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# **Iranian Public Attitudes toward Iran's Nuclear Program**

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Very good	5.7
Somewhat good	45.0
Somewhat bad	26.6
Very bad	20.6
DK/NA	2.1

[This question was an only asked from those who said Iran's economic situations was somewhat or very bad in Q1]

1.1- Which of the following factors that I am going to read to you do you regard as having the most effect on the deterioration of our country's economy?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Foreign sanctions and pressures	24.6
Not relying on domestic potentials and capabilities	21.8
Economic corruption	14.0
Economic mismanagement	36.0
DK/NA	3.6

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Has become better	30.0
Has become worse	36.5
Has remained unchanged	32.7
DK/NA	.8

[This was an open-ended question]

3- Now in recent years, what has been our country's most important achievement?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Advancements in the Nuclear field	43.5
Scientific and/or technical advancements	8.1
Development of the country in general	4.7
Economic improvements	6.9
Political reform	1.3
Increase of Iran's power	4.0
Resisting foreign pressure	1.7
Improvements in Iran's foreign policy	4.6
Nothing	6.4
Other	1.7
DK/NA	17.1

[This was an open-ended question]

4- In your opinion, what is the most important challenge that our country should currently address?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Inflation	17.5
Unemployment	29.8
Other economic problems	14.5
Various social and/or cultural problems	6.2
Weak observance of religious teachings	3.4
Incompetence of officials	3.5
Corruption and lack of rule of law	1.9
Lack of political reform	.2
Foreign sanctions and pressures	5.8
Problems related to rural areas and agriculture	3.8
Nothing	.5
Other	2.8
DK/NA	10.1

5- In your opinion, to what degree has Rouhani's Administration been successful or unsuccessful in improving the economic situation of our country? Has he been:

	<b>October 2014</b>
Very successful	17.6
Somewhat successful	49.2
Somewhat unsuccessful	21.9
Very unsuccessful	7.3
DK/NA	4.0

6- As you may know, currently our country provides for some of its needs through the import of foreign goods and services. In your opinion, is it better for our country to continue to provide for such needs through import of foreign goods and services or would it be better for our country to seek to take care of such needs by increasing domestic production of goods and services?

	<b>October 2014</b>
It is better for our country to continue to provide for such needs through import of foreign goods and services	20.5
It is better for our country to seek to provide such needs by increasing domestic production of goods and services	75.1
Other/Depends	2.8
DK/NA	1.6

7- In your opinion, to what degree can our country provide for its scientific and technical needs without relying on foreign scientists and experts?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Completely	29.2
Somewhat	49.8
Not much	15.6
Not at all	2.9
DK/NA	2.5

8- How often do you watch local television channels to become informed about the news?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Everyday	72.1
At least once a week	18.0
Less than once a week	4.3
Never	5.5
DK/NA	.1

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Everyday	14.2
At least once a week	11.8
Less than once a week	9.0
Never	64.8
DK/NA	.2

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Everyday	14.6
At least once a week	13.6
Less than once a week	7.5
Never	64.3
DK/NA	-

**Now I want to ask you a few questions about some countries:**

11- For the countries that I am going to read to you, please indicate to what degree you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of each?

<b>11.1. China</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	13.8
Somewhat favorable	35.3
Somewhat unfavorable	20.5
Very unfavorable	26.7
DK/NA	3.7

<b>11.2. Brazil</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	15.4
Somewhat favorable	31.8
Somewhat unfavorable	19.7
Very unfavorable	24.9
DK/NA	8.2

<b>11.3. Russia</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	13.5
Somewhat favorable	35.6
Somewhat unfavorable	18.2
Very unfavorable	28.7
DK/NA	4.0

<b>11.4. Turkey</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	11.4
Somewhat favorable	40.1
Somewhat unfavorable	18.0
Very unfavorable	27.1
DK/NA	3.4

