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Name: Basic facts for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Unitary or Federal  Unitary | Year(s) of revolution (for our purposes) or founding (for our purposes)  1979- response to Shah put into power; 2 round so winner gets majority |
| Head of State title, name, last elected, party, how did they get their position  SL; Ayatollah Khameini- picking all judiciary; control over Pres, control over leg., controls military (IRCG) | Head of Government title, name, last elected, party, how did they get their position  President \*elected; Hassan Rouhani ’13, ’17 (kinda moderate) |
| Lower House name and electoral system  Majles\*; unicameral | Upper House name and electoral system  Guardian Council (acts as upper b/c they can screen candidates and review legislation) |
| Judicial Review? (yes, no, procedural)  nope | Evidence of transparency or lack of transparency?  No; state-controlled media |
| Relevant political parties and necessary details-  Fluid party system; | Significant historical political players- |
| Significant cleavages:  Shia mostly but also allow for a few others | Significant historical events that shape system-  Green Protests ’09; reaction to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad  Currently protesting due to prices increasing  Iran Nuclear Deal; limited ability to make nukes for 10 years; Trump took away, sanctions are back |
| Key Terms  Ass/Experts\*; can select/remove SL  Majles\*; unicameral leg.  Guardian Council (12; 6 from judiciary, 6 from SL); can screen candidates from running for Pres and Majles; can “review” legislation; effect is more conservative (religious people/policy make it)  Expediency Council- created after constitutional revision after Khomeini died in ‘88  Tensions in Iran*: Conservative (old, brought rev/ more islam in law) vs. reformists (young, educated, more dem.)* | Key Leaders (need two) and policies  Muhammed Mosidiq; elected in 50s nationalized oil; ousted in coup  Shah- before and after MM; super western  Khomeini- charismatic leader of rev.  Khameini; 2nd SL; only check on him is Assembly of Experts can select and remove him |