Tehran Survey Codebook

This survey was conducted in Tehran between December 2007 and January 2008. The sample size is 580 and includes residents of Tehran who were fifteen years and older. This urban sample represents the most dynamic, diverse, and educated segment of the Iranian population. Tehran also receives immigrants from all over the country. In a sense, it provides a microcosm for studying diversity and plurality of political opinions in Iran. A group of university students, who were supervised by scholars from the University of Tehran, were trained to conduct face-to-face interviews in respondents' main residences in Persian. In this regard, this survey is different from several recent surveys that rely on telephone interviews, which create serious reliability problems in a country where face-to-face communication is central to the establishment of rapport and trust in personal relations. The survey is based on multistage area probability sampling. The Tehran municipality, with a population of around 7.5 million, is divided into five zones reflecting different income levels based on the information obtained from the Statistical Center of Iran. The number of interviews in each of the primary sampling units (PSU) was then determined according to the populations of these units. Finally, housing units and respondents were randomly chosen in PSUs.

This document presents English translations of the original Persian questions asked in the survey.

For an analysis based on this survey, see Güneş Murat Tezcür, Taghi Azadarmaki, Mehri Bahar, & Hooshang Nayebi, "Support for Democracy in Iran," *Political Research Quarterly* (June 2012) 65: 235-47. Available at
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1697887
http://prq.sagepub.com/content/65/2/235 (Requires SAGE access)

V1. Which one of the following activities gives you the greatest pleasure? (Multiple choices permitted)
1. Being with my family
2. Being with my friends
3. Doing my work
4. Religious practice
5. Recreation
6. Sports
7. Other

V2. How satisfied are you with the financial situation of your family?
1. Completely satisfied
2. Very satisfied
3. To a limited degree satisfied
4. A little satisfied
5. Not satisfied at all

V3. How would you describe yourself?
1. Shia
2. Muslim
3. Iranian
4. Azeri
5. Kurd
6. Arab
7. Lor
8. Baluchi

V4. Do you have access to satellite TV in your household?
1. Yes
2. No

V5. On average, how many hours do you watch Satellite TV every day? ……………..

V6. Do you think you have had a good life until now?
1. Yes
2. No

V7. What was the most unjust treatment in your life (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Fired from job
2. Cheated in trade
3. Unfair punishment by the state
4. Inappropriate situation at work or school
5. Abused in a private relationship
6. None
   Other …………………

V8. Do you think jobs get done better with bribery in Iran?
1. Completely
2. Very much
3. To a limited extend
4. A little
5. Never

V9. Have you ever bribed?
1. Many times
2. Several times
3. Once
4. Never

V10. Have you ever felt that you were dealt inappropriately by the state?
1. Most of the time
2. Occasionally
3. Rarely
4. Never

V11. Do you think a good citizen should obey the laws?
1. Yes
2. No

V12. In what situations, are you willing to defend your country?
1. In every situation
2. When the independence of the country is under threat.
3. In every situation, I am against participating in war.

V13. Have you ever participated in a demonstration?
1. Yes
2. No

V14. If yes, what is the latest demonstration did you participate?

………………………………. (See the STATA file for the actual responses)

V15. How important is religion in your life?
1. Very important
2. Important
3. Somehow important
4. A little important
5. Not important at all

V16. How often do you visit Behest-e Zehra?
1. Once a week

2. Once a month
3. On special occasions
4. Once
5. Never visited

V17. How often do you visit the Holy Shrine of Imam Reza?
1. More than once a year
2. Every year
3. Every several years
4. Just once
5. Not visited until now

V18. How often do you attend Friday Prayers?
1. Every week
2. Every other week
3. Every month
4. Very rarely
5. Never

V19. Do you believe in life after death?
1. Yes
2. No

V20. If yes, do you think life in the other world will be better?
1. Yes
2. No

V21. How religious are you?
1. Very Religious
2. Religious
3. Somehow religious
4. A little religious
5. Not religious at all

V22. Which one of the following statements do you find compelling?
1. Worldly life is rather a preparation for the afterlife.
2. The priority should be to fulfill life in this world.

V23. What is the main problem in the city of Tehran (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Traffic
2. Air pollution
3. Moral corruption
4. Insecurity
5. Crowds
6. Cost of life
7. Impolite manners of people

V24. In your opinion, how accountable is the political system in Iran?
1. Very accountable
2. Accountable
3. To a limited extent
4. A little accountable
5. Not accountable

V25. Do you think to what extent religion is capable of addressing social problems?
1. Completely capable
2. Very capable
3. Somehow capable
4. A little capable
5. Not capable at all

V26. Which of the groups or individuals are capable of dealing with the country's problems (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Reformists
2. Conservatives
3. President
4. Clergy
5. Parliament
6. Press
7. Nobody
   Other ………………

V27. Which one of the following groups has the most influence in Iranian politics (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Reformists
2. Conservatives
3. President
4. Parliament
5. Clergy
6. Press
7. External forces
8. Religious leaders
9. Nobody

V28. Are you optimistic regarding the future of Iran?
1. Completely optimistic
2. Very optimistic
3. Somehow optimistic
4. A little optimistic
5. Not optimistic at all

V29. In your opinion, how much democracy exists in Iran?

1. Very much exists
2. Exists
3. To a limited extend
4. A little
5. Not at all

V30. Could you offer your own definition of democracy in a sentence?

…………………………………………………………. (See the STATA file for the codification)

V31. When you hear or read the following what is your reaction?

Variable	Concept	Like	Nothing	Dislike
V31a	Democracy			
V31b	Liberalism			
V31c	Republic			
V31d	Communism			
V31e	Religious government			
V31f	Despotism			
V31g	War on terror			

V32. In your opinion, who planned and executed the attack to the World Trade Center Towers in New York, USA on September 11th, 2001 (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Bin Laden/Taliban
2. MOSSAD/Zionism
3. Saddam Hussein
4. America
   Other ………………

V33. In your opinion, what is the main reason for American occupation of Iraq?
1. To control Iraqi oil
2. To ensure the security of Israel
3. To establish democracy in Iraq
4. To establish American order in the region/Muslim countries
   Other ………………

V34. Which one of the following news in the world concerns you most?
1. The question of Palestine
2. Poverty
3. Terrorism
4. Absence of democracy
5. Nuclear weapons
6. American attack against Iraq
7. Disunity among Muslims

8. None of those
   Other …………………

V35. In your opinion, which country is the best friend of Iran?
……………………………………….. (See the STATA file for actual responses)

V36. If you have the opportunity, to which country would you emigrate (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. W. Europe
2. America
3. Canada
4. Turkey
5. E. Asia
6. S. Arabia
7. Arab States in the Persian Gulf
8. India
9. Australia
10. Nowhere
11. France
12. China

V37. In your opinion, what is the main political problem facing Iran (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. External threats
2. Internal subversive activities
3. Absence of democracy
4. Cost of life
5. Restrictions on freedoms
   Other……………………
8. All of them

V38. What is your view of the following statement?

"Our politics should be in union with our religion."

1. I agree.
2. No opinion
3. I disagree.

V39. Which aspects of the social life should be regulated by the Islamic Law- Shari 'a (multiple choices permitted)?
1. Political affairs
2. Commercial affairs
3. Sexual affairs
4. Family relations
5. Art & entertainment

6. Punishments
7. Foreign relations
8. Rights of non-Muslims
9. None
10. Other

V40. In your opinion, how important that the state fulfills the following tasks (Choices are not mutually exclusive; e.g., some respondents choose more than one task to be the most important)?

	Most important	Second most important	Third most important	A little important
V40a. To increase the income level of people				
V40b.To protect the rights of citizens				
V40c. To establish order and security				
V40d. To make sure that religion and people's morals are harmonious				
V40e. To ensure that social order is line with Islamic laws				

V41. Do you think that the state is successful in achieving these tasks?
1. Completely
2. Very much
3. Somehow
4. A little
5. Not at all

V42. Do you think the influence of religious leaders in politics is good for the society?
1. Completely
2. Very much
3. To a limited extent
4. A little
5. Not at all

V43. How proud are you to be an Iranian?
1. Completely proud
2. Very proud
3. Somehow proud
4. A little proud
5. Not proud at all

V44. In your opinion, who is the greatest Iranian figure in the history of Iran?

………………………… (See the STATA file for the actual responses)

V45. In your opinion, are Iranian achievements superior to, at equal standing with, or inferior to the Western achievements in the following realms?

	Superior	Equal	Inferior
V45a. Technology			
V45b. Arts			
V45c. Humanitarianism			
V45d. History			
V45e. Morals			
V45f. Security affairs			
V45g. Politics			
V45e. Morals			

V46. What is your opinion regarding the following statements?

	Completely Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Completely Disagree
V46a. The future of Iran will be better than its past.					
V46b. Iran will not repeat its past glories.					
V46c. Revolutionary change is solution to troubles.					
V46d. Gradual change is solution to troubles.					

V47. What do you lack most in life?
1. Freedom
2. A good family life
3. Luxuries
4. Somebody who loves me
5. Good education
6. Good occupation
7. Devout life
8. All of these
9. None
   Other……………..

V48. In your opinion, can women participate in the following activities?

	Participate	Cannot participate
48a. Politics		
48b. Military		
48c. Art & entertainment		

48d. Teaching	
48e. Sports	
48f. Scientific research	
48g. Religious education	
48h. Office work	
48i. Manual labor	
48j. Selling	

V49. What is your opinion regarding the following statements?

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
49a. Boys and girls should decide on the timing of their marriage and choose their partners autonomously.			
49b. It is better for children to follow the guidance of their parents			
49c. It is better that men make the important family decisions			
49d. Women should make their own decision to wear the hijab.			

V50. What is your opinion about the following sentence?
"A man can have more than one woman."
    1. I agree
    2. No opinion
    3. I disagree

V51. What is your ideal and desired number of children?
…………………………

V52. What are the most important qualities children must have?
    1. Independent
    2. Hard-working
    3. Responsible
    4. Respectful of others
    5. Frugal
    6. Clever
    7. Religiously faithful and fears God
    8. Obedient
    9. Well behaved
    20. Decent
    30. All of these

V53. If you see a person smoking in a street in the month of Ramadan, what would be your immediate reaction?
    1. I confront that person.
    2. I call the police.

3. I don't pay attention to that person.

V54. Which of the following statements would you agree with?

	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree
54a. It is better that people have the freedom to live according to Islam.			
54b. State and society should make sure that everybody live according to Islam			

V55. Which ones of the following groups do you not prefer to have as friends (Multiple choices permitted)?
1. Drinkers
2. Non-religious
3. Sexual deviants
4. Addicts
5. Non-Muslims
6. Non-practicing Muslims
7. Leftist groups
8. Fanatical groups

V56. In your opinion, which of the following actions are prohibited (haram) or disapproved (makruh) in Islam?

	Haram	Makruh	No opinion
56a. Consumption of alcohol			
56b. Abortion			
56c. Consumption of opium			
56d. Sexual deviation			
56e. Extramarital sexual affair			
56f. Muslim converting to another religion			
56g. Disobedience to parents			
56h. Birth control methods			
56i. Prostitution			
56j. Divorce			
57k. Murder			
57l. Smoking			
57m.Theft			

V57. In your opinion, may a Muslim engage in the following practices?

