavorable	11	9.0	11.5	10.4
DK/NA [vol.]	1	1.8	2.0	1.8

Q38.05) ISIS

	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	0.3%	.2%
Somewhat favorable	0.2	.4
Somewhat unfavorable	0.8	1.2
Very unfavorable	97.8	97.6
DK/NA [vol.]	0.9	.6

Q38.06) Saudi Arabia

	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	8.3%	2.7%	2.1%
Somewhat favorable	18.6	7.5	7.2
Somewhat unfavorable	12.2	9.0	8.7
Very unfavorable	59.1	79.4	81.3
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8	1.4	.6

Q38.07) China

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	13%	9.4%	14.2%	8.4%	10.1%
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9	38.9	45.8	48.1
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7	18.9	17.8	16.3
Very unfavorable	25	31.0	21.8	22.8	23.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9	6.2	5.1	2.4

Q38.08) Russia

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	14%	10.3%	13.3%	15.3%	14.2%
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0	38.8	42.0	39.7
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1	17.2	15.7	17.4
Very unfavorable	26	32.2	26.6	23.1	25.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4	4.1	3.9	3.2

Q38.09) Germany

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	13%	13.6%	17.0%	17.6%	18.3%
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6	36.4	36.6	38.9
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1	17.0	18.7	17.6
Very unfavorable	28	27.1	22.6	20.8	22.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7	7.0	6.3	3.0

Q38.10) Lebanon

	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	24.3%	22.4%
Somewhat favorable	42.0	45.1
Somewhat unfavorable	13.4	14.5
Very unfavorable	16.9	15.6
DK/NA [vol.]	3.4	2.4

Q38.11) France

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	7%	10.1%	13.4%	10.5%	11.4%
Somewhat favorable	30	30.9	31.8	33.2	33.3
Somewhat unfavorable	26	20.4	19.6	21.5	21.0
Very unfavorable	33	35.0	29.4	29.0	31.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4	3.6	5.8	5.8	3.2

Q38.12) United Kingdom

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	6%	5.6%	7.1%	5.2%	6.2%
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6	22.5	20.7	19.7
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9	18.1	18.7	20.5
Very unfavorable	52	53.0	47.0	51.6	51.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	5.3	3.9	2.6

Q38.13 United Nations

	June 2016
Very favorable	12.1%
Somewhat favorable	35.0
Somewhat unfavorable	19.4
Very unfavorable	28.3
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q39- Now about the United States:

Q39.1- What is your view of the United States?

	July 2014	May 2015	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	9%	7.9%	8.6%	7.8%	5.5%
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4	22.6	20.5	21.1
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9	14.3	16.5	14.2
Very unfavorable	58	53.2	52.3	54.2	58.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5	2.2	1.0	.6

Q39.2- How about the US government? Is it:

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

Q39.3- How about the American people? Is it:

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

Q40- Do you expect that in the next three years, Iran's relations with the United States will in general:

	January 2016	June 2016
Significantly improve	12.4%	9.9%
Slightly improve	25.9	21.5
Stayed the same	35.6	45.8
Slightly worsen	12.4	10.5
Significantly worsen	8.1	8.0
DK/NA [vol.]	5.7	4.2

Q41- To what degree would you support or oppose Iran and the United States cooperating in each of the fields that I am going to be reading to you?

Q41.1- To have greater cultural, educational, and sporting exchanges

	July 2014	June 2016
Fully support	31.7%	27.7%
Somewhat support	42.5	40.7
Somewhat oppose	9.4	11.1
Fully oppose	14.1	18.1
DK/NA	2.3	2.4

Q41.2- To provide more access for each other's journalists

	July 2014	June 2016
Fully support	33.5%	27.7%
Somewhat support	47.3	46.7
Somewhat oppose	6.8	10.3
Fully oppose	8.4	11.7
DK/NA	4.1	3.6

Q41.3- To have greater trade

	July 2014	June 2016
Fully support	32.1%	30.7%
Somewhat support	37.3	37.4
Somewhat oppose	12.0	9.7
Fully oppose	15.9	19.2
DK/NA	2.7	3.0

Q41.4- For the governments to have direct talks on issues of mutual concern

	July 2014	June 2016
Fully support	34.1%	30.9%
Somewhat support	32.4	31.4
Somewhat oppose	12.4	12.0
Fully oppose	15.6	21.6
DK/NA	5.4	4.1

Q41.5- To have more Americans and Iranians visit each other's countries as tourists

	July 2014	June 2016
Fully support	45.8%	45.5%
Somewhat support	34.0	34.6
Somewhat oppose	7.3	5.8
Fully oppose	10.5	11.7
DK/NA	2.3	2.5

Q42- 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	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Conflict is inevitable	30%	35.0%	30.1%	29.2%	29.6%
Common ground possible	58	54.5	58.9	58.2	58.9
DK/NA [vol.]	13	10.5	11.0	12.5	11.5

Statement: Now I would like to ask you some questions about some ongoing conflicts in different parts of the world:

Q43-How closely are you following the news regarding the conflict and unrest in each of the following places? Please say whether you are following events there a lot, some, not much, or not at all.

Q43.1) Syria

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	34.1%	27.8%
Somewhat	44.6	47.5
Not much	8.7	13.5
Not at all	12.5	10.8
DK/NA [vol.]	.2	.4

Q43.2) Iraq

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	32.6%	27.2%
Somewhat	45.8	47.8
Not much	8.5	12.6
Not at all	12.7	12.2
DK/NA [vol.]	.4	.2

Q43.3) Yemen

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	29.0%	17.2%
Somewhat	41.4	41.6
Not much	11.2	16.6
Not at all	18.0	24.2
DK/NA [vol.]	.5	.4

Q43.4) Ukraine

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	4.9%	4.0%
Somewhat	26.9	22.6
Not much	19.1	18.9
Not at all	46.8	53.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3	1.0

Q43.5) Palestine

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	32.1%	27.0%
Somewhat	44.8	48.0
Not much	8.6	10.4
Not at all	13.9	14.4
DK/NA [vol.]	.6	.2

Q43.6) Libya

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	8.3%	6.9%
Somewhat	33.8	30.6
Not much	19.0	18.2
Not at all	37.6	43.9
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3	.5

Q43.7) Nigeria

	January 2016	June 2016
Very	18.1%	14.3%
Somewhat	36.2	25.7
Not much	10.4	17.2
Not at all	33.8	42.2
DK/NA [vol.]	1.6	.6

Q44- In your opinion should Iran increase its support of groups fighting ISIS, decrease it, or maintain it at the current level?

	March 2016	June 2016
Increase it	62.8%	59.8%
Decrease it	13.1	8.1
Maintain it at the current level	19.5	29.7
Other/Depends [vol.]	.5	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4.1	2.2

Q45- In your opinion should Iran increase its support for the government of Bashar Assad in Syria, decrease it, or maintain it at the current level?

	March 2016	June 2016
Increase it	51.3%	49.6%
Decrease it	13.6	11.2
Maintain it at the current level	23.5	30.5
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.3	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	10.2	8.0

Q46- In your opinion should Iran seek to increase the role it plays in this region, decrease it, or maintain it at the current level?

	March 2016	June 2016
Increase it	66.8%	67.6%
Decrease it	7.4	7.2
Maintain it at the current level	19.3	20.1
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.1	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	5.5	4.8

Q47- As you may know, ISIS has brought under its control large sections of the territory of Iraq and Syria. 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 of Iran and the United States collaborating with one another to help the government of Iraq counter ISIS?

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Strongly approve	20%	24.4%	22.3%	23.0%	22.3%
Somewhat approve	28	34.9	28.4	23.7	21.5
Somewhat disapprove	19	11.8	13.0	16.4	19.5
Strongly disapprove	27	25.7	30.3	32.6	34.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6	3.2	5.9	4.3	2.7

Q48 - To what degree do you approve or disapprove of Iran and Russia collaborating with one another to help the government of Bashar Assad counter ISIS?

	June 2016
Strongly approve	44.4%
Somewhat approve	39.3
Somewhat disapprove	7.2
Strongly disapprove	4.8
DK/NA [vol]	4.3

Q49- Do you think Iran should or should not send military personnel to Syria to help the government of Bashar Assad?

	January 2016⁵	June 2016
Iran should send military personnel to Syria	62.7%	64.3%
Iran should NOT send military personnel to Syria	30.8	26.3
DK/NA [vol.]	6.4	9.4

Q50- Do you mostly approve or mostly disapprove of Iran participating in international negotiations over the future of Syria?

	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Mostly Approve	80.4%	81.7%	81.0%
Mostly Disapprove	13.3	13.9	11.0
DK/NA [vol.]	6.2	4.4	7.9

Q51 - Do you think Iran should or should not try to use its influence with key players in Syria to help secure a lasting ceasefire between the government of Bashar Asssad and members of the Syrian opposition that are not affiliated with terrorist groups like ISIS?

	June 2016
Iran should try	62.8%
Iran should NOT try	16.9
No such groups/opposition members exists [vol]	11.1
DK/NA [vol]	9.2

⁵ In January 2016 it was asked: “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? Do you think Iran should or should not send military personnel to Syria?”

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

Q52- 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?

Q52.01) Mohsen Rezayi

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	11%	13.9%	14.3%	15.9%
Somewhat favorable	33	33.1	35.0	41.5
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.7	18.2	16.8
Very unfavorable	20	18.9	18.6	15.5
Don't recognize the name [vol]	19	12.1	8.6	7.1
DK/NA [vol.]	4	5.3	5.3	3.2

Q52.02) General Qasem Soleymani

	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	52.1%	54.1%
Somewhat favorable	20.6	21.4
Somewhat unfavorable	4.7	4.9
Very unfavorable	5.1	3.8
Don't recognize the name [vol]	15.1	13.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2.4	2.1

Q52.03) Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf

	July 2014	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	21%	21.5%	21.6%
Somewhat favorable	43	46.0	51.6
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11.2	12.6
Very unfavorable	11	8.7	7.1
Don't recognize the name [vol]	8	9.5	3.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5	3.1	3.4

Q52.04) Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	34%	27.5%	24.2%	28.0%
Somewhat favorable	33	33.5	32.8	37.3
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13.0	15.0	14.9
Very unfavorable	16	22.8	23.9	16.1
Don't recognize the name [vol]	1	.2	.4	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.0	3.7	3.3

Q52.05) Saeed Jalili

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	16%	16.6%	14.1%	12.6%
Somewhat favorable	28	26.2	26.9	25.7
Somewhat unfavorable	17	14.4	12.2	16.3
Very unfavorable	12	14.8	16.0	13.2
Don't recognize the name [vol]	23	23.1	27.5	28.1
DK/NA [vol.]	5	4.9	3.4	4.1

Q52.06) Mohammad Javad Zarif

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	40%	56.0%	44.5%	41.4%
Somewhat favorable	30	33.4	33.0	35.9
Somewhat unfavorable	8	3.3	9.5	12.0
Very unfavorable	8	2.1	7.6	6.3
Don't recognize the name [vol]	11	3.0	3.6	3.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.2	1.9	1.4

Q52.07) Former President Mohammad Khatami

	June 2016
Very favorable	22.5%
Somewhat favorable	25.0
Somewhat unfavorable	17.3
Very unfavorable	30.2
Don't recognize the name [vol]	.8
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

Q52.08) Ahmad Tavakoli

	June 2016
Very favorable	5.0%
Somewhat favorable	29.6
Somewhat unfavorable	14.6
Very unfavorable	7.1
Don't recognize the name [vol]	38.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2

Q52.09) Seyyed Hassan Khomeini

	January 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	36.2%	36.7%
Somewhat favorable	29.8	31.4
Somewhat unfavorable	11.5	10.5
Very unfavorable	8.5	8.7
Don't recognize the name [vol]	11.3	10.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.8	2.4

Q52.10- Ali Larijani

	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	19.1%	19.9%	22.1%
Somewhat favorable	43.0	42.9	48.0
Somewhat unfavorable	14.5	14.2	14.4
Very unfavorable	14.3	12.6	10.0
Don't recognize the name [vol]	5.1	4.8	2.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0	5.6	2.8

Q52.11- Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	19.0%	26.2%	22.8%
Somewhat favorable	38.7	42.9	41.8
Somewhat unfavorable	17.3	11.9	15.1
Very unfavorable	19.3	13.7	16.4
Don't recognize the name [vol]	1.6	.3	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2	5.0	3.2

Q52.12- Mohammad Reza Aref

	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	10.6%	14.5%	12.3%
Somewhat favorable	30.6	33.9	38.0
Somewhat unfavorable	13.1	10.1	12.8
Very unfavorable	7.7	8.7	7.5
Don't recognize the name [vol]	34.3	28.1	24.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3.7	4.7	5.1

Q52.13 - Ali Motahari

	March 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	20.9%	21.7%
Somewhat favorable	34.2	32.0
Somewhat unfavorable	8.4	10.6
Very unfavorable	7.7	6.3
Don't recognize the name [vol]	23.6	25.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3	4.2

Q52.14- Hassan Rouhani

	July 2014	August 2015	January 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Very favorable	51%	61.2%	42.1%	40.4%	37.8%
Somewhat favorable	34	27.9	40.0	43.3	44.1
Somewhat unfavorable	7	4.7	6.8	6.4	8.8
Very unfavorable	6	4.3	8.4	6.7	7.6
Don't recognize the name [vol]	0	.3	.7	.1	.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.6	2.0	3.2	1.4

Q53- 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?

Q53.1) Improving the economic situation of our country

	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very successful	14.7%	9.4%	5.9%
Somewhat successful	56.2	54.7	50.1
Somewhat unsuccessful	17.1	20.5	27.8
Very unsuccessful	8.8	11.4	14.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3.2	4.1	2.0

Q53.2) How about: Reducing unemployment

	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very successful	3.5%	3.6%	1.4%
Somewhat successful	38.3	33.0	24.3
Somewhat unsuccessful	24.5	26.6	34.4
Very unsuccessful	28.6	30.0	38.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	6.8	1.5

Q53.3) How about: Improving the security situation of our country

	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very successful	45.7%	49.3%	50.2%
Somewhat successful	40.6	36.6	39.5
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.9	6.9	5.2
Very unsuccessful	4.3	3.1	3.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	4.2	1.6

Q53.4) How about: Increasing civil liberties

	May 2015	June 2016
Very successful	12.9%	13.0%
Somewhat successful	51.0	59.0
Somewhat unsuccessful	14.2	13.3
Very unsuccessful	7.2	4.9
DK/NA [vol.]	14.7	9.8

Q53.5) How about: Improving Iran's relation with European countries

	May 2015	January 2016	June 2016
Very successful	30.1%	27.9%	19.2%
Somewhat successful	52.3	52.2	57.5
Somewhat unsuccessful	5.6	6.7	18.1
Very unsuccessful	3.1	4.5	1.3
DK/NA [vol.]	8.9	8.7	4.0

Q53.6) How about: Reducing sanctions

	May 2015	June 2016
Very successful	14.5%	9.1%
Somewhat successful	55.4	49.9
Somewhat unsuccessful	14.1	25.1
Very unsuccessful	10.4	13.5
DK/NA [vol.]	5.6	2.4

Statement: Now a few questions about the upcoming presidential election, which will be held in about a year from now in June 2017.

Q55 - How likely is it that you will vote in that election?

	June 2016
Very likely	65.8%
Somewhat likely	15.3
Not very likely	10.6
Not likely at all	7.1
DK/NA	1.1

[Q57-Q59 was only asked from likely voters]

Q57 - Now assume that it is June 2017, and Mr. Rouhani and Mr. Ahmadinejad are both presidential candidates. In that case, which one of these two would you vote for?

	May 2015	June 2016
Mr. Rouhani	53.4% ⁶	45.0% ⁷
Mr. Ahmadinejad	26.6	36.7
Other/depends/neither [vol]	11.3	9.5
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7	8.7

⁶ Percent of those who say they are very or somewhat likely to vote in 2017 presidential elections.

⁷ Percent of those who say they are very or somewhat likely to vote in 2017 presidential elections.

Q58 - What if the candidates were Mr. Rouhani and Mr. Ghalibaf? In that case who would you vote for?

	June 2016
Mr. Rouhani	53.6%
Mr. Ghalibaf	30.1
Other/depends/neither [vol]	6.6
DK/NA [vol.]	9.7

Q59 - How about if all three--Mr. Rouhani, Mr. Ghalibaf, and Mr. Ahmadinejad--were the candidates. In that case who would you vote for?

	June 2016
Mr. Rouhani	40.6%
Mr. Ghalibaf	15.3
Mr. Ahmadijnjad	31.0
Other/depends/neither [vol]	6.0
DK/NA [vol.]	7.1

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

	Sept. 2009	August 2015	January 2016	February 2016	March 2016	June 2016
Yes	20%	28.0%	26.1%	28.1%	29.5%	31.0%
No	80	68.9	73.1	70.1	69.9	68.5
DK/NA [vol.]	--	3.1	.8	1.8	.7	.5