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Subject: Re: Any thoughts on the Iranian election protests?

Posted by [Dover](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 21:23:23 GMT

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Wiener wrote on Wed, 24 June 2009 00:15PPL seem to forget that Mousavi is from the same political wing as Ahmadinejad. If he had won the election, probably nothing would have changed anyway.

Does it matter? The presidency in Iran is nothing like the presidency in the United States. A lot of the powers people assume comes with the position don't. No matter who got elected, things wouldn't have changed (Politically, at least). Barrack Obama himself could have been the new president of Iran, and the change wouldn't have been that dramatic. Iran is a theocratic nation pretending it's a democratic nation.

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 24 June 2009 05:31I wish Americans had more of that fire in them to do the same with my government. I guess people won't realize the dangers of government until it goes too far.

Lol.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 24 June 2009 07:13I didn't realise we were involving ourselves. Khomeini and Ahneedajihad tell us (Britain) that we're the great Satan (pushing Israel and the US to silver and bronze, presumably) for trying to interfere, but I fail to see how we actually are. I don't think critical speech really counts.

I can't speak for Britain, but there are some in the US government who would love to put on the World Police uniform and interfere. It's times like these that make me extra-thankful we elected the level-headed Obama instead of McCain. If it were the other way around, the cruise missiles would've been flying within the week.

It's likely that they're refering to public opinion in our countries, rather than the actions of our leaders. You'll be hard pressed to find anyone in the US (And in Britain, I assume) that's willing to find a kind word to say about Iran. Especially with the introduction of the internets, every idiot who posts "NUKE IRAN LOLOLOL!!!" on a forum is representing his country.

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