US-Iranian Relations
Early 20th Century: Iran

Iranian Government Structure (1907)

Shah of Iran (Monarchy)
Prime Minister (Elected)
Prime Minister
Mohammad Mosaddegh (1951)

Wanted to nationalize and own?
Operation AJAX (1953)

Shah Reza Pahlavi
Shah = US Puppet
The Rule of the Shah

Iran was the #1 arms buyer

Average annual income of an Iranian male (1979): $500
Crisis in Iran: 1978-1979

Riots in Iran

Shah left Iran: 1/16/79
Entered US: 10/22/79
Who do the Iranian people blame for their current poor status?
Leader of the Revolution
Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
Iran-Hostage Crisis

Started: November 4, 1979

52 American hostages kept for 444 days
WWCD? What would Carter do?

Froze Iranian Assets
November 14, 1979
Rescue Attempt: Operation Eagle Claw

April 24, 1980
Failure: Operation Eagle Claw
What 2 things does Iran want from the US?

The Shah Died
July 27, 1980
Easier Said Than Done
Difficult Negotiations

United States
English

Algeria
French

Iran
Farsi (Arabic)
Money Transferred

US Banks

Bank of England

Swiss Bank Account

Iranian Bank
The Deal
(done January 19, 1981)
• 2.9 billion in frozen Iranian assets returned
Freedom: January 20, 1981

33 minutes into Reagan’s Presidency
Iran vs. Iraq War
US “Tilted” toward Iraq

Built Iraq into the 4th largest army in the world
Heavy Iranian Cost

- Iranian casualties: 500,000 – 800,000
- Iranian cost: over $500 billion
What other country did the United States aid in the Iran-Iraq War?
Iran-Contra Scandal

Americans were held hostage in Beirut, Lebanon by Hezbollah (Iranian-backed)
The “Deal”

US sold weapons to Israel.

Israel sold weapons to Iran.

Iran sent the money to a Swiss Bank Account. The money was transferred to the Contras in Nicaragua.
1. In which country were American hostages being held?
2. Which ME country was the “middleman” in this arms for hostages deal?
3. Which European country held a secret bank account for the deal?
4. Iran needed weapons to fight this country?
5. Which country started the secret deal by selling weapons?
6. What was the final destination of this secret money fund?
US Shot Down Iran Air Flight 655

Killed 290 People
Next Contact With Iran?

Iran offered to help after the 9/11
Operation Enduring Freedom

Iran helped to organize the Northern Alliance
As a reward for their help . . .

Axis of Evil
Iran Feels Threatened and Needs Protection. How?

A Nuclear Weapons Program
Nuclear Development Timeline

December 13, 2002
• US State Department report facility being built

March 9, 2003
• UN inspectors discover uranium traces in Iran
  • September 22, 2003
  Iran cuts cooperation with UN inspectors
  • And in 2007
President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Years in Office

2005 – 2009

2009 – 2013
October 26, 2005

“Our dear Imam (Khomeini) said that the occupying regime (Israel) must be wiped off the map for great justice and this was a very wise statement.”

December 14, 2005

“They have fabricated a legend under the name Massacre of the Jews, and they hold it higher than God himself, religion itself and the prophets themselves.”
September 23, 2010 UN Speech

“That some segments within the U.S. government orchestrated the attack to reverse the declining American economy and its grips on the Middle East in order also to save the Zionist regime. The majority of the American people as well as other nations and politicians agree with this view.”
2nd Nuclear Facility – Qom
Revealed: September 25, 2009
Why so secretive (and underground)?

Israel bombed the Iraqi Osirak Nuclear Facility (1981)
Iran must be stopped! How?
Nuclear Scientist
Masoud Ali Mohammadi

Killed 1/10/10
Motorcycle Bomb

Time 12/20/10
Attack on Iranian Scientists
November 29, 2010

Majid Shahriari
Killed

Fereydoun Abbasi Davani
Wounded

Attacks were within a few minutes of each other by a motorcyclist bomber

Time 12/20/10
Another Attack on Iranian Scientist
January 11, 2012

Mostafa Ahmadi-Roshan
-killed in Tehran by a magnetic bomb thrown by a motorcyclist
GW: Operation Olympic Games

- Cyber attacks designed to cripple Iran’s nuclear program

Time 3/11/13
Stuxnet Worm Virus

• Had to be introduced by USB
  • ½ of Iranian centrifuges had to be pulled out of service
• Over 1,000 simply broke down
• Disappeared after 21 days
• US-Israeli cooperative
More Cyber Warfare

Flame (2012)
• Infected computers by turning them into surveillance devices

Wiper (2012)
• Erased hard drives at Iran’s oil ministry
Egyptian South Governor claimed that Mossad was behind recent shark attacks to hurt tourism

Time 12/20/10
Bushehr Plant Began Operations
May 8, 2011
How many nuclear plants does Iran have?
American Hikers Captured
July 31, 2009

Sarah Shourd, Shane Bauer, and Josh Fattal
released Shourd (9/14/10) and Men (9/21/11)
Downed Sentinel Drone
December 8, 2011
US Sanctions Against Iran (12/31/11)

“. . .that will allow the U.S. to cease dealing with financial institutions that do business with Iran's central bank.”
Possible Iranian Reaction

Will shut down the Strait of Hormuz

-20% of world’s oil supply

-Daily: 17 million barrels of oil and 14 supertankers
EU Embargo (1/23/12)
Iran Total Revenue for Oil 80%
Results of Sanctions

- Oil imports are down 40% from 2012

The Economist 8/3/13
Results of Sanctions

• Rial has lost 75% of its value
When Will Iran Get Nukes

2013 is Here!
New Iranian President
Mahmoud Rouhