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Introduction

As a part of the research project “Relational Studies on Global Crises”, we have conducted an opinion poll in Iran in 2021 in order to grasp how Iranian people perceive statehood, socio-political, and economic situation in the society under conflict, using a common survey questionnaire developed by the researchers of Group B02 “Cross-border Non-State Networks”.

While objectives of our research project on post-conflict countries, such as Syria, Iraq and Bosnia and Herzegovina, are mainly 1) to grasp how conflict is related to people’s perception of statehood for cases under or after conflict, and 2) to reveal people’s diverse images and notions of state that is different from nation-state, this survey slightly altered them to analyze the case of Iran. It aims to explore respondent characteristics that are associated with their perception of current domestic and foreign affairs as well as their attitudes toward the 2020 parliamentary election.

We have conducted an original and innovative opinion poll to achieve these objectives. The primary purpose of our survey is to grasp how Iranian people perceive the recent political and economic situations as well as various external actors. While most surveys directly ask people’s acceptance of political activities in Iran, we conducted list experiments, to elicit relatively trustful answers to the sensitive survey questions. By using this survey experiment, we expect to reduce the social disability bias that may result when survey respondents are directly asked sensitive questions. Additionally, we ask various questions to analyze to what extent people support or do not support the current setup of the state institutions.

In this research report, we present the details of the sampling method as well as the descriptive statistics of the survey results. The section I presents the sampling method. The section II then presents the descriptive statistics of the survey results.

I. Sampling Method¹

The data collection on the 31 provinces of Iran was done based on a telephone poll (CATI), which was conducted by IranPoll (<https://www.iranpoll.com/>) between January 18 and January 31, 2021 among a representative sample of 1003 Iranians.

1. Survey Respondent

- Iranian Nationals
- Aged 18+.
- Agree to participate.

The following persons were not interviewed:

- Interviewer’s relatives or acquaintances

¹ The sampling method here is cited from “Ritsumeikan University Technical Report” provided by Iranpoll on February 5, 2021.

- Those living in hostels, camps, or of any type of similar places of residence
- Patients at hospitals, sanatoriums etc

2. Survey Method

The study is based on a telephone poll (CATI) conducted between January 18 and January 31, 2021 among a representative sample of 1003 Iranians. The margin of error is about $\pm 3.1\%$. All interviews were monitored in real-time by call-center supervisors. The samples were RDD samples drawn from all landline telephones in Iran. The samples were stratified first by Iranian provinces and then in accordance with settlement size and type. All 31 Iranian provinces were represented in proportions similar to their actual populations, as were rural and urban areas. When a residence was reached, an adult was randomly selected from within that household using the random table technique. An initial attempt and 2 callbacks (total of 3 attempt) were made in an effort to reach and complete an interview with the randomly selected respondents.

3. Sampling Method

STAGE I: REGION (STRATA 1)

Iran is sub-divided into 31 provinces. All provinces are included with certainty. We allocate all interviews according to the percentage of population held in each province. The provincial stratification significantly reduces the likelihood that specific subgroups are excluded.

STAGE II: TYPE OF LOCATION (STRATA 2)

In Iran, population settlement could be divided into five tiers. Towns or cities with a population of 1M+ are considered to be Tier 1 (T1); those with a population of 500K-1M are Tier 2 (T2); those with a population of 100K-500k are Tier 3 (T3); and those with a population of less than 100k are Tier 4 (T4). Rural locations are Tier 5 (T5). Hence, in Stage II, we stratified each province by the abovementioned settlement tiers:

