

March 2023 National Probability Sample Survey

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Questionnaire and Results

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Margin of Error: +/- 3.1

Q1. To what degree would you say you follow the news?¹

	Mar. 2023
A lot	24.6
Somewhat	54.1
Not much	10.0
Not at all	11.2
DK/NA [vol.]	.1

Q2. To what degree do you use each of the following media to get news about domestic and international affairs?

Q2.1 Domestic television channels

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
A lot	35.6	35.9	33.0	30.1	28.8
Somewhat	47.1	41.1	42.1	44.4	45.3
Not much	9.2	9.8	10.9	11.9	12.6
Not at all	8.1	12.8	13.7	13.0	13.3
DK/NA [vol.]	0	0.4	0.3	0.7	.1

¹ Previously asked as: 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

Q2.2. Satellite television channels

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
A lot	10.3	7.9	6.3	6.5	6.2
Somewhat	16	17.7	18.5	19.6	20.5
Not much	8.8	8.0	10.7	12.1	12.4
Not at all	65	66.2	64.4	61.2	60.9
DK/NA [vol.]	0	.3	.2	0.6	

Q2.3. Social networking applications like Telegram, Baleh, Rubika, Ita, Whatsapp, and Instagram²

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
A lot	31.9	30.6	33.2	35.1	20.6
Somewhat	33.6	33.9	30.2	29.5	39.1
Not much	10.5	8.7	8.2	11.3	12.8
Not at all	23.9	26.4	28.3	23.5	27.5
DK/NA [vol.]	0.1	.4	.1	.7	.1

Q3. In your opinion, how good or bad is our country's general economic situation? Is it:

	May 2015	Jun. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very good	11.1	3.8	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.8	3.3	5.8	4.2	3.5	4.5
Somewhat good	43.2	35.7	33.1	27.6	23.7	28.2	21.1	19.1	21.2	19.3	21.3
Somewhat bad	22.5	29.4	29.5	28.2	29.8	27.3	21.7	20.5	19.7	23.9	19.5
Very bad	21.2	29.2	33.9	40.7	43.4	40.3	52.7	53.0	54.3	52.3	53.8
DK/NA [vol.]	2.0	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	.6	1.1	1.0

Q4. Over the last year, has your family's consumption of red meat in general increased, decreased, or stayed the same? [If "increased" or "decreased" ask:] A lot or somewhat?

	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Increased a lot	.6	.7
Increased somewhat	2.0	2.1
Stayed the same	47.4	42.1
Decreased somewhat	27.1	28.1
Decreased a lot	22.5	26.7
DK/NA [vol.]	.4	.3

² Previously it was asked: "Social networking applications like Telegram, Instagram, and Whatsapp"

Q5. Right now, do you think economic conditions in Iran, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

	May 2015	Jun. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Getting better	49.3	42.2	39.1	31.3	33.2	26.6	30.5	22.1	25.8	28.3	25.0
Getting worse	37.1	43.4	50.2	58.4	59.5	56.9	53.6	71.5	68.0	65.0	69.4
Staying the same [vol.]	9.7	9.2	7.7	6.2	4.1	8.7	9.7	.9	2.2	3.1	1.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.0	5.2	3.0	4.1	3.2	7.9	6.3	5.5	4.1	3.6	3.7

Q6. Which of the following do you think has had the greatest negative impact on the Iranian economy? [Randomize response options]

	May 2015	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Foreign sanctions and pressures	26.3	32.1	36.2	38.4	37.5	36.2	35.3	34.4	36.7	39.6
Domestic economic mismanagement and corruption	64.3	63.3	59.1	58.0	54.5	56.6	57.9	63.0	60.9	57.1
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4	4.6	4.8	3.6	8.0	7.2	6.8	2.6	2.4	3.4

Q7. Comparing your life today with your parents at the same age, do you think you are better or worse off than your parents were?

	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
A lot better off	26.5	24.1
A little better off	28.6	30.4
A little worse off	24.6	22.7
A lot worse off	16.4	19.9
Same [Vol.]	2.5	1.9
DK/NA [Vol.]	1.5	1.1

Q8. When children today in Iran grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Better off	48.5	43.7	49.8	47.2
Worse off	43.4	44.2	39.7	42.0
Same [vol.]	2.6	2.0	.6	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.5	10.1	9.9	10.4

Q9. What do you think is the single most important problem or challenge that Iran currently faces? [Open-ended]

	Feb. 2021 ³	Sept. 2021 ⁴	Mar. 2023
Inflation and high prices	25.1	22.7	20.6
Mismanagement in the country	3.0	2.6	11.8
Economic problems in general	6.9	4.4	11.4
Sanctions	5.0	6.0	10.1
Poverty and poor living conditions of the people	20.1	19.0	9.3
Unemployment	15.6	12.8	6.9
Economic and administrative corruption	3.6	5.9	6.5
Incompetence of officials	--	--	3.7
Recent riots/protests	--	--	2.7
Iran's foreign relations	2.6	3.6	2.3
Social and cultural problems	1.5	0.8	2.3
Problems related to the housing sector	1.3	2.0	1.0
People's dissatisfaction with the government	--	--	0.9
Influence of foreign media on Iranian public	--	--	0.9
Discrimination and injustice in the country	0.9	1.0	0.8
Foreign intervention in Iranian affairs	--	--	0.7
Official not keeping their promises	--	--	0.7
Other	11.1	18.4	4.0
DK/NA	3.3	0.8	3.7

Q10. 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.

Q10.1. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf

	Jul. 2014	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jun. 2017	May 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	21	21.5	21.9	18.9	21.6	21.1	23.9	25.0	21.6	19.4
Somewhat favorable	43	46.0	50.7	46.5	43.3	38.2	40.2	41.7	46.3	38.9
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11.2	13.3	15.6	16.8	15.4	15.5	11.6	12.4	14.4
Very unfavorable	11	8.7	6.6	11.5	11.8	12.9	12.3	15.7	14.9	22.2
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	8	9.5	4.2	3.4	1.9	3.9	4.1	3.1	2.1	3.1
DK/NA [vol.]	5	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.6	8.5	4.0	3.0	2.8	2.1

³ In Feb. 2021 it was asked: "What do you think is the single most important issue and challenge that our country faces that the next president should try to address? [Open-ended]"

⁴ In Sept. 2021 it was asked: "Now, regardless of what you think about the recent presidential election, what do you think is the single most important issue and challenge that our country faces that President Raisi should try to address? [Open-ended]"

Q10.2. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

	Jul. 2014	Aug. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	May 2017	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	34	27.5	24.2	27.2	22.9	18.9	23.1	22.2	23.2	21.3
Somewhat favorable	33	33.5	32.8	33.6	31.7	28.2	28.6	31.5	34.0	34.6
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13.0	15.0	13.9	15.1	16.8	16.4	17.5	16.8	18.0
Very unfavorable	16	22.8	23.9	19.5	26.2	31.2	27.1	25.2	22.9	23.5
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	1	.2	.4	.4	.8	.4	.2	.5	.5	.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.0	3.7	5.4	3.3	4.5	4.7	3.1	2.6	2.1

Q10.3. Ali Shamkhani

	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	11.1
Somewhat favorable	25.9
Somewhat unfavorable	19.9
Very unfavorable	22.3
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	19.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.1

Q10.4. Ali Larijani

	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	8.7	4.4	3.8
Somewhat favorable	29.3	25.7	24.6
Somewhat unfavorable	23.6	28.5	24.9
Very unfavorable	29.8	34.7	39.2
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	5.1	2.8	4.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.6	4.0	3.2

Q10.5. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi

	May. 2017	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	17.4	19.1	21.5	28.0	42.2	41.8	45.4	34.1	28.3
Somewhat favorable	30.9	34.7	34.7	35.6	34.6	32.9	32.6	38.5	37.0
Somewhat unfavorable	15.1	15.1	14.7	13.8	9.8	10.7	9.2	10.4	11.6
Very unfavorable	20.5	19.3	16.8	14.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	13.4	20.9
Don't recognize the name [vol.]	12.6	7.6	7.3	5.9	2.0	2.8	.1	--	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5	4.3	5.0	2.7	1.4	2.2	3.2	3.6	1.9

Q11. Think about the remaining years of Raisi’s term. How confident are you that Raisi will be able to do each of the following things that I will read to you? For each one, please say whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not at all confident that he can do it. Here’s the first one:

[Half Sample]

Q11.1. Significantly lower inflation

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	21.3	12.9	10.5
Somewhat confident	51.5	36.7	35.8
Not very confident	15.4	28.3	23.9
Not at all confident	10.1	21.1	28.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7	1.0	1.0

[Half Sample]

Q11.2. Significantly lower unemployment

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	16.8	11.2	12.2
Somewhat confident	50.5	43.8	42.3
Not very confident	18.0	25.2	20.3
Not at all confident	13.0	19.3	24.2
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7	.4	.9

[Half Sample]

Q11.3. Improve Iran’s relations with neighboring countries

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	24.6	23.3	27.0
Somewhat confident	52.4	54.0	49.5
Not very confident	12.7	10.7	12.5
Not at all confident	9.5	10.3	10.0
DK/NA [vol.]	0.8	1.8	1.0

[Half Sample]

Q11.4. Improve Iran’s relations with the West

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	10.3	5.4	4.5
Somewhat confident	28.5	28.6	25.5
Not very confident	29.1	23.9	27.8
Not at all confident	27.5	39.0	38.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4.6	3.2	3.5

[Half Sample]

Q11.5. Root out corruption

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	33.9	22.7	20.3
Somewhat confident	40.5	38.4	40.7
Not very confident	9.6	21.3	20.0
Not at all confident	15.1	16.7	18.0
DK/NA [vol.]	1.0	1.0	1.0

[Half Sample]

Q11.6. Increase Iran's trade with other countries

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	23.8	18.4	17.1
Somewhat confident	51.0	48.9	41.4
Not very confident	14.3	17.0	20.3
Not at all confident	9.7	12.7	18.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.2	2.9	2.3

[Half Sample]

Q11.7. Protect people's rights and freedoms

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very confident	23.0	19.0
Somewhat confident	40.8	43.2
Not very confident	19.2	21.7
Not at all confident	14.9	15.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.2	.6

Q12. In general, how confident are you that President Raisi will fulfill his promises?

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very confident	34.7	20.1	19.9
Somewhat confident	40.8	42.0	40.8
Not very confident	13.9	20.0	16.2
Not at all confident	9.7	17.4	22.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.0	.5	.7

[List Experiment – 1]

Q13. How many of the following groups of people do you generally like and admire. Please just tell me how many of them you like and admire and not which ones.

Q13.a. **[Sample A]**

[Randomize order]

A- Iranian scientists

B- Iranian politicians

C- Iranian athletes

D- Iranian actors and actresses

Q13.b. [Sample B]

[Randomize order]

A- Iranian scientists

B- Iranian politicians

C- Iranian athletes

D- Iranian actors and actresses

E- Iranians who participated in recent public protests

	Mar. 2023
Mean Sample A	2.1189
Mean Sample B	2.2981
Percent who like and admire “Iranians who participated in recent public protests”	17.9%

[List Experiment – 2]

Q14. How many of the following have you done during the past four months? Again, please just tell me how many of them you have done and not which ones.

Q14.a. [Sample B]

[Randomize order]

A- Reading newspaper

B- Writing a letter to an official

C- Speaking to family and friends about politics

D- Watching news on Television or Satellite

Q14.b. [Sample A]

[Randomize order]

A- Reading newspaper

B- Writing a letter to an official

C- Speaking to family and friends about politics

D- Watching news on Television or Satellite

E- Gone to the streets to participate in protest gatherings

	Mar. 2023
Mean Sample A	1.6101
Mean Sample B	1.6538
Percent who have “Gone to the streets to participate in protest gatherings”	4.4%

Q15. How do you think people in our country feel about voicing their political opinions? Do you think that generally, they feel afraid about it, comfortable about it, or somewhere in between?

	Mar. 2023
Afraid about it	23.5
Comfortable about it	34.0
Somewhere in between	39.5
Other [vol.]	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	2.6

Q16. How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On a scale where 1 means “not at all important” and 10 means “absolutely important” what position would you choose?

	WVS - 2020	Mar. 2023
1. Not at all important	2.1	2.1
2	0.3	.8
3	0.4	1.6
4	0.3	.5
5	6.7	7.1
6	2.9	2.8
7	5.7	4.5
8	11.7	12.9
9	5.1	4.7
10. Absolutely important	63.4	60.7
DK/NA[vol.]	1.4	2.4
Mean	8.81	8.67

Q17. And how democratically is this country being governed today? Again, using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that it is “not at all democratic” and 10 means that it is “completely democratic,” what position would you choose?

	WVS - 2020	Mar. 2023
1. Not at all democratic	10.7	13.6
2	4	5.3
3	2.7	7.6
4	4.3	4.9
5	15.5	12.7
6	6.1	10.2
7	10.4	8.4
8	13.3	10.2
9	7.3	6.2
10. Completely Democratic	22.6	17.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3.1	3.3
Mean	6.49	5.82

Q18. If you could change one thing about Iran, what would that be? Would you like Iran to become: [Randomize 1-4] [Say: please pick just the one you find most important.]

	Mar. 2023
More democratic and free	12.8
More economically prosperous	52.8
More stable and orderly	15.9
More safe and secure	16.9
Other	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	.2

Q19. Some say in the next 10 years, Iran's constitution and system of government will probably significantly change, while others think in the next 10 years Iran's constitution and system of government will probably be similar to how things are today. What do you think?

	Mar. 2023
In the next 10 years, Iran's constitution and system of government will probably significantly change	14.4
In the next 10 years, Iran's constitution and system of government will probably be similar to today	73.0
DK/NA [vol.]	12.6

Q20. Ideally, if you had the opportunity, would you like to move PERMANENTLY to another country, or would you prefer to continue living in this country?

	Mar. 2023
Like to move PERMANENTLY to another country	23.1
Like to continue living in this country	76.8
DK/NA [vol.]	.1

[Ask only of those who would like to move permanently]

Q21. What is the main reason why if you had the opportunity, you would move permanently to another country? [Open ended - Allow only ONE response]

	Mar. 2023
Iran's bad economic condition	47.4
To have a better living condition	15.4
For my children to have a better future	8.5
To have greater freedom	8.1
Difficulty to find a good job in Iran	6.0
Having negative views toward the Islamic Republic	4.7
To have greater security	4.3
To attain a better education	2.1
Other	2.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

Q22. As you may know, a bill regarding violence against women is going to be considered by the Majles later this year. How much have you heard or read about this bill?

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
A great deal	1.7	2.6
Some	19.7	18.5
Not very much	13.2	15.8
Nothing at all	65.1	62.3
DK/NA [vol.]	.3	.8

[Only asked if 1 or 2 in Q22]

Q23. Based on what you know so far, to what degree do you support or oppose this bill?

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	43.5	39.0
Somewhat support	42.1	40.4
Somewhat oppose	8.4	8.9
Strongly oppose	3.3	6.1
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.9	1.9
DK/NA [vol.]	.9	3.8

[List Experiment – 3]

Q24. Now I will read to you some statements that some people believe and others do not. After I finish reading all of them, please tell me, how many of them do you believe? Please just tell me how many of them you believe, and not which ones.

Q24a. **[Sample A]**

[Randomize order]

- A- President Raisi will be successful in fulfilling his promises
- B- Sanctions have hurt the livelihood of ordinary Iranians
- C- Iran will never run out of petroleum
- D- Iranian youth are more religious than the elderly

Q24b. **[Sample B]**

[Randomize order]

- A- President Raisi will be successful in fulfilling his promises
- B- Sanctions have hurt the livelihood of ordinary Iranians
- C- Iran will never run out of petroleum
- D- Iranian youth are more religious than the elderly
- E- Iran’s constitution and system of government will significantly change in less than 10 years

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Mean Sample A	2.0020	1.7276
Mean Sample B	2.1580	1.9470
Percent who believe: “Iran’s constitution and system of government will significantly change in less than 10 years”	15.6%	21.9%

Q25. Do you believe women in Iran are treated with respect and dignity, or not?

	Mar. 2023
Yes	58.1
No	40.2
DK/NA [vol.]	1.8

Q26. Some say women should have more liberty in what they wear in public, and that women who do not observe the Islamic hijab in public should not be confronted. Others say that while women should observe the Islamic hijab in public, if they do not, it is better not to confront them. Yet others say that women should observe the Islamic Hijab in public, and that those who do not should be confronted. Which of the three is closer to your own opinion?

	Mar. 2023
Women should have more liberty in what they wear in public, and that women who do not observe the Islamic hijab in public should not be confronted	14.5
Women should observe the Islamic hijab in public, but if they do not, it is better not to confront them	41.4
Women should observe the Islamic hijab in public, and that women who do not should be confronted	39.3
Depends/Other [vol.]	3.1
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7

Q27. As you may know, before the recent protests began, some opposed the way the Guidance Patrols were doing their work, while others supported it. Now that the country is relatively calm, do you think it would be best for the Guidance Patrol to continue its operations as before or do you think it would be best if the Guidance Patrol ended its operations?

	Mar. 2023
Continued its operations as before	31.8
Ended its operations	52.4
Remain operational but correct its methods [Vol.]	8.5
Other [Vol.]	3.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3.4

Q28. Held for future release

Statement: Now I would like to ask you some questions regarding the protests that have taken place in Iran during the past four months.

Q29. From what you witnessed, what was the main demand or objective of those who took part in street protest gatherings during the past four months? [Open-ended]

	Mar. 2023
Reduction of economic problems	22.0
Increased freedoms	13.3
Increased liberty in how a women decides to dress	12.7
Lowering of Inflation	10.9
They aimed to diminish stability, law, and/or order in Iran	10.7
Change in Iran's system of government	8.9
Creation of Jobs	3.8
Increased freedom of speech	3.1
Mostly emotional with no aim	2.6
Other	4.1
DK/NA [vol.]	8.2

Q30. During the past 4 months, have you ever gone to the streets to participate in protest gatherings?

	Mar. 2023
Yes, I have	1.3
No, I have not	98.3
DK/NA [vol.]	.4

Q31. Do you generally admire or do not admire those who have participated in recent public protests?

	Mar. 2023
Yes, I do	14.4
No, I do not	78.4
Other/Depends [vol.]	3.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.8

Q32. Do you think the recent protests were mostly caused by foreign interference or by domestic problems?

	Mar. 2023
Mostly because of foreign interference	37.4
Mostly because of domestic problems	50.1
Foreign interference and domestic problems, equally [Vol.]	9.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.5

Q33. As you may know, many different protests recently occurred across Iran for various reasons. I will now read you different complaints and demands that were voiced during the protests. Please tell me the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of these complaints.

Q33.1. That the government is not doing enough to help the poor.

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	43.0	41.8
Somewhat agree	29.6	29.2
Somewhat disagree	13.4	14.0
Strongly disagree	9.1	12.3
DK/NA [vol.]	4.9	2.7

Q33.2. That the government should not be strict in enforcing Islamic laws.

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	21.7	17.3
Somewhat agree	14.7	35.9
Somewhat disagree	26.0	26.6
Strongly disagree	33.3	17.6
DK/NA [vol.]	4.3	2.6

Q33.3. That the government should do more to fight financial and bureaucratic corruption in Iran.

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	85.2	83.1
Somewhat agree	10.5	11.0
Somewhat disagree	1.4	2.5
Strongly disagree	1.0	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.9	2.0

Q33.4. That the government interferes too much in people's personal lives.

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	11.3	13.9
Somewhat agree	15.0	18.4
Somewhat disagree	36.7	36.8
Strongly disagree	30.1	27.4
DK/NA [vol.]	6.9	3.5

Q33.5. That the government should be more forceful to stop rioters who use violence or damage property.

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	63.0	52.3
Somewhat agree	21.5	24.7
Somewhat disagree	6.7	11.0
Strongly disagree	6.4	8.8
DK/NA [vol.]	2.5	3.2

Q33.6. That the Islamic Republic should be replaced with another form of government⁵

	Mar. 2023
Strongly agree	6.3
Somewhat agree	9.5
Somewhat disagree	21.6
Strongly disagree	57.3
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q34. How would you describe the individuals who participated in the protests? Would you say [ARO]:

	Mar. 2023
They were mostly peaceful; only a few were violent	16.8
The majority were peaceful, but some were violent	18.2
The majority were violent, but some were peaceful	20.1
They were mostly violent; only a few were peaceful	36.1
DK/NA [vol.]	8.8

Q35. Held for future release.

Q36. As you know, a number of people have been arrested during the protests by the police and the judiciary is thinking about how to deal with those who have been arrested. I will now read you some categories of people who have been arrested. As I read each, please say 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.

Q36.1. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against government policies

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	64.5	63.3
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	27.0	27.9
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	3.7	3.4
Depend/Other [vol.]	1.7	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.1	4.1

⁵ A similar question in Jan. 2018 was worded, "That Iran's political system needs to undergo fundamental change."

	Jan. 2018
Strongly agree	4.9
Somewhat agree	11.5
Somewhat disagree	23.2
Strongly disagree	53.5
DK/NA [vol.]	7.0

Q36.2. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against the Hijab mandate⁶

	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	57.0
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	28.6
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	8.4
Depend/Other [vol.]	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.3

Q36.3. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against Iran's Supreme Leader⁷

	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	34.4
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	36.8
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	18.5
Depend/Other [vol.]	4.8
DK/NA [vol.]	5.4

Q36.4. Protestors who damaged public property

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	3.4	3.3
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	33.5	25.3
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	59.7	65.6
Depend/Other [vol.]	1.5	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.9	4.4

⁶ Q32. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against Islam or religious laws

	Jan. 2018
Most should be released	19.9
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	42.3
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	31.9
Depend/Other [vol.]	2.2
DK/NA [vol.]	3.7

⁷ Q33. Peaceful protestors who were chanting slogans against Iran's political system

	Jan. 2018
Most should be released	25.5
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	40.0
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	28.3
Depend/Other [vol.]	1.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.2

Q36.5. Protestors who attacked the police

	Jan. 2018	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	5.6	4.7
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	25.5	27.2
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	63.9	60.6
Depend/Other [vol.]	2.7	3.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3	3.9

Q36.6. Protestors with weapons who blocked roads

	Mar. 2023
Most should be released	3.3
Most should be prosecuted but not punished harshly	19.8
Most should be prosecuted and punished harshly	70.7
Depend/Other [vol.]	1.9
DK/NA [vol.]	4.4

[Half sample A]

Q39. As you may know, on occasion Iran's government has closed down the Internet social networks like Telegram, Instagram, and Whatsapp, saying that this is necessary to avoid the spread of unrest and violence. How do you feel about this? Do you think:

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
The government should never close down social networks	32.9	40.8
The government should only close down social networks when there is widespread unrest and violence	20.8	18.5
The government should close down social networks when there is a chance that unrest and violence may erupt	18.6	16.9
Social networks are creating too many problems in Iran and should only operate under strict government supervision and control	24.5	21.1
DK/NA [vol.]	3.3	2.8

[Half sample B]

Q38. Do you favor or oppose the continuation of the limits and filters that the government imposed on messaging apps like WhatsApp and social networks such as Instagram during the recent protests? Strongly or somewhat?

	Mar. 2023
Strongly favor	5.8
Somewhat favor	10.3
Somewhat oppose	18.5
Strongly oppose	59.5
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.9

Q39. Now I am going to read you the names of some countries. Please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each.

Q39.1. Germany

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	13	13.6	18.8	22.5	20.7	18.7	17.2	13.3	18.0	13.7
Somewhat favorable	31	34.6	33.2	39.2	36.8	35.7	30.0	33.4	31.7	32.9
Somewhat unfavorable	25	21.1	17.6	14.6	17.6	18.3	19.0	18.5	18.2	16.5
Very unfavorable	28	27.1	24.5	20.7	21.6	23.9	29.3	30.3	27.7	35.5
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.7	5.9	3.1	3.3	3.4	4.5	4.6	4.3	1.3

Q39.2. United Kingdom

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	6	5.6	5.2	6.2	9.4	6.9	6.1	4.5	4.3	4.9
Somewhat favorable	18	22.6	20.7	16.9	21.0	20.1	18.4	15.9	16.6	14.8
Somewhat unfavorable	22	15.9	18.7	21.2	22.6	24.1	21.5	22.6	20.9	18.4
Very unfavorable	52	53.0	51.6	51.4	44.4	46.4	51.0	53.6	56.1	60.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3	2.9	3.9	4.3	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.2	1.1

Q39.3. Russia

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	May. 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	14	10.3	16.8	18.6	15.8	15.8	13.3	14.7	10.7	6.6
Somewhat favorable	37	33.0	38.8	39.9	39.4	41.3	42.6	41.4	29.3	28.3
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21.1	16.5	15.9	15.9	15.9	17.7	18.0	24.9	27.5
Very unfavorable	26	32.2	23.3	22.5	25.6	24.4	22.8	24.3	32.2	35.9
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.4	4.6	3.2	3.3	2.7	3.6	1.7	2.9	1.7

Q39.4. China

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	13	9.4	10.4	14.7	14.2	12.2	11.6	13.7	12.2	12.9
Somewhat favorable	38	38.9	45.2	39.3	44.1	27.3	37.1	43.7	39.0	41.4
Somewhat unfavorable	21	16.7	17.4	14.6	14.6	20.1	21.1	17.9	19.4	20.6
Very unfavorable	25	31.0	22.6	28.8	24.8	36.8	28.5	23.9	26.2	23.8
DK/NA [vol.]	3	3.9	4.4	2.6	2.4	3.6	1.7	0.9	3.2	1.3

Q39.5. The United States

	Jul. 2014	May. 2015	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2018	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	9	7.9	4.7	3.4	3.4	3.0	4.8	3.2	3.3	3.2
Somewhat favorable	19	20.4	18.0	15.0	9.9	9.3	10.3	10.8	9.9	12.3
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16.9	15.8	12.9	12.8	10.1	11.2	9.4	10.6	9.2
Very unfavorable	58	53.2	59.8	66.9	73.0	77.1	72.7	75.9	74.8	74.7
DK/NA [vol.]	2	1.5	1.7	1.9	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.7	1.6	.7

Q39.6. The Taliban in Afghanistan

	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	1.1	.6
Somewhat favorable	6.6	4.1
Somewhat unfavorable	16.2	6.9
Very unfavorable	72.3	87.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.8	1.4

Q39.7. Ukraine

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very favorable	9.7	5.8
Somewhat favorable	35.6	33.8
Somewhat unfavorable	25.0	30.6
Very unfavorable	22.6	26.4
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2	3.4

Q40. How would you describe Iran's current relationship with China? Do you think that Iran and China are currently allies, friends, rivals, or enemies?

	Mar. 2023
Allies	12.1
Friends	34.6
Neither friends nor rivals	31.1
Rivals	8.1
Enemies	4.7
None [vol.]	.3
Other [vol.]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	8.8

Q41. How about Iran's current relationship with Russia? Do you think that Iran and Russia are currently allies, friends, rivals, or enemies?

	Mar. 2023
Allies	13.4
Friends	33.6
Neither friends nor rivals	28.6
Rivals	6.8
Enemies	8.9
None [vol.]	.1
Other [vol.]	.3
DK/NA [vol.]	8.3

Q8. How much have you heard or read about the war in Ukraine? Have you heard or read:

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
A lot	11.6	9.2
Somewhat	49.4	49.5
Not much	17.9	22.3
Not at all	20.4	18.8
DK/NA [vol.]	.7	.3

[Was not asked if 4 or 98 in Q8]

Q9. Who or what do you blame most for the start of the war in Ukraine?

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Russia	25.8	27.6
United States	21.0	22.2
Both United States and Russia	11.9	--
Ukraine	6.0	5.7
President of Russia, Putin	5.0	4.0
Western countries	2.9	1.8
NATO	2.6	3.3
Both Russia and Ukraine	2.6	2.6
Europe	2.0	3.9
President of Ukraine, Zelensky	1.4	2.3
United Kingdom	--	2.1
Other	3.0	3.9
DK/NA	15.9	20.4

Q44. Thinking about the war in Ukraine, which of the following do you think best describes Iran’s situation? [Randomize Order]

	Mar. 2023
Iran has no involvement in the war in Ukraine	29.2
Iran only sold weapons to Russia before the war in Ukraine	11.2
Iran has sold weapons to Russia during the war in Ukraine, but not in order for them to be used against Ukraine	25.3
Iran has sold weapons to Russia during the war in Ukraine in order for them to be used against Ukraine	12.6
Other [Vol.]	.5
DK/NA [vol.]	21.3

Q45. Which of these do you think Iran should be doing considering current circumstances?

	Mar. 2023
Iran should have no involvement in the war in Ukraine	37.4
Iran should sell weapons to Russia, but only on the condition that they not be used in Ukraine	23.8
Iran should sell weapons to Russia with no conditions	25.0
Iran should actively assist Russia with weapons that will help win the war against Ukraine	4.4
Depends/Other [vol.]	2.1
DK/NA [vol.]	7.3

Q46. As you may know, there are reports of drone sales by Iran to Russia—drones that Russia has since used in waging the war in Ukraine. Iran’s position is that these sales were all made before the war began and no weapons have been sold to Russia to be used in the war in Ukraine. Ukraine’s position is that the drone sales to Russia are ongoing. What do you think about drone sales to Russia? Do you think their effect is mostly:

	Mar. 2023
Good for Iran’s national interest	44.1
Bad for Iran’s national interest	37.4
Neither good nor bad [vol.]	.7
DK/NA [vol.]	17.8

Q47. The United States wants Iran to stop selling weapons of any kind to Russia. If the United States offered to relax some sanctions on Iran so that it could earn the same amount by selling oil while stopping any arms trade with Russia, would you approve or disapprove of that agreement? Strongly or somewhat?

	Mar. 2023
Approve strongly	18.7
Approve somewhat	29.0
Disapprove somewhat	19.2
Disapprove strongly	23.4
DK/NA [vol.]	9.7

Q48. Some say that in the war between Ukraine and Russia, it is best for Iran to help Russia defeat Ukraine, some say it is best for Iran to help Ukraine defeat Russia, while others say Iran should not get itself involved in that war at all. What do you think Iran should do?

	Mar. 2023
Help Russia defeat Ukraine	11.2
Help Ukraine defeat Russia	2.0
Should not get itself involved in that war at all	82.2
Other/Depends [vol.]	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	4.3

Q49. Please tell me which of the following two statements about the war in Ukraine comes closest to your own view: [ARO]

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
It is extremely important for Iran's long-term security to uphold the principle that no country should invade and occupy another. This principle applies equally to any country, and Russia is no exception.	55.2	52.6
The United States and NATO have been increasing their influence over Ukraine in ways that endanger Russia's security in the long run. Iran should view Russia's military action as a form of self-defense.	28.4	29.6
Depends/Other [vol.]	3.7	3.0
DK/NA [vol.]	12.6	14.8

Q50. Please tell me which of the following two statements about the war in Ukraine comes closest to your own view: [ARO]

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
It is unfortunately true that the war in Ukraine is killing many civilians and forcing others to leave their homes. But since Iran is not directly threatened and also since it is not clear who is to blame for the war, Iran should not take a position on this war.	41.7	38.5
Iran should do more to oppose the war in Ukraine, not only because it is causing the death of many civilians and forcing many to leave their homes, but also because Iran has always opposed the aggression of great powers against smaller countries.	44.3	45.2
Depends/Other [vol.]	4.1	4.9
DK/NA [vol.]	9.9	11.4

Q51: As you may know, while Iran and Afghanistan do not currently have full diplomatic relations, the government of Iran and the Taliban do discuss and cooperate on certain issues. I will now read to you a list of issues. As I read each, please tell me to what degree you support or oppose Iran having talks and cooperation with the Taliban on these issues.

Q51.1. Cooperating against production and sale of illegal drugs

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	41.1
Somewhat support	15.0
Somewhat oppose	7.7
Strongly oppose	33.2
DK/NA [vol.]	2.9

Q51.2. Managing border tensions

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	39.1
Somewhat support	23.4
Somewhat oppose	12.6
Strongly oppose	18.8
DK/NA [vol.]	6.1

Q51.3. The situation of Afghan refugees

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	25.3
Somewhat support	31.4
Somewhat oppose	15.8
Strongly oppose	23.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.5

Q51.4. Treatment of different ethnic groups in Afghanistan

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	17.9
Somewhat support	29.4
Somewhat oppose	23.8
Strongly oppose	21.7
DK/NA [vol.]	7.2

Q51.5. Treatment of Shiites in Afghanistan

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	40.4
Somewhat support	26.7
Somewhat oppose	11.5
Strongly oppose	15.6
DK/NA [vol.]	5.8

Q51.6. Cooperating against Daesh

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	47.8
Somewhat support	12.5
Somewhat oppose	4.9
Strongly oppose	31.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9

Q51.7. Resolving the water disputes with Afghanistan

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	51.5
Somewhat support	27.3
Somewhat oppose	6.4
Strongly oppose	10.0
DK/NA [vol.]	4.7

Q52. Would you support or oppose Iran recognizing the Taliban government in Afghanistan and working toward having full diplomatic relations with the Taliban? Strongly or somewhat?

	Mar. 2023
Strongly support	7.2
Somewhat support	21.0
Somewhat oppose	24.5
Strongly oppose	37.5
Depends/Other [vol.]	1.1
DK/NA [vol.]	8.7

Q53. As you may know, the Taliban government in Afghanistan is preventing women from studying in Afghanistan universities. Do you think Iran should or should not invite Afghan women who wish to pursue their education to come and study in Iranian universities? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat? [Randomize order]

	Mar. 2023
Iran should invite Afghan women to pursue their education in Iranian universities (strongly)	26.2
Iran should invite Afghan women to pursue their education in Iranian universities (Somewhat)	37.4
Iran should NOT invite Afghan women to pursue their education in Iranian universities (Somewhat)	15.0
Iran should NOT invite Afghan women to pursue their education in Iranian universities (Strongly)	16.6
Depends/Other [vol.]	1.7
DK/NA [vol.]	3.1

Q54. Do you think Iran should try more to strengthen its diplomatic and trade relations with European countries such as Germany, France, and the United Kingdom, or should it try more to strengthen its diplomatic and trade relations with Asian countries like Russia, China, and India?

	May 2019	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Iran should try more to strengthen its relations with European countries	42.2	45.0	42.4	37.0	39.1	44.7	43.6
Iran should try more to strengthen its relations with Asian countries	48.6	47.7	48.8	50.3	54.1	41.9	44.1
Both equally [vol.]	3.3	3.5	2.7	3.6	1.2	3.4	3.6
Neither [vol.]	.2	.9	.8	1.0		1.2	1.0
Depends/Other [vol.]	.6	.5	1.8	2.7		1.0	1.4
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	2.5	3.5	5.4	5.6	7.9	6.3

Q55. As you may know, Iran and China are currently working on a large-scale agreement for increasing the trade and other cooperation between the two countries over the next twenty-five years. How much have you heard or read about this issue? Have you heard or read:

	Oct. 2020	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
A lot	7.5	9.6	11.0
Somewhat	49.0	48.8	46.7
Not much	20.7	18.5	16.4
Not at all	21.6	22.9	25.6
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3	0.3	.3

[Was not asked if 4 or 98 in Q55]

Q56. Based on everything you have heard or read about this agreement, do you think it would or would not be in Iran's interests? Definitely or probably?

	Oct. 2020	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Would definably be in Iran's interest	23.1	28.9	30.3
Would probably be in Iran's interest	32.4	30.0	32.6
Would probably NOT be in Iran's interest	11.5	12.5	14.0
Would definably NOT be in Iran's interest	12.5	16.1	15.0
Depends/Other [vol.]	2.0	3.3	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	18.4	9.2	6.7

Q57. As you may have heard, Chinese President Xi Jinping recently met with King Salman of Saudi Arabia and the two have agreed to expand their countries' relationship. Do you think expansion of China's relationship with Saudi Arabia will be mostly good for Iran's national interests, mostly bad for Iran's national interests, or have no significant effect on Iran's national interest?

	Mar. 2023
Will mostly be good	15.1
Will mostly be bad	28.8
Will have no significant effect	43.6
Other/Depends [vol.]	.8
DK/NA [vol.]	11.7

Q58. In your opinion is it better for Iran to:

	Jul. 2014	Mar. 2016	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	May 2019	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Strive to achieve economic self-sufficiency	53	58.4	65.1	67.3	68.8	69.3	67.1	64.6	54.6	52.4
Strive to increase its trade with other countries	43	36.4	33.3	29.4	28.4	28.0	28.5	31.6	42.8	44.2
DK/NA [vol.]	4	5.2	1.6	3.3	2.9	2.7	4.5	3.8	2.6	3.4

Q59. 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	Jun. 2017	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2018	Aug. 2019	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Strongly approve	42.7	30.4	30.7	26.0	22.8	15.2	13.3	16.3	13.5	14.1	12.7
Somewhat approve	32.8	41.4	36.4	29.1	28.3	30.3	30.7	34.7	34.0	33.0	35.2
Somewhat disapprove	13.9	13.2	15.9	21.7	22.9	26.4	27.5	19.9	20.2	21.5	18.2
Strongly disapprove	6.7	8.3	11.6	12.1	16.4	19.2	20.4	21.3	26.8	25.9	23.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.9	6.6	5.5	11.1	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.7	5.6	5.4	10.9

Q60. As you may know, the United States has withdrawn from the JCPOA nuclear agreement and has reimposed sanctions on Iran. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?

	Jul. 2014⁸	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Have had great negative impact	51	47.7	44.5	42.3	51.0
Have had some negative impact	34	31.8	33.1	35.3	32.6
Have had little negative impact	7	9.5	13.9	14.2	10.4
Have had no negative impact	4	10.4	6.7	7.3	3.7
DK/NA [vol.]	4	.7	1.7	1.0	2.3

⁸ In July 2014 it was asked: "As you may know, Iran is currently under sanctions for activities relating to nuclear enrichment. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?"

Q61. How about on the lives of ordinary people of our country? In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on the lives of ordinary people of our country?

	Jul. 2014	Oct. 2019	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Have had great negative impact	61	57.1	60.2	64.2
Have had some negative impact	30	25.8	26.0	29.5
Have had little negative impact	5	9.4	9.0	3.7
Have had no negative impact	2	7.2	4.3	1.5
DK/NA [vol.]	2	.6	.5	1.2

Q62. As you may know, after the United States withdrew from the JCPOA and began reimposing sanctions on Iran, Iran started exceeding some JCPOA limits and reducing cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the international organization that monitors Iran's nuclear activities. For the last few months, negotiators have been working on a plan for the United States and Iran to both return to full compliance with the JCPOA. They have agreed on many points, but there are still some disagreements. Which view is closest to yours?

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Both sides, including Iran, should show flexibility and get the JCPOA restored soon	26.7	24.8	20.7
Iran should let the Europeans keep trying to get the United States to show flexibility, while holding firm to our own position	51.7	53.0	54.1
Iran's new government should not try to have the JCPOA be restored	15.9	15.1	16.2
DK/NA [vol.]	5.7	7.2	9.0

Q63. As you may know, for some months the United States and some European countries did not want to negotiate with the government of Iran on the renewal of the JCPOA while it was taking actions against protestors. Did this make you happy or upset? Very or somewhat?

	Mar. 2023
Very happy	4.9
Somewhat happy	7.1
Somewhat upset	34.9
Very upset	37.5
Indifferent/no feeling [vol.]	5.5
Other/Depends [vol.]	1.2
DK/NA [vol.]	8.8

Q64. One way to end the stalemate in JCPOA negotiations would be for both sides to take smaller steps to build confidence in each other. For example, Iran would resume allowing the IAEA fuller access to confirm that Iran’s nuclear program is purely peaceful, / while / The United States and Europe would resume allowing Iran to sell some of its oil to Europe. [ARO these phrases.] Would you approve or disapprove of this exchange?

	Mar. 2023
Approve strongly	18.3
Approve somewhat	32.2
Disapprove somewhat	21.6
Disapprove strongly	18.5
DK/NA [vol.]	9.4

Q65. How likely do you think it is that the United States and Iran will agree on how both will resume fulfilling all of their JCPOA commitments?⁹

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Very likely	6.3	6.6	3.2
Somewhat likely	44.2	37.8	34.0
Not very likely	27.8	29.5	29.4
Not at all likely	19.5	23.4	28.6
DK/NA [vol.]	2.3	2.8	4.8

Q66. If Iran and the United States do agree to restore the JCPOA and both begin to fulfill their obligations, to what degree do you think that would help to improve Iran’s economy?

	Sept. 2021	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
A lot	34.8	32.4	33.1
Somewhat	45.2	41.5	42.1
Not very much	13.4	18.5	17.1
Not at all	5.2	5.9	4.7
DK/NA [vol.]	1.5	1.6	2.9

⁹ In Oct. 2020, it was asked, “How likely do you think it is that the United States will return to the JCPOA if Biden is elected president?” and in Feb. 2021, it was worded “... under the Presidency of Joe Biden?”

	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2021
Very likely	6.2	9.0
Somewhat likely	38.3	48.9
Somewhat unlikely	18.8	18.3
Very unlikely	26.1	21.4
DK/NA [vol.]	10.6	2.4

Q67. Based on what you know about the negotiations between Iran and P5+1 countries, if these negotiations were to fail to produce a final agreement would you:

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Only blame the P5+1	13.2	17.1
Mostly blame the P5+1	41.9	39.5
Mostly blame Iran	7.4	5.5
Only blame Iran	2.7	1.6
Blame both sides equally	29.5	28.7
DK/NA [vol.]	5.2	7.6

Q68. Regarding Iran's nuclear program, please tell me which of the following courses of action you prefer for Iran:

	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
To develop both atomic bombs and nuclear power	36.1	37.5
To develop only nuclear power	55.7	53.4
To have no nuclear programs	4.3	3.8
Depends/Other [vol.]	.2	.4
DK/NA [vol.]	3.7	4.9

Q69. Some say developing nuclear weapons is against the teachings of Islam and some disagree and say Islam does not prohibit the development of nuclear weapons. Which of these views is closer to yours?

	Jul. 2014	Nov. 2019	Jul. 2022	Mar. 2023
Development of nuclear weapons is against the teachings of Islam	71.2	66.0	54.7	53.5
Islam does not prohibit the development of nuclear weapons	12.7	16.5	23.4	27.6
Depends/Other [vol.]	14.4	10.8	8.8	5.8
DK/NA [vol.]	1.7	6.7	13.1	13.1

Q70. 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? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Dec. 2006	Aug. 2019	Mar. 2023
Favor strongly	50	45.1	46.7
Favor somewhat	21	22.3	20.8
Oppose somewhat	5	14.9	12.8
Oppose strongly	13	13.4	12.3
DK/NA [vol.]	11	4.4	7.5

D6. Now, please think about yesterday, from the morning until the end of the day. Think about where you were, what you were doing, who you were with, and how you felt. Were you treated with respect all day yesterday?

	Mar. 2023
Yes	90.0
No	8.9
DK/NA [vol.]	1.1

D7. Did you experience the following feelings during A LOT OF THE DAY yesterday?

D7.1. Enjoyment

	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Yes	56.8	58.5
No	42.8	40.6
DK/NA	.4	1.0

D7.2. Worry

	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Yes	55.9	57.3
No	43.8	41.8
DK/NA	.3	.9

D7.3. Sadness

	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2023
Yes	43.3	38.7
No	56.5	60.4
DK/NA	.2	.9

D8. As you may know, Iran's national soccer team lost to the US national soccer team during the recent world cup. Did you become upset or happy that Iran's national soccer team lost? Very or Somewhat?

	Mar. 2023
Very happy	2.8
Somewhat happy	3.5
Somewhat upset	22.7
Very Upset	64.1
Indifferent/no particular feeling [vol.]	5.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.5

D12. Do you follow the news programs of BBC or VOA?

	Feb. 2021	Sept. 2021	Mar. 2023
Yes	21.1	19.8	21.5
No	78.2	79.5	77.3
DK/NA	0.7	0.7	1.3

Demographics:

D1. Sex:

	Mar. 2023
Male	50.4
Female	49.6
DK/NA [vol.]	

D2. What is your year of birth?

	Mar. 2023
Under 25	12.2
25 - 44	41.5
45 - 54	21.1
55+	25.7
DK/NA [vol.]	.6

D3. What is your level of education?

	Mar. 2023
Illiterate/no formal education but read and write	8.2
Some/finished elementary	11.4
Some/finished intermediate	8.6
Some secondary (did not graduate high school)	4.4
Finished secondary (graduated high school)	31.8
University/college student	4.8
Achieved associate's degree	6.3
Achieved bachelor's degree	19.7
Achieved master's degree or PhD	4.7
Seminary education	.1
DK/NA [vol.]	

D4. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

	Mar. 2023
Working full time	22.4
Working part-time	17.3
Not employed	14.6
Student	7.0
Housewife	26.0
Retired/Disabled	12.3
DK/NA [vol.]	.4

D5. What is your ethnicity?

	Mar. 2023
Fars	45.1
Turk/Azeri	23.0
Kurd	9.1
Lur	8.3
Arab	.9
Baluch	1.7
Mazani/Gilak/Shomali	8.5
Other	2.9
DK/NA [vol.]	.5

D9. What is your household's average monthly income?

	Mar. 2023
Under 2 million tomans	8.6
Between 2 - 4 million tomans	14.0
Between 4 - 6 million tomans	21.2
Between 6 - 8 million tomans	19.4
Between 8 - 10 million Tomans	15.3
Between 10 - 12 million tomans	7.8
Between 12 - 14 million tomans	3.4
Over 14 million tomans	7.0
DK/NA [vol.]	3.3

D10. Does your household own the dwelling they live in or is it rented?

	Mar. 2023
Own	65.7
Rent	29.8
Other [vol.]	3.3
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

D11. Which of the following best describes the economic and financial situation of your household?

	Mar. 2023
We live comfortably and can buy most of the things we want	1.5
We do not face any particular economic or financial problems	4.0
We just get by with our current financial situation	38.1
Life is difficult with our current financial situation	28.7
Life is very hard with our current financial situation	26.5
DK/NA [vol.]	1.3

D13. Settlement Size (population):

	Mar. 2023
Over 1 million (urban)	26.6
500 thousand to 1 million (urban)	8.3
100 to 500 thousand (urban)	17.8
Under 100 thousand (urban)	22.3
Rural	25.0

D14. Province

	Mar. 2023
Alborz	3.4
Ardabil	1.6
Bushehr	1.6
Chahar Mahal Bakhtiari	1.3
East Azerbaijan	4.7
Esfahan	6.5
Fars	6.1
Gilan	3.4
Golestan	2.4
Hamedan	2.4
Hormozgan	2.3
Ilam	.8
Kerman	4.1
Kermanshah	2.8
Khuzestan	5.7
Kohkiluyeh and Boyer Ahmad	.8
Kurdistan	2.0
Lorestan	2.3
Markazi	1.8
Mazandaran	4.1
North Khorasan	1.1
Qazvin	1.6
Qom	1.6
Razavi Khorasan	8.3
Semnan	.9
Sistan and Baluchistan	2.7
South Khorasan	.7
Tehran	16.4
West Azerbaijan	4.1
Yazd	1.7
Zanjan	1.2