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Iran Freedom House, 2018 Name:

**Key developments in 2017:**

1. Who won reelection and how long is their term?
2. Does Iran use the death penalty?
3. Why did people protest in December? What did authorities do about it?

**Executive Summary:**

1. What two apps were blocked during the December protests?
2. What did President Rouhani say or do about the protests? How was this different than “hard liners?”
3. What are three reasons that the Rouhani government supported the nuclear deal?
4. Why have Rouhani’s hard line opponents opposed the nuclear deal?

**Political Rights and Civil Liberties:**

1. Who is the highest authority in Iran and what is their term limit?
2. Who nominates the judiciary?
3. What is the job of the Expediency Council and how do they get their jobs?
4. Who appoints the supreme leader?
5. What is the current name of the Supreme Leader?
6. How does the president get their job?
7. What are their term lengths?
8. Who was allowed to run out of 1600 candidates? What institution can disqualify candidates?
9. What % of the vote did Rouhani get? What was the voter turnout like?
10. What % of the candidates who applied to run for Parliament were approved? What about the Assembly of Religious Experts?
11. What type of candidate does the Guardian Council usually reject?

**Political Pluralism and Participation**

1. What type of parties are permitted to operate?
2. What is representation like for women and minority parties?
3. Do minorities have the right to run for municipal government?

**Functions of Government**

1. Which institution must approve of bills before they become law? Are they an elected institution?
2. What are two examples of groups that are heavily involved in the economy yet above scrutiny from the media and civil society activists?
3. What kind of “broadly worded exemptions” will the government use to keep information from the public?

**Civil Liberties**

1. Does Iran have a free and independent media?
2. Are satellite dishes legal?
3. How does the Iranian government pressure journalists working for Persian-language media outside of the country?
4. What was Spiritual leader Mohammad Ali Taheri charged with and what was his sentence? (despite being appealed to a lower court)
5. What was Xiyue Wang charged with and what was his sentence?

**Associational and Organizational rights**

1. What type of demonstrations may be legally held in Iran?
2. Can labor unions legally exist in Iran?

**Rule of Law**

1. What is the judicial system used as?
2. What happened to Physician Ahmadreza Djalal?
3. Which of our case studies leads in executions? Which is in 2nd place?
4. What are capital crimes in Iran?
5. What “weight” does a woman’s testimony hold at court?
6. Can you be killed by the government for being gay?
7. In what ways is women’s freedom of movement restricted?
8. What do women have to have covered at all times in public?
9. Is it legal to consume alcohol in Iran?