Provinces	Total Population	Urban Population	Rural Population	% of Total population	% of Urban Population	% of Rural Population	% Residing in T1 settlements	% Residing in T2 settlements	% Residing in T3 settlements	% Residing in T4 settlements	% Residing in Rural settlements
Alborz	2,712,400	2,512,737	199,663	3.4%	3.1%	0.2%	2.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%
Ardebil	1,270,420	866,034	404,386	1.6%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Bushehr	1,163,400	835,955	327,445	1.5%	1.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.4%
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	947,763	607,444	340,319	1.2%	0.8%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%
East Azerbaijan	3,909,652	2,809,424	1,100,228	4.9%	3.5%	1.4%	2.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	1.4%
Esfehan	5,120,850	4,507,309	613,541	6.4%	5.6%	0.8%	2.4%	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	0.8%
Fars	4,851,274	3,401,675	1,449,599	6.1%	4.3%	1.8%	2.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.8%	1.8%
Ghazvin	1,273,761	952,149	321,612	1.6%	1.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%
Gilan	2,530,696	1,603,026	927,670	3.2%	2.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.2%	1.0%	1.2%
Golestan	1,868,819	995,615	873,204	2.3%	1.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	1.1%
Hamedan	1,738,234	1,097,217	641,017	2.2%	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%
Hormozgan	1,776,415	971,822	804,593	2.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	1.0%
Ilam	580,158	395,263	184,895	0.7%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Kerman	3,164,718	1,858,587	1,306,131	4.0%	2.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.6%
Kermanshah	1,952,434	1,468,615	483,819	2.4%	1.8%	0.6%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%
Khuzestan	4,710,509	3,554,205	1,156,304	5.9%	4.4%	1.4%	1.5%	0.0%	1.8%	1.1%	1.4%
Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	713,052	397,461	315,591	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Kordestan	1,603,011	1,134,229	468,782	2.0%	1.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%
Lorestan	1,760,649	1,134,908	625,741	2.2%	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%
Markazi	1,429,475	1,099,764	329,711	1.8%	1.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%
Mazandaran	3,283,582	1,897,238	1,386,344	4.1%	2.4%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.7%
North Khorasan	863,092	484,346	378,746	1.1%	0.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%
Qom	1,292,283	1,229,964	62,319	1.6%	1.5%	0.1%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Razavi Khorasan	6,434,501	4,700,924	1,733,577	8.1%	5.9%	2.2%	3.8%	0.0%	1.0%	1.1%	2.2%
Semnan	702,360	560,502	141,858	0.9%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Sistan and Baluchistan	2,775,014	1,345,642	1,429,372	3.5%	1.7%	1.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	1.8%
South Khorasan	768,898	453,827	315,071	1.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Tehran	13,267,637	12,452,230	815,407	16.6%	15.6%	1.0%	11.2%	0.0%	3.1%	1.2%	1.0%
West Azerbaijan	3,265,219	2,136,203	1,129,016	4.1%	2.7%	1.4%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.4%
Yazd	1,138,533	971,355	167,178	1.4%	1.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.2%
Zanjan	1,057,461	711,177	346,284	1.3%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Total	79,926,270	59,146,847	20,779,423	100.0%	74.0%	26.0%	26.8%	5.2%	20.2%	21.8%	26.0%

We then allocated n=1,000 proportional to the total population residing in each settlement tier within each province:

Provinces	% Residing in T1 settlements	% Residing in T2 settlements	% Residing in T3 settlements	% Residing in T4 settlements	% Residing in Rural settlements	Allocated Sample to T1 settlements	Allocated Sample to T2 settlements	Allocated Sample to T3 settlements	Allocated Sample to T4 settlements	Allocated Sample to Rural settlements	Total Completed Interviews
Total	26.8%	5.2%	20.2%	21.8%	26.0%	268	52	202	218	260	1,000
Esfehan	2.4%	0.0%	1.4%	1.9%	0.8%	24	0	14	19	8	64
Fars	2.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.8%	1.8%	20	0	5	18	18	61
Khuzestan	1.5%	0.0%	1.8%	1.1%	1.4%	15	0	18	11	14	59
East Azerbaijan	2.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	1.4%	20	0	4	11	14	49
Mazandaran	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.7%	0	0	13	11	17	41
West Azerbaijan	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.4%	0	9	9	9	14	41
Kerman	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.6%	0	7	8	8	16	40
Sistan and Baluchistan	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	0.7%	1.8%	0	8	2	7	18	35
Alborz	2.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	23	0	5	4	2	34
Gilan	0.0%	0.9%	0.2%	1.0%	1.2%	0	9	2	10	12	32
Kermanshah	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0	12	0	7	6	24
Golestan	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	1.1%	0	0	7	6	11	23
Hormozgan	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.5%	1.0%	0	0	7	5	10	22
Lorestan	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0	0	8	6	8	22
Hamedan	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%	0	7	2	5	8	22
Kordestan	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%	0	0	9	5	6	20
Markazi	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	0	0	9	5	4	18
Qom	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	15	0	0	0	1	16
Ghazvin	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0	0	5	7	4	16
Ardebil	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	0	0	7	4	5	16
Bushehr	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.4%	0	0	3	8	4	15
Yazd	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0	0	7	6	2	14
Zanjan	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0	0	5	3	4	13
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0	0	2	5	4	12
North Khorasan	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0	0	3	3	5	11
South Khorasan	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0	0	3	3	4	10
Kohgiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0	0	2	3	4	9
Semnan	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0	0	4	3	2	9
Ilam	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0	0	2	3	2	7

STAGE III: SELECTING PRIMARY SAMPLING UNITS (PSU) for Landline Contacts In each settlement tier of each province, at least one PSU was randomly selected from amongst all cities / rural districts present in each settlement tier of each province. When possible (i.e., when enough number of cities/rural districts are present to be selected), no more than 15 interviews was conducted in each PSU. When more than two PSUs were selected within a settlement tier of a province to comply with the max. 15 interview per PSU requirement, allocated interviews to the settlement tier were roughly equally divided among the selected PSUs. The PSU selection process in stage III produced the following table

Province	Settlement Tier	Name of City / Rural District	Allocated number of interviews
Ardebil	3	Ardebil	6
Ardebil	4	Meshgin Shahr	5
Ardebil	5	Ojarud-e Sharqi	5
Esfahan	1	Esfahan	24
Esfahan	3	Kashan	14
Esfahan	4	Ardestan	10
Esfahan	4	Aran va Bidgol	9
Esfahan	5	Vandadeh	7
Alborz	1	Karaj	23
Alborz	3	Mohammad shahr	5
Alborz	4	Heshtgerd	3
Alborz	5	Ramjin	3
Ilam	3	Ilam	3
Ilam	4	Iwan	2
Ilam	5	Zarrin Dasht	3
East Azerbaijan	1	Tabriz	21
East Azerbaijan	3	Marand	4
East Azerbaijan	4	Bonab	11
East Azerbaijan	5	Abbas-e Gharbi	14
West Azerbaijan	2	Urmia	9
West Azerbaijan	3	Miandoab	9
West Azerbaijan	4	Shahin Dej	8
West Azerbaijan	5	Margavar	14
Bushehr	3	Bushehr	3
Bushehr	4	Borazjan	7
Bushehr	5	Taheri	4
Tehran	1	Tehran	113
Tehran	3	Varamin	9
Tehran	3	Eslam shahr	13
Tehran	3	Nasimshahr	9

Province	Settlement Tier	Name of City / Rural District	Allocated number of interviews
Tehran	4	Rudehen	12
Tehran	5	Bibi Sakineh	10
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	3	Shahrekord	3
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	4	Lordegan	6
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	5	Falard	5
South Khorasan	3	Birjand	3
South Khorasan	4	Ferdows	3
South Khorasan	5	Shakhen	4
Razavi Khorasan	1	Mashhad	37
Razavi Khorasan	3	Sabzevar	9
Razavi Khorasan	4	Kashmar	12
Razavi Khorasan	5	Bala Joveyn	10
Razavi Khorasan	5	Zangelanlo	11
North Khorasan	3	Bojnurd	3
North Khorasan	4	Esfarāyen	3
North Khorasan	5	Aladagh	5
Khuzestan	1	Ahvaz	16
Khuzestan	3	Abadan	9
Khuzestan	3	Behbahan	9
Khuzestan	4	Ramhormoz	11
Khuzestan	5	Miyan Ab-e Shomali	15
Zanjan	3	Zanjan	6
Zanjan	4	Qeydar	3
Zanjan	5	Mahnesan	5
Semnan	3	Semnan	4
Semnan	4	Damghan	3
Semnan	5	Kharaqan	2
Sistan and Baluchistan	2	Zahedan	8
Sistan and Baluchistan	3	Zabol	2
Sistan and Baluchistan	4	Iranshahr	7
Sistan and Baluchistan	5	Zahak	8
Sistan and Baluchistan	5	Sarbaz	8
Fars	1	Shiraz	20
Fars	3	Marvdasht	5
Fars	4	Estahban	9
Fars	4	Abadeh	8
Fars	5	Qarah Bagh	9
Fars	5	Naqsh-e Rostam	9

Province	Settlement Tier	Name of City / Rural District	Allocated number of interviews
Ghazvin	3	Ghazvin	5
Ghazvin	4	Abyek	7
Ghazvin	5	Eqbal-e Sharqi	4
Qom	1	Qom	15
Qom	4	Jafarie	1
Qom	5	Qanavat	1
Kordestan	3	Sanandaj	9
Kordestan	4	Divandarreh	5
Kordestan	5	Shaho	6
Kerman	2	Kerman	8
Kerman	3	Sirjan	7
Kerman	4	Shahrbabak	9
Kerman	5	Qasemabad	8
Kerman	5	Malekabad	7
Kermanshah	2	Kermanshah	12
Kermanshah	4	Javanrud	7
Kermanshah	5	Shamshir	6
Kohkiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	3	Yasuj	2
Kohkiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	4	Dogonbadan	4
Kohkiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	5	Imamzadeh Ja'far	4
Golestan	3	Gorgan	6
Golestan	4	Bandar Torkaman	6
Golestan	5	Jafarbay-ye Gharbi	11
Gilan	2	Rasht	9
Gilan	3	Bandar Anzali	2
Gilan	4	Langarud	10
Gilan	5	Chini Jan	12
Lorestan	3	Khorramabad	8
Lorestan	4	Azna	6
Lorestan	5	Goudarzi	8
Mazandaran	3	Sari	13
Mazandaran	4	Ramsar	10
Mazandaran	5	Goli Jan	9
Mazandaran	5	Mianrud-e Kuchak	8
Markazi	3	Arak	9
Markazi	4	Khomein	4
Markazi	5	Galleh Zan	4
Hormozgan	3	Bandar Abbas	7

Province	Settlement Tier	Name of City / Rural District	Allocated number of interviews
Hormozgan	4	Minab	5
Hormozgan	5	Godeh	10
Hamedan	2	Hamedan	7
Hamedan	3	Malayer	2
Hamedan	4	Tuyserkan	4
Hamedan	5	Darjazin-e Olya	8
Yazd	3	Yazd	6
Yazd	4	Meybod	5
Yazd	5	Rostagh	2

STAGE IV: SELECTING SECONDARY SAMPLING UNITS (SSU) Secondary Sampling Units (SSU) landline telephone prefixes in operation within each urban and rural PSU/SSUs. If only one telephone prefix was in operation in a PSU/SSU, that prefix was selected, and all interviews allocated to that PSU/SSU were conducted in that telephone prefix. If only two telephone prefixes were in operation in a PSU/SSU, both prefixes were selected, and roughly half of the interviews allocated to that PSU/SSU were conducted in one of the telephone prefixes and the other half were conducted in the second telephone prefix. If only three telephone prefixes were in operation in a PSU/SSU, all three prefixes were selected and roughly a third of the interviews allocated to that PSU/SSU were conducted in each of the telephone prefixes. If more than three telephone prefixes were in operation in a PSU/SSU, enough prefixes were randomly selected such that no more than 10 interviews (or the least number of interviews in cases where enough prefixes are not available to allow a maximum of 10 interviews) was conducted in each prefix.

STAGE V: HOUSEHOLD SELECTION for Landline Contacts Random Digit Dialing was used within each pre-selected telephone prefixes to reach random households.

STAGE VI: RESPONDENT SELECTION Our interviewers asked the number of eligible household members from an informed member of the household. Then, using a randomization software, our interviewers randomly selected a single member from among all eligible members of the household and asked to speak with the selected individual. If no one was home, we tried two additional times. If someone was home but the randomly selected member was not, a time was arranged so that the interview could take place at a mutually agreeable time with the randomly selected individual. If the selected member refused to willingly participate, if a mutually agreeable arrangement could not be arranged, or if a selected household could not be reached after three attempts, the interviewers abandoned the household and move on to the next. No substitution of the selected respondents within households will be allowed.

II. Descriptive Statistics

	1. Follow a lot	2. Follow Sotimes	3. Do not follow much	4. Do not follow at all	98. DK/NA	Total
Q1. How often do you follow news regarding domestic affairs?						
Number	216	492	158	137	0	1003
%	21.5	49.1	15.7	13.7	0	100
Q2. How often do you follow news regarding international affairs?						
Number	136	425	182	258	2	1003
%	13.6	42.4	18.1	25.7	0.2	100

[Excluding Response 4 in Q1 and Q2]

Q3. Which of the following media do you most frequently use to obtain news regarding domestic and international affairs?

	1. Domestic newspaper, TV channels, radio or online news	2. Foreign TV channels (such as BBC) / foreign online news	3. SNS such as Instagram and Telegram	4. None/ all equally	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	562	88	243	12	0	905
%	62.1	9.7	26.9	1.3	0	100

Q4. How often do you use the internet and social media to share information?

	1. Use a lot	2. Use sometime	3. Do not use much	4. Do not use at all	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	89	304	192	417	1	1003
%	8.9	30.3	19.1	41.6	0.1	100

Q5. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?

	1. Satisfied	2. Dissatisfied	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	444	537	22	1003
%	44.3	53.5	2.2	100

Q6 Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in Iran – is it

	1. Very good	2. Somewhat good	3. Somewhat bad	4. Very bad	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	45	122	260	562	14	1003
%	4.5	12.2	25.9	56	1.4	100

Q7. Compared with 20 years ago, do you think the financial situation of average people in Iran is better, worse, or do you think there has been no change?

	1. Better	2. Worse	3. No Change	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	339	413	231	20	1003
%	33.8	41.2	23	2.0	100

Q8-Q21. To what extend do you like or dislike the following countries and organizations active in your country? (except for political activity)

	1. I like very much	2. I like	3. Neutral	4. I do not like	5. I do not like very much	6. I do not know	Total
Q.8 Turkey							
Number	110	273	146	233	228	13	1003
%	11.0	27.2	14.6	23.2	22.7	1.3	100
Q.9 Iraq							

Number	195	328	153	123	197	7	1003
%	19.4	32.7	15.3	12.3	19.6	0.7	100
Q10. Syria							
Number	229	345	174	106	142	7	1003
%	22.8	34.4	17.3	10.6	14.2	0.7	100
Q11. Saudi Arabia							
Number	18	46	102	90	740	7	1003
%	1.8	4.6	10.2	9.0	73.8	0.7	100
Q12. UAE							
Number	32	111	145	173	527	15	1003
%	3.2	11.1	14.5	17.2	52.5	1.5	100
Q13. China							
Number	84	293	108	195	311	12	1003
%	8.4	29.2	10.8	19.4	31.0	1.2	100
Q14. Russia							
Number	137	365	117	127	243	14	1003
%	13.7	36.4	11.7	12.7	24.2	1.4	100
Q15. US							
Number	42	55	71	111	716	8	1003
%	4.2	5.5	7.1	11.1	71.4	0.8	100
Q16. UK							
Number	31	97	96	205	558	16	1003
%	3.1	9.7	9.6	20.4	55.6	1.6	100
Q17. Japan							
Number	187	429	110	147	120	10	1003
%	18.6	42.8	11.0	14.7	12.0	1.0	100
Q18. South Korea							
Number	32	257	169	238	292	15	1003
%	3.2	25.6	16.8	23.7	29.1	1.5	100
Q19. Canada							
Number	91	288	139	213	245	27	1003
%	9.1	28.7	13.9	21.2	24.4	2.7	100
Q20. Germany							
Number	150	273	112	142	311	15	1003
%	15.0	27.2	11.2	14.2	31.0	1.5	100
Q21. France							
Number	59	188	196	190	353	17	1003
%	5.9	18.7	19.5	18.9	35.2	1.7	100

Q23. In your opinion, in general how good or bad is the quality of products produced in each of the following countries?

	1. Very good	2. Somewhat good	3. Somewhat bad	4. Very bad	98. DK/NA	Total
1. Japan						
Number	610	281	29	34	49	1003
%	60.8	28	2.9	3.4	4.9	100
2. Iran						
Number	215	624	105	52	7	1003
%	21.5	62.2	10.5	5.2	0.6	100
3. United States						
Number	346	283	103	133	138	1003
%	34.5	28.2	10.3	13.3	13.7	100
4. Germany						
Number	571	299	19	34	80	1003
%	56.9	29.8	1.9	3.4	8	100
5. China						
Number	45	402	228	290	38	1003
%	4.5	40.1	22.7	29	3.7	100
6. South Korea						
Number	286	486	52	51	128	1003

%	28.5	48.5	5.1	5.1	12.8	100
7. India						
Number	23	302	296	143	239	1003
%	2.3	30.2	29.5	14.2	23.8	100

Q24. To what degree do you like or dislike movies and TV series produced in each of the following countries?

	1. I like very much	2. Like	3. Do not like	4. Do not like at all	98. DK/NA	Total
1. Japan						
Number	105	468	146	254	30	1003
%	10.5	46.7	14.5	25.3	3	100
2. Iran						
Number	503	395	46	53	6	1003
%	50.2	39.4	4.5	5.3	0.6	100
3. United States						
Number	122	422	186	247	26	1003
%	12.1	42.1	18.5	24.7	2.6	100
4. Turkey						
Number	110	402	175	271	45	1003
%	11	40.1	17.4	27	4.5	100
5. India						
Number	187	426	207	156	27	1003
%	18.7	42.6	20.7	15.6	2.7	100
6. South Korea						
Number	86	477	200	211	29	1003
%	8.5	47.6	20	21	2.9	100

Q25. Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power?

	1. US	2. China	3. Japan	4. European countries	96. other	97. None / There are no leading economic power	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	318	422	112	83	7	2	59	1003
%	31.7	42.2	11.1	8.2	0.7	0.2	5.9	100

Q26. What do you think about the growing trade and business ties between Iran and other countries – do you think it is a very good thing, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or a very bad thing for our country?

	1. US	2. China	3. Japan	4. European countries	5. other	97. None / There are no leading economic power	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	148	559	97	56	63	4	76	1003
%	14.8	55.7	9.7	5.6	6.3	0.4	7.5	100

Q27. Thinking about the future, if you had to choose, which of the following scenarios would be better for the world?

	1. The U.S. is the world's leading power	2. China is the world's leading power	96. Both [vol.]	97. Neither [vol.]	98. DK/NA [vol.]	Total
Number	227	651	4	67	54	1003
%	22.6	65	0.4	6.7	5.3	100

Q28. What do you think about the growing trade and business ties between Iran and other countries – do you think it is a very good thing, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or a very bad thing for our country?

	1. Very good	2. Somewhat good	3. Somewhat bad	4. Very bad	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	464	411	42	54	32	1003
%	46.3	41	4.2	5.4	3.1	100

Q29. Does trade with other countries lead to an increase in the wages of Iranian workers, a decrease in wages, or does it not make a difference?

	1. Increase	2. Decrease	3. Does not make a difference	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	431	162	349	61	1003
%	43	16.2	34.8	6	100

Q30. Does trade with other countries lead to job creation in Iran, job losses, or does it not make a difference?

	1. Job creation	2. Job losses	3. Does not make a difference	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	483	199	266	55	1003
%	48.1	19.9	26.5	5.5	100

Q31. Does trade with other countries lead to an increase in the price of products sold in (survey country), a decrease in prices, or does it not make a difference?

	1. Increase	2. Decrease	3. Does not make a difference	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	139	537	274	53	1003
%	13.9	53.6	27.3	5.2	100

Q32. Overall, how likely do you think it is that in the next 50 years, robots and computers will do much of the work currently done by humans?

	1. Definitely happen	2. Probably happen	3. Probably NOT happen	4. Definitely NOT happen	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	576	336	38	24	29	1003
%	4.5	12.2	25.9	56	1.4	100

Q33. When children today in Iran grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	1. Better off	2. Worse off	3. Same	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	519	425	8	51	1003
%	51.7	42.4	0.8	5.1	100

List Experiment 1

[Control]

Q. 34A.

I'm going to read you a list of three activities the government could undertake. Please tell me how many of these you would broadly support, meaning that you would agree with their adoption. Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- (1) Preventing refugees from entering Iran
- (2) Sending medical aids to foreign countries
- (3) Easing restriction on broadcasting the productions of foreign media

[IRGC]

Q. 34B.

I'm going to read you a list of three activities the government could undertake. Please tell me how many of these you would broadly support, meaning that you would agree with their adoption. Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- (1) Preventing refugees from entering Iran
- (2) Sending medical aids to foreign countries
- (3) Easing restriction on broadcasting the productions of foreign media
- (4) Sending IRGC forces to support Shiites in other countries

response		control	IRGC
0	number	77	33
	%	15.7	7
1	number	208	159
	%	42.4	33.8
2	number	151	204
	%	30.8	43.4
3	number	55	51
	%	11.2	10.9
4	number	0	23
	%	0	4.9
total		491	470

Q35. Do you have family members or close friends who are currently involved in a mandatory military service (sarbāzī)?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	237	766	0	1003
%	23.6	76.4	0	100

Q36. Do you have family members or close friends who is currently a member of voluntary forces and militias (basij)?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	592	398	13	1003
%	59	39.7	1.3	100

Q37. Do you have family members or close friends who is currently a permanent member of the armed forces?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	366	631	6	1003
%	36.5	62.9	0.6	100

Q38. Did you participate in parliamentary election in February 2020? (National)

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	442	551	10	1003
%	44.1	54.9	1	100

Q39. During Feb. 2020 election period, did you see television news that made mention of an individual as a candidate of the Feb. 2020 election or not? (National)

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	235	715	53	1003
%	23.4	71.3	5.3	100

Q40. During Feb. 2020 election period, did you attend a campaign event or not? Did you participate in parliamentary election in February 2020?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	289	711	3	1003

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
%	28.8	70.9	0.3	100

Q41. During Feb. 2020 election period, did you listen to the speech by religious figures about the election or not?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	398	588	17	1003
%	39.7	58.6	1.7	100

Q42. Was there any candidate that you have recognized his or her name before the election or not?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	574	410	19	1003
%	57.2	40.9	1.9	100

Q43. Was there any candidate that you are well familiar with (more than simple name recognition) or not?

	1. Yes	2. No	98. DK/NA	Total
Number	385	607	11	1003
%	38.4	60.5	1.1	100

List experiment 2

[Conctoral]

Q. 44A.

I'm going to read you three things that happened before the 2020 parliamentary election. After I read all three, just tell me how many of them made you angry or upset. Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- (1) The government increased the price of oil
- (2) General Soleimani was assassinated by the United States
- (3) The Ukraine Airlines' airplane was mistakenly shot down by Iran

[the Guardian Council]

Q. 44B.

I'm going to read you four things that happened before the 2020 parliamentary election. After I read all three, just tell me how many of them make you angry or upset. Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- (1) The government increased the price of oil
- (2) General Soleimani was assassinated by the United States
- (3) The Ukraine Airlines' airplane was mistakenly shot down by Iran
- (4) Credentials of some candidates were disqualified by the Guardian Council

response		control	Guardian Council
0	number	1	5
	%	0.2	1
1	number	83	84
	%	16.8	16.7
2	number	176	168
	%	35.6	33.5
3	number	234	192
	%	47.4	38.2
4	number	0	53
	%	0	10.6
total		494	502

Q45-50. How much do you support following people or institutions?

	1. Strongly support	2. Support to some extent	3. Neutral	4. Do not support	5. Do not support at all	98. DK/NA	Total
Q45. The system of the Islamic Republic							
Number	408	279	114	118	68	16	1003
%	40.7	27.8	11.4	11.8	6.8	1.6	100
Q46. Chief of Judiciary Ebrahim Raisi							
Number	389	258	180	93	56	27	1003
%	38.8	25.7	17.9	9.3	5.6	2.7	100
Q47. President Hassan Rouhani							
Number	65	239	219	169	297	14	1003
%	6.5	23.8	21.8	16.8	29.6	1.4	100
Q48. Speaker of Parliament Mohammad Qalibaf							
Number	170	353	238	93	123	26	1003
%	16.9	35.2	23.7	9.3	12.3	2.6	100
Q49. Police							
Number	455	313	110	78	40	7	1003
%	45.4	31.2	11.0	7.8	4.0	0.7	100
Q50. Emam Khomeini Relief Foundation							
Number	327	305	185	38	132	16	1003
%	32.6	30.4	18.4	3.8	13.2	1.6	100

List experiment 3

[Control]

Q. 51A.

I am going to describe various types of political systems. In your opinion, how many of these systems would be a good way of governing Iran? Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- a) Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections
- b) Having the armed forces rule
- c) Having a council of religious scholars with a power to overturn any laws that they find to be contrary to Islam

[Democracy]

Q. 51B.

I am going to describe various types of political systems. In your opinion, how many of these systems would be a good way of governing Iran? Please don't tell me which ones; only tell me how many.

- a) Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with parliament and elections
- b) Having the armed forces rule
- c) Having a council of religious scholars with a power to overturn any laws that they find to be contrary to Islam
- d) Having a parliament that would have the power to pass any laws they think is best for the country, even if they are contrary to Islam

response		control	Democracy
0	number	37	55
	%	8	11.8
1	number	253	214
	%	55.4	46
2	number	130	134
	%	28.4	28.8
3	number	37	46
	%	8	9.9
4	number	0	16
	%	0	3.5
total		457	465

Demographics

D1. Gender

	Number	%
1. Male	495	49.4
2. Female	508	50.5
Total	1003	100

D2. Age

Age	Number	%
18	18	1.8
19	27	2.7
20	21	2.1
21	17	1.7
22	10	1.0
23	12	1.2
24	15	1.5
25	8	0.8
26	11	1.1
27	10	1.0
28	10	1.0
29	15	1.5
30	24	2.4
31	27	2.7
32	18	1.8
33	13	1.3
34	30	3.0
35	32	3.2
36	27	2.7
37	24	2.4
38	30	3.0
39	27	2.7
40	28	2.8
41	24	2.4
42	31	3.1
43	20	2.0
44	25	2.5
45	23	2.3
46	17	1.7
47	27	2.7
48	25	2.5
49	29	2.9
50	17	1.7
51	20	2.0
52	20	2.0
53	15	1.5
54	16	1.6
55	21	2.1
56	11	1.1
57	20	2.0
58	9	0.9

Age	Number	%
59	10	1.0
60	15	1.5
61	8	0.8
62	19	1.9
63	12	1.2
64	10	1.0
65	14	1.4
66	7	0.7
67	13	1.3
68	11	1.1
69	10	1.0
70	6	0.6
71	3	0.3
72	5	0.5
73	4	0.4
74	3	0.3
75	5	0.5
76	3	0.3
77	4	0.4
78	1	0.1
79	3	0.3
80	2	0.2
81	1	0.1
82	2	0.2
83	2	0.2
84	2	0.2
87	1	0.1
DK/NA	3	0.3
Total	1003	100

D4. What is the final educational level you reached?

	Number	%
1. Low (Illiterate)	86	8.6
2. Less than a high school diploma	241	24.0
3. High School diploma / college drop-out	331	33.0
4. Student in pursuit of BA/AA degree	59	5.9
5. AA Degree	60	6.0
6. Bachelor's Degree	160	16.0
7. Higher than bachelo's degree	66	6.6
Total	1003	100

D5. What is your marital status?

	Number	%
1. Married [Skip D9]	737	73.5
2. Single / Never married	207	20.6
3. Windowed [Skip D9]	38	3.8
4. Divorced/Separated [Skip D9]	20	2
98. DK/NA [vol.]	1	0.1
Total	1003	100

D6. In total how many members are there living in your household, including yourself? (Do not include servants or guests)

	Number	%
1. 1	30	3
2. 2	142	14.2
3. 3	268	26.7
4. 4	341	34

5. 5	152	15.2
6. 6	43	4.3
7. 7 or more	27	2.6
Total	1003	100

D7. How many of them are under 18 years old?

	Number	%
0	431	44.3
1. 1	264	27.1
2. 2	201	20.7
3. 3	53	5.5
4. 4	15	1.5
5. 5	2	0.2
6. 6	1	0.1
98. DK/ NA	6	0.6
Total	973	100

D8. What is your ethnicity?

	Number	%
1. Fars	480	47.9
2. Turk/Azeri	198	19.7
3. Kurd	66	6.6
4. Lur	71	7
5. Arab	12	1.2
6. Gilaki/Mazandarani/Shomali	94	9.4
7. Baloch	21	2.1
8. Dari/Afghan	2	0.2
9. Turkmen	10	1
10. Armenian	0	0
11. Qashgai	2	0.2
12. Assyrian	0	0
13. Bakhtiari	24	2.4
14. Other	22	2.2
98. DK/NA	1	0.1
Total	1003	100

D8A. What language do you speak at home?