<b>11.5. Germany</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	11.9
Somewhat favorable	31.6
Somewhat unfavorable	20.6
Very unfavorable	31.1
DK/NA	4.8

<b>11.6. France</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	8.0
Somewhat favorable	28.7
Somewhat unfavorable	21.5
Very unfavorable	37.1
DK/NA	4.7

<b>11.8. United Kingdom</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	4.6
Somewhat favorable	20.2
Somewhat unfavorable	17.5
Very unfavorable	53.6
DK/NA	4.1

<b>11.9. United States</b>	<b>October 2014</b>
Very favorable	5.0
Somewhat favorable	18.4
Somewhat unfavorable	18.8
Very unfavorable	55.7
DK/NA	2.1

**Now I want to ask you a few questions about another issue:**

12- How much have you heard or read about the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or NPT?

	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	18.9
Somewhat	39.1
Not much	15.4
Not at all	23.8
DK/NA	2.8

13- To what degree do you favor or oppose eliminating all nuclear weapons, which is a goal of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or NPT?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Favor very much	57.9
Favor somewhat	17.6
Oppose somewhat	10.6
Oppose very much	7.9
DK/NA	6.0

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Yes, it is contrary to the principles of Islam	65.1
No, Islam has not banned it	24.8
Islam has no specific opinion in this regard	2.5
Islam mandates attainment of atomic bombs	.1
DK/NA	7.5

15- As you may know, during the Iran-Iraq war, Saddam repeatedly made use of chemical weapons against Iran but Iran decided not to retaliate in kind and not to use chemical weapons against Iraq. In your opinion, would it have been better for Iran to retaliate in kind at that time and use chemical weapons against Iraq or was Iran's decision not to use chemical weapons against Iraq a right decision?

	<b>October 2014</b>
It would have been better for Iran to also use chemical weapons	18.9
Iran's decision not to use chemical weapons was a right decision	77.7
DK/NA	3.4

16 - Now various actions are going to be read to you. For each please indicate whether that action is always justifiable, can only be justifiable under certain conditions, or could it never be justifiable.

<b><i>16.1. Targeting non-combatants at times of war</i></b>	<b>October 2014</b>
It is always justifiable	6.8
It can only be justifiable under certain conditions	17.7
It can never be justifiable	71.3
DK/NA	4.2

<b><i>16.3. Targeting non-military factories</i></b>	<b>October 2014</b>
It is always justifiable	8.1
It can only be justifiable under certain conditions	36.0
It can never be justifiable	52.6
DK/NA	3.3

<b><i>16.4. Targeting enemy country's food supplies during war</i></b>	<b>October 2014</b>
It is always justifiable	5.9
It can only be justifiable under certain conditions	26.4
It can never be justifiable	64.1
DK/NA	3.6

<b><i>16.5. Production of weapons of mass destruction, such as chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons to use at times of war in case the enemy uses them</i></b>	<b>October 2014</b>
It is always justifiable	7.1
It can only be justifiable under certain conditions	19.8
It can never be justifiable	68.7
DK/NA	4.4

<b><i>16.6. Production of weapons of mass destruction to deter attacks by other countries</i></b>	<b>October 2014</b>
It is always justifiable	10.4
It can only be justifiable under certain conditions	26.5
It can never be justifiable	58.0
DK/NA	5.1

**Now I would like to ask you a few questions regarding the current sanctions against our country:**

17. In general, to what degree do you regard the way United Nations Security Council has dealt with our country due to its nuclear program to be just and fair? Has the way UNSC dealt with our country:

	<b>October 2014</b>
Been very just and fair	4.0
Been somewhat just and fair	12.0
Not been very just and fair	22.1
Not been just and fair at all	55.5
DK/NA	6.4

18. As you may know, in addition to the UNSC, which has passed sanction against our country due to its nuclear program, the US has also in parallel enacted more sanctions against our country. Iran is currently negotiating with P5+1 countries in order to bring an end to these sanctions. In your opinion, is it of more importance and priority to bring an end to UNSC sanctions or the unilateral sanctions of the US?

	<b>October 2014</b>
It is more important to bring an end to UNSC sanctions	54.0
It is more important to bring an end to unilateral US sanctions	30.5
Both are equally important	9.0
DK/NA	6.5

18.1. As you may know, UNSC has considered the nuclear program of our country as a threat to international peace and security and as a result has passed sanctions against our country. In your opinion, do most member countries of the UNSC believe that Iran is a threat to international peace and security or is it your opinion that most member countries of UNSC have voted in favor of such sanction resolutions primarily because they were under pressure from the US and some western countries?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Most member countries of UNSC believe that Iran is a threat to international peace and security	17.5
Most member countries of UNSC have voted in favor of sanction resolutions against our country primarily because they were under pressure from the US and some western countries	72.1
Other/Depends	.8
DK/NA	9.6



19- Some believe that the main reason behind US sanctions and pressures against our country is US concerns about Iran attaining nuclear weapons. Others, however, believe that our country's nuclear program is only an excuse and that the United States is after achieving some other goals. Which of these views is closer to your view:

	<b>October 2014</b>
The main reason behind US sanctions and pressures against our country is US concerns about Iran attaining nuclear weapons	17.6
Our country's nuclear program is only an excuse and United States is after achieving some other goals	76.9
DK/NA	5.5

20. In your opinion, to what degree have these sanctions had a negative impact on our country's economy?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Have had great negative impact	42.9
Have had some negative impact	36.5
Have had little negative impact	10.5
Have had no negative impact	6.8
DK/NA	3.3

21. As you may know, one of the demands of P5+1 countries from Iran is for our country to reduce its enrichment capacity. In your opinion, if Iran does not accept this demand and does not reduce its enrichment capacity, how likely is it that the sanctions against our country would be increased? Is it:

	<b>October 2014</b>
Very likely	28.6
Somewhat likely	44.2
Somewhat unlikely	8.6
Very unlikely	7.6
DK/NA	11.0

**Now I would like to ask you some questions about our country's nuclear program:**

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

	<b>October 2014</b>
Very important	83.9
Somewhat important	7.0
Not very important	2.9
Not important at all	2.2
DK/NA	4.0

[This was an open-ended question and it was only asked from those who considered it to be very or somewhat important for Iran to develop its nuclear program in Q22]

23- Why do you believe that it is important for our country to develop its nuclear program?

	<b>October 2014</b>
It would increase our country's military power and/or deterrence capabilities	4.2
To benefits from it in the field of medicine	18.2
It would generate scientific and technical advancements	7.4
It would make our country more independent and self-reliant	8.9
In order to generate energy and electricity	16.3
It would add to our country's advancement and development	17.6
To resist illegitimate demands from US and Western countries	3.7
It would add to Iran's power and standing in the world	7.9
It is our undeniable right	4.8
To benefit from it in the agricultural sector	2.1
Other	.1
DK/NA	8.8

[This question was only asked from those who considered it to be very or somewhat important for Iran to develop its nuclear program in Q22]

24- Now some of the reasonings that have been mentioned as to why it is important for Iran to develop its nuclear program is going to be read. For each of these reasonings, please indicate the degree to which they have affected your assessment that it is important for Iran to develop its nuclear program.

24.1- "Iran's nuclear program will increase Iran's scientific and technical capabilities." To what degree has this reasoning affected your assessment that that it is important for Iran to develop its nuclear program?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	77.6
Somewhat	18.4
Not much	1.1
Not at all	1.1
DK/NA	1.8

24.2- How about the reasoning that "Iran will need nuclear energy to provide for its electricity needs in the future"?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	61.3
Somewhat	33.1
Not much	2.1
Not at all	1.1
DK/NA	2.2

24.3- How about the reasoning that “Nuclear energy is cheaper than other sources of energy”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	62.6
Somewhat	14.9
Not much	5.7
Not at all	3.8
DK/NA	13.0

24.4- How about the reasoning that “As compared to other sources of energy, nuclear energy pollutes the environment to a lesser degree”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	53.3
Somewhat	22.5
Not much	6.6
Not at all	5.9
DK/NA	11.8

24.5- How about the reasoning that “Iran needs to develop its nuclear capabilities in order to provide for some of its needs in the field of medicine”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	80.6
Somewhat	13.6
Not much	2.0
Not at all	.5
DK/NA	3.3

24.6- How about the reasoning that “Iran’s nuclear program will reduce Iran’s dependence on other countries”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	69.5
Somewhat	20.7
Not much	3.2
Not at all	3.1
DK/NA	3.5

24.7- How about the reasoning that “[developing Iran’s nuclear program] will show that US oppositions will not force Iran to forgo its rights”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	74.4
Somewhat	12.0
Not much	4.2
Not at all	4.7
DK/NA	4.7

24.8- How about the reasoning that “Advancements in the nuclear field will elevate Iran’s stature and prestige in the world”?	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	84.5
Somewhat	11.4
Not much	1.7
Not at all	1.4
DK/NA	1.0

25 – In your opinion, is the objective of Iran’s nuclear program mainly to address the real needs of the country or is the goal of the country’s nuclear program primarily to show that Iran will not surrender to the pressures exerted by western governments?

	<b>October 2014</b>
The goal of Iran’s nuclear program is mainly to address the real need of the country.	63.1
The goal of Iran’s nuclear program is mainly to show that Iran will not surrender to the pressures exerted by western governments	29.9
Other/Depends	1.3
DK/NA	5.6

[This question was only asked from those who said “The goal of Iran’s nuclear program is mainly to show that Iran will not surrender to the pressures exerted by western governments” in Q25]

26- You said “The goal of Iran’s nuclear program is mainly to show that Iran will not surrender to the pressures exerted by western governments.” To what degree do you favor or oppose using the nuclear program for such purposes?

	<b>October 2014</b>
Favor a lot	37.8
Favor somewhat	39.3
Oppose somewhat	14.7
Oppose a lot	6.7
DK/NA	1.5

27- During the negotiations, P5+1 countries have declared that if Iran would implement their demands for an agreed upon period of time, they will in return promise to gradually lift the existing sanctions against our country and improve their relations with Iran. Now I am going to read to you some of their possible demands. For each, please indicate whether you think the demand is acceptable, the demand is unacceptable, or that the demand could be acceptable depending on other conditions of the agreement.

27.1- Iran giving assurances never to produce nuclear weapons	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	54.5
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	21.6
Is unacceptable	18.5
DK/NA	5.3

27.2- Not enriching uranium above current levels, which is currently 5%, for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	21.3
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	35.3
Is unacceptable	34.3
DK/NA	9.1

27.3- Not improving the quality of enrichment machinery, aka centrifuges, for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	15.0
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	28.5
Is unacceptable	45.3
DK/NA	11.2

27.4- Not increasing the number of enrichment machinery, aka centrifuges, for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	19.2
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	26.2
Is unacceptable	45.1
DK/NA	9.6

27.5- Dismantling about half of the machinery and centrifuges that are currently being used for enrichment	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	6.5
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	12.3
Is unacceptable	72.3
DK/NA	8.8

27.6- Accepting limits on our country's nuclear research activities for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	5.5
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	12.3
Is unacceptable	75.7
DK/NA	6.5

27.7- Accepting limits on the stockpile of our country's enriched uranium for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	14.2
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	31.8
Is unacceptable	45.6
DK/NA	8.3

27.8- Continuation of oversight and inspections to the degree that is currently being undertaken by international inspectors for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	44.5
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	31.2
Is unacceptable	19.6
DK/NA	4.8

27.9- Accepting oversight and inspections to go beyond what is currently being undertaken by international inspectors for an agreed upon period of time	<b>October 2014</b>
Is acceptable	23.7
Could be acceptable depending on the circumstances	33.1
Is unacceptable	36.4
DK/NA	6.9

28- As you may know, some P5+1 countries are making attempts so that only some of the sanctions against our country would be lifted while some other of these sanctions would continue. In your opinion, is it better for Iranian negotiators to accept some of these sanctions to continue in order to be able to reach an agreement or is it better for Iranian negotiators to refuse providing any additional concessions until P5+1 countries would agree to lift all sanctions against Iran?

	<b>October 2014</b>
In order to be able to reach an agreement, it is better for Iran to accept some of these sanctions to continues	20.4
It is better for Iranian negotiators to refuse providing any additional concessions until P5+1 countries would agree to lift all sanctions against Iran	70.4
DK/NA	9.2

29- Overall, in your opinion, to what degree would the lifting of current sanctions against our country lessen our country's economic problems?

	<b>October 2014</b>
It would lessen it a lot	37.9
It would lessen it only somewhat	51.6
It would not lessen it by much	6.6
It would add to our country's economic problems	.7
DK/NA	3.2

30- Some believe that in order to get relief from the pressure of sanctions, our country should agree to roll back some of its achievements in the nuclear field for a specified period of time. In contrast, some other believe that since our country has already borne the cost of sanctions to this point, our country should not roll back any of its current achievements. Which of these views is close to your view?

	<b>October 2014</b>
In order to get relief from the pressure of sanctions, it is better for our country to agree to roll back some of its achievements in the nuclear field for a specified period of time	18.0
Since our country has already borne the cost of sanctions to this point, our country should not roll back any of its current achievements.	74.3
DK/NA	7.6

31- As you may know, our country has many problems and differences with the United States, including with respect to the nuclear issue. In your opinion, if Iran were to provide concessions on the nuclear issue in return for the reduction and the lifting of the sanctions, is that more likely to make the United States more accommodating in other areas of contention, more likely to make the United States rely on pressures and sanctions to extract concessions from Iran in other areas as well, or is it your opinion that Iran's concession on the nuclear issue would not have much of an effect on other issues between the two countries?

	<b>October 2014</b>
If Iran were to provide concessions on the nuclear issue, it would make United States more accommodating in other areas of contention	14.3
If Iran were to provide concessions on the nuclear issue, it would make United States rely on pressures and sanctions to extract concessions from Iran in other areas as well	59.1
Iran's concessions on the nuclear issue would not have much of an effect on other issues between the two countries	14.9
DK/NA	11.7

32- In general, to what degree do you trust or distrust the P5+1 countries? Do you:

	<b>October 2014</b>
Trust them very much	5.9
Trust them somewhat	25.5
Distrust them somewhat	30.1
Distrust them very much	31.9
DK/NA	6.5

33- Assume that Iran would fully accept and implement US demands in regards to its nuclear program. In your opinion, under these circumstances, would the United States gradually lift most nuclear related sanctions against our country or would it continue the sanctions and the pressures against our country for some other reasons and excuses?

	<b>October 2014</b>
United States would gradually lift most nuclear related sanctions against our country	16.8
United States would continue with the pressures and sanctions against our country	75.6
DK/NA	7.6

[This was an open-ended question]

34- Who would you most blame if the current negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 countries over Iran's nuclear program were to fail to produce a final agreement?

	<b>October 2014</b>
P5+1 countries	18.4
United States	45.9
Israel	1.3
Western countries	2.2
Iran/Iranian officials	7.4
Both sides	3.0
No one	1.5
other	2.4
DK/NA	18.0

35- To what degree would you blame our country's officials if these negotiations were to fail to produce a final agreement?

	<b>October 2014</b>
A lot	3.5
Somewhat	18.4
Not much	21.2
Not at all	44.4
DK/NA	12.5