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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 04:21:08 GMT  
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Posted by [Wiener](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 07:15:46 GMT  
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Posted by [Rocko](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 07:58:44 GMT  
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Posted by [ErroR](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 09:23:51 GMT  
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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 10:59:22 GMT  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 12:31:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 14:13:06 GMT  
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Yes, you're absolutely right. Its there propaganda against western civilisation that kept/still keeps up their regime. But that does not legitimatise european and us american politicians arrogating re-elections openly and in public.

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We all know how easy it is to manipulate us. that makes us equal with all people world wide. As much as most of us trusted or supported political decisions to handle the economic crisis, we are now susceptible for theories that expose the faultiness of these measures. A couple of well placed public statements concerning Iranian elections to the right press agencies helps to get this previous topics out of the spotlight.

So we don't have to worry about the long term problems we just caused such as the homemade inflation (... funny to see how those who cause this actually benefit from it due to the heavy loans they have...) and support to freedom respiring ppl at the other end of the world instead. In other words a perfect (mis-)use of our empathy. At the end we all hope that it actually does help the Iranian ppl as a little economic cutback over here is not half that important as their freedom

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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.

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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 referring 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 internet, every idiot who posts "NUKE IRAN LOLLOL!!!" on a forum is representing his country.

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

Posted by [dr3w2](#) on Thu, 25 Jun 2009 04:26:05 GMT

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Don't forget the people actually spreading the information leaked from Iranian protesters. Without people actually caring, Iranians' voices would be silenced. Now, not only does the Iranian government have to worry about the dissenters within their nation, they have to worry about those of us outside of Iran.

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

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sun, 28 Jun 2009 03:39:59 GMT

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Sun, 28 Jun 2009 08:58:45 GMT

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Did anyone seriously consider them a democracy, though?

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Well they are a modified democracy... Like us. I say that loosely only to point out we don't follow the framework of a democracy to the letter either. Even though their vote may not have counted in the past, it looked like it did. That is what is important. To many in Iran it is blatantly obvious that their vote didn't matter here. That is what they are upset about. At least in my estimation.

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

Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 01:05:37 GMT

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Perhaps. It's difficult to say what exactly is going through the minds of Iranians from an outsider's point of view. All I'm saying is personally, I'm not surprised. If this had occurred in a true democratic nation like France, the UK, or Germany, I would be surprised. Even in some former-communist nations, I wouldn't be expecting it. But Iran? Who (Aside from the protesters, apparently) was really shocked?

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

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 17:45:36 GMT

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I would say the protesters are angry, not shocked... I guess this latest nonsense just really bought it home to them that their "democracy" was so much of a sham as to be worth risking being shot to get angry over.

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

Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 15:49:29 GMT

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Before MJ died, this was being reported as if it was the only thing happening in the world. I honestly believe Ahmedinejad won the election; at least that's what the election and recount numbers are showing (by a good amount also), as well as random polls being conducted in Iran. There are also many very large pro-Ahmedinejad rallies that are not being spoken of. In fact the Iranian electoral watchdog has already considered this case closed:

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=99431&sectionid=351020101>

But before someone says "OMG AHMEDINEJAD FAN! TERRORIST!", I don't support either candidates. I'm not Iranian, and the election doesn't effect my life in any way. Frankly I don't even care enough to visit this thread more than a couple times and read all of the posts. The reality is, the media is blowing things out of proportion, and is causing, at least partially, a rise in the uproar. Does anyone really believe this Mousavi guy is a symbol for change, freedom, and revolution in Iran? Because that's a big joke. Iranian Presidents don't have control over fundamental matters of the Iranian republic - even if he did become president, he'd only manage things on an economical, municipal, and civil level. Taxes, streets, businesses, and laws on a very basic level. The country's real leadership is its Supreme Leader. Does anyone here really think that Mousavi has power to change Iran into a "free republic" and get rid of its conservative laws? Only Khamanei and other Ayatollahs have the power to do that. The president of Iran is merely a figurehead and frontman.

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