

# An Analysis of the Events that Took Place in the Islamic Republic of Iran

(September 2022 to March 2023); with Special  
Reference to the Nature of Demands made

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Following the death of a woman in the police office, certain events took place in the Islamic Republic of Iran to which some political and social activists reacted with certain slogans and sometimes with radical and disruptive behavior towards the values and beliefs of the Iranian people and the ruling system. On the other hand, some statesmen and their affiliated media, as well as certain groups and people who have somehow defined themselves within the framework of opposition to the Islamic Republic system - besides resorting to encouraging maximum violence - expressed certain views and the type of changes they are looking forward to in Iran that should be analyzed.

From an international point of view, the Iranian year 1401 (21 March 2022 - 20 March 2023) had certain characteristics including: the Islamic Republic of Iran becoming the most important subject of America's enmity; open struggle against the Islamic Republic of Iran on the part of America; cooperation of convergence of some Arab countries with Israel and America's stand against Iran; the use of all capacities by the Western bloc to put pressure on the Islamic Republic of Iran in all dimensions; the comprehensive pressures of America on the world not to cooperate with Iran; ignoring certain fundamental rights, standards, and foundations that the West itself has been the herald of and that the United Nations emphasizes, including blocking humanitarian aids for flood-stricken people, imposing sanctions on Iran's Red Crescent Society, etc. To these should be added, organizing and providing political, financial, etc. support to the opposition groups, which proved the unconditional obedience of the opponents of the Islamic Republic abroad and the unquestioning implementation of the orders of the American organizations against the Iranian nation. Another feature of this year was America's military threat against Iran by repeatedly stating that all options are on the table, depicting the belligerent spirit of the West, especially the United States (Jimmy Carter, the former president of the United States, has stated that in the 242-year history of the United States, this country has only 16 years was in peace).

### The United States' Goal with Regard to Iran

Keeping in view the above discussions, the goals that the United States pursues are as follows:

1. Increasing pressures on the Islamic Republic of Iran and paralyzing the development, executive trend as well as livelihood of the society in order to create dissatisfaction and incite people to begin protesting;
2. Restraining the Islamic Republic of Iran in its policies and approaches, especially its political, strategic, and scientific policies;
3. Reducing the influence of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the region;
4. Expansion of popular dissatisfaction and reduction of social supports;



5. Create internal explosion (considering some of the pressures caused by sanctions) and causing social instability, etc.;
6. Promoting cohesion between the lower classes and the disaffected elites as a complementary model;
7. Forming multiple fronts against Iran and reducing its power and dynamic energy;
8. Creating extensive financial difficulties with the aim of stopping progressive projects, policies, and strategic measures.

### Measures Adopted by the United States to Achieve These Goals

In order to achieve these goals, the United States has taken into account and followed a wide range of measures, which are mentioned below:



9. Combination of methods (economic pressure, psychological operations, social unrest, diplomatic and international pressure);

10. Maximal sanctions;

11. Efforts to close Iran's communication bases;

12. Threatening countries, governments, companies, economic actors, financial institutions, banks, transportation, technology, and industrial systems for not cooperating with Iran;

13. Mobilizing the entire media empire for creating a false atmosphere and increasing pressure;

Persian language satellite channels are active in line with these objectives.

The main targets of these networks include the moral system of the Iranian society, especially among the youth, the belief system of the Iranian people, the lifestyle of the Iranian people, and the historical and value-oriented solidarity of the Iranian society; and it must be emphasized that the whole identity of the Iranian society and the Islamic Revolution, is based on these four elements.



14. Using terrorist groups; religious, ethnic, and so-called nationalist;

15. Putting pressure on movements and governments aligned with Iran at regional and extra-regional levels;

16. Creating various problems to disrupt Iran's initiative and effectiveness.

Being aware of the fact that Iran's power relies on its people, beliefs, cohesion, national and religious identity, and intelligent leadership; managing minds, thoughts, and tendencies, and managing opposing actors have always been on the United States agenda, and it pursues these objectives through the following means.

### 1. Changing Media Targets

Hundreds of ethnic, sectarian, and anti-religious

### Typology of these Networks

In order to achieve the aforementioned goals these networks operate in different ways and can be categorized on the basis of the way they function.

1) The networks that directly attack the above-mentioned four elements, especially in spreading ethnic issues;

2) The networks that seek to change these foundations and influence the subconscious of the audience;

3) The networks that pursue these goals in the form of a general package.

### Virtual Space and Cultural Trends

More than 25 guided trends, including feminism, Salafism, Wahhabism, postmodernism, secularists,



and religious and non-religious intellectuals are active in the virtual space and more than three thousand new religious, non-religious, and eclectic, etc. movements have made the Iranian society the target of soft war with a variety of methods and with the aim of changing its value and behavioral patterns.

Despite several military threats, America has not attacked the Islamic Republic of Iran militarily due to Iran's power and ability, but it is trying to lead the Iranian society towards internal divisions by creating cultural and identity gaps. Because the Western agents established the basis of the velvet revolutions in Lebanon, Tunisia,

Iraq, and Afghanistan by deepening social divisions and attracting internal elements to foreigners, they are also trying to implement this experience in Iran.

Therefore, it can be said that in order to align the Iranian society with the Western colonial culture and finally opposing the Islamic Republic, they have put two programs in the focus of their strategy.

A. Changing the religious lifestyle through

- Transformation of Iran's Islamic norms (covering, appearance, behavior, etc.);
- Ritualization and promotion of Western occasions (Valentine, Halloween, etc.);

- Promoting deconstructive fashions and norms in social networks;

- Promoting the career of modeling and internet marriages;

- Popularizing unwarranted people and celebrities with the aim of setting role models for the young generation;

- Breaking the sanctity of marriage and promoting celibacy and cohabitation;

- Targeting cultural-religious symbols (family, hijab, chastity, religious rules, and regulations);

- Breaking taboos and spreading promiscuity in society (degradation, publication of personal images, etc.);



- Increasing and normalizing divorce by promoting such imported ceremonies as divorce celebrations;

- Aggravation of intergenerational gap and reducing the influence of parents and family institutions on their children;

- Promoting such values as pleasure and freedom;

- Publicizing the private sphere (creating a space for publishing family photos, and immoral and unusual communications);

- Doing away with the fence of privacy and normalizing unlawful relationships between men and women to weaken the institution of the family.

#### B. Weakening Religious Institutions

- Reducing communication between religious institutions and guardians with the people, especially the youth, and creating a gap between the two;

- Islamophobia;

- Attacking the clergy, attacking and destroying religious centers and institutions;

- Trying to reduce the motivation of some guardians of religion to confront the attack against religion;

- Engaging a group of clerics in scientific and research topics and neglecting the duty of confrontation.

What has been said can easily be verified from the slogans, actions, statements, and the media affiliated with some Iranian diaspora groups affiliated with Western agents and centers, etc.

Islamic Republic of Iran's Points

#### of Strength

- Learned and powerful leadership that disrupts the policies of the West;

- The power of the Islamic Republic inside and at the regional level;

- The commitment of the majority of Iranians to Islamic-Iranian foundations and values (preserving identity);

- Iran's scientific power and strength (ranking 17th in the world);

- The predominance of religious culture among the general public;

- The spread of the culture of resistance in many sections of the Iranian society tolerating hardships;

- Stability, security, and peace in the country despite the large-scale actions of the West to provoke the people;

- The strength of the country to protect its independence against widespread threats and Western pressures;

- The power of adaptation in the face of crippling sanctions.

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#### Expectations from the Islamic World

- Recognizing the opposing currents in Islamic countries;

- Recognizing the opponents of the Islamic Republic and their demands;

- Non-compliance with these opponents and condemning anti-Islamic moves and insulting the Islamic sanctities;

- Strengthening the approach of social and political cohesion and unity in stance and in action;

- Avoiding slander and statements and actions that reduce the social capital of Muslims and strengthen the anti-religious trends;

- Paying special attention to the young generation and trying to make them aware of the colonialists' conspiracy against the Islamic Ummah and Islamic countries;

- Defining new communication mechanisms to strengthen communication with different social groups in Iran;

- Avoiding falling into the soft traps of the enemies of the religion and the Islamic Republic;

- Paying attention to the plans of the enemies and avoiding the actions that will cause the enemies of Islam to be pleased.

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