	Number	%
1. Persian	605	60.3
2. Azeri/ Turkish	147	14.7
3. Kurdish	59	5.9
4. Luri	52	5.2
5. Arabic	9	0.9
6. Gilaki/Mazandarani/Shomali	67	6.7
7. Baloch	21	2.1
8. Dari/Afghan	0	0.0
9. Turkmen	9	0.9
10. Armenian	0	0.0
11. Qashgai	0	0.0
12. Assyrian	0	0.0
13. Bakhtiari	10	1.0
14. Other	24	2.4
Total	1003	100

D9. Do you live independently or with your parents? 1. Independently (Skip D9B, D10B, D11B), 3. Other [vol] (Skip D9B, D10B, D11B), 98. DK/NA [vol.] (Skip D9B, D10B, D11B)

	Number	%
1. Independently	15	7.2

	Number	%
2. With Parents	192	92.3
3. Other	1	0.5
Total	208	100

D9B. What is the highest level of education that your [spouse (if married)/Father (if living with parents)] has achieved?

	Number	%
1. Low (Illiterate)	123	13.2
2. Less than a high school diploma	300	32.3
3. High School diploma / college drop-out	276	29.7
4. Student in pursuit of BA/AA degree	9	0.1
5. AA Degree	49	5.8
6. Bachelor's Degree	122	13.6
7. Higher than bachelor's degree	47	5
98. DK/NA	3	0.3
Total	929	100

D10.A. What is your current employment status?

	Number	%
1- Work more than 40hrs a week	186	18.5
2- Work less than 40hrs a week	145	14.4
3- Unemployed seeking work	134	13.4
4- Does not work and does not seek work	125	12.5
5- Student	73	7.3
6- Homemaker	337	33.6
98-DK/NA	3	0.3
Total	1003	100

D10.B. What is the current employment status of your [spouse (if married)/Father (if living with parents)]?

	Number	%
1- Work more than 40hrs a week	219	23.6
2- Work less than 40hrs a week	163	18
3- Unemployed seeking work	61	7
4- Does not work and does not seek work	148	15.9
5- Student	3	0.3
6- Homemaker	313	32.6
98-DK/NA	22	2.4
Total	929	100

11 A. What is your current occupation?

	Number	%
1. Self-employed	104	22.7
2. Farmer, Gardener, Animal husbandry	47	10.2
3. Low/mid ranking government employee	69	15
4. Low/mid ranking private sector employee	70	15.3
5- High ranking government employee	10	2.1
6- High ranking private sector employee	5	1.1
7- Student	0	0
8- Homemaker	3	0.7

9- Unemployed	34	7.4
10- Retired	89	19.4
97 Other	22	4.8
98 DK/NA	6	1.3
Total	459	100

11 B. What is the current occupation of your [spouse (if married)/Father (if living with parents)]?

	Number	%
1. Self-employed	137	24.8
2. Farmer, Gardener, Animal husbandry	30	5.5
3. Low/mid ranking government employee	72	13.1
4. Low/mid ranking private sector employee	86	15.6
5. High ranking government employee	11	2.1
6. High ranking private sector employee	6	1
7. Student	0	0
8. Homemaker	6	1
9. Unemployed	31	5.6
10. Retired	118	21.4
97. Other	48	8.7
98. DK/NA	7	1.2
Total	552	100

D12. Is the house you currently reside in rented?

	Number	%
1. Yes	295	29.4
2. No	669	66.7
97. Other	37	3.7
98. DK/NA	2	0.2
Total	1003	100

D13. What is the approximate value of the house you reside in?

	Number	%
1. Less than 1 billion Tomans	740	73.8
2. 1- 3 billion Tomans	198	19.7
3. 3 - 7 billion tomans	26	2.6
4. more than 7 billion tomans	6	0.6
98. DK/NA	33	3.3
Total	1003	100

D14. Does your household own a car?

	Number	%
1. Yes, one	563	56.1
2. Yes, more than one	65	6.5
3. No	371	37
98. DK/NA	4	0.4
Total	1003	100

D15. What is your household's average monthly income?

	Number	%
1. Under 1 million tomans	164	16.4
2. Between 1- 2 million tomans	198	19.7

3. Between 2- 3 million tomans	263	26.2
4. Between 3 - 4 million tomans	130	13
5. Between 4 - 5 million tomans	103	10.3
6. Between 5 - 6 million tomans	58	5.8
7. Over 6 million tomans	72	7.2
98. DK/NA	15	1.4
Total	1003	100

D16. Do you use the Internet?

	Number	%
1. Yes	684	68.2
2. No	316	31.5
98. DK/NA	3	0.3
Total	1003	100

D17. With regard to religious affiliation, do you consider yourself?

	Number	%
1. Shi'a	897	89.4
2. Sunni	86	8.6
3. Jewish	0	0
4. Christian	2	0.2
5. Zoroastrian	2	0.2
6. Baha'i	0	0
7. Something else	9	0.9
98. DK/NA	7	0.7
Total	1003	100

D18. In general, how religious do you consider yourself to be? Do you think you are:

	Number	%
1. Very religious	343	34.2
2. Somewhat religious	564	56.2
3. Not very religious	59	5.9
4. Not religious at all	32	3.2
98. DK/NA	5	0.5
Total	1003	100