	Muslim must not	Personal choice	Don't know
57a. Consumption of alcohol			
57b. Abortion			
57c. Consumption of opium			

57d. Sexual deviation	
57e. Extramarital sexual affair	
57f. Muslim converting to another religion	
57g. Disobedience to parents	
57h. Birth control methods	
57i. Prostitution	
57j. Divorce	
57k. Murder	
57l. Smoking	
57m.Theft	

V58. Do you think giving more power to the politicians will solve the problems?
    1. Yes
    2. No

V59. What were the most important factors affecting your vote (List the three most important ones)? (Some responses identified more than one factor being the most important)

	Most important	Second most important	Third most important
59a. Candidate's promise of individual freedoms			
59b. Candidate's character			
59c. Candidate's commitment to economic liberalism			
59d. Candidate's understanding & honesty			
59e. Candidate's commitment to Islamic revolution			
59f. Good foreign policy			

V60. Did you participate in the elections?
    1. Yes
    2. No

V61. Which group of candidates would you vote in the future?
………………………………………..

V62. Gender
    0. Male
    1. Female

V63. The year of birth   (Persian Calendar)

V64. Education level
    1.   Illiterate/No education
    2.   Literate/Elementary

3. Middle (rahnamayi)
4. High
5. Diploma-12 years
6. 2 years of college (fogh-e diplom)
7. 4 years of college (lisans)
8. Religious (howze)
9. Graduate (fogh-e lisans)
10. Doctorate

V65. Birth province:……………………….. (See the STATA file for information)

V66. Do you live with your parents?
    1. Yes
    2. No

V67. If not, whom do you live with?
    1. Alone
    2. Friends
    3. Spouse
    4. Other

V68. Are you married?
    1. Yes
    2. No

V69. If married, how many children do you have?
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V70. Occupation status:
    1. Housekeeper
    2. Student
    3. Unemployed/Looking for work
    4. Have income without work
    5. Soldier
    6. Employed

V71. If employed, are you working for the state?
    1. Public employee
    2. Non-public employee

V72. If non-public employee, are you salaried or independent worker?
    1. Salaried
    2. Independent

V73. If independent, how many people work under your supervision?
……………………………..

V74. The title of your occupation:
………………………....... (See the STATA file for actual responses)

V75. How many years are you employed?
………………………………

V76. Are you the chief wage earner at your household?
1. Yes
2. No

V77. If no, what is the occupation of the chief wage earner?
………………………….. (See the STATA file for actual responses)

V78. During the past year, did your family:
1. Save money
2. Just get by
3. Spent some savings
4. Spent some savings and borrowed money
5. Don't know

V79. To which class do you belong?
1. Upper class
2. Upper-middle class
3. Middle class
4. Lower-middle class
5. Lower class

Composite Variables used in Tezcür et al. "Support for Democracy in Iran"

StateIslam4

This variable measures support for the ruling ideology in Iran and is based on four items: a) whether our politics should be in union with our religion (V38), b) how important for the state to ensure that people's morals are in line with religion (V38d), c) how important for the state to ensure that social order is line with Islamic laws (V40e), d) whether the influence of religious leaders in politics is good for society (V42). Factor analysis using maximum likelihood extraction and direct oblimin rotation produced a single unrotated factor for these four items. It has high degrees of reliability and validity as measured by Cronbach's α and KMO measure.

Religiosity

This variable measures attitudinal aspects of religiosity and is based on four items: a) how important is religion in your life (V15), b) how often do you visit the Imam Reza Shrine (V17), c) how religious are you (V24), d) to what extent is religion capable of addressing social

problems? (V25). Factor analysis using maximum likelihood extraction and direct oblimin rotation produced a single unrotated factor for these four items. It has high degrees of reliability and validity as measured by Cronbach's α and KMO measure.

DemocratDV

This variable measures support for democracy in Iran and is based on two items: a) how much democracy exists in Iran (V29) and b) open-ended question about the definition of democracy (V30). For a detailed discussion of the logic underlying this variable, see Tezcür, et al. "Support for Democracy in Iran," pp. 239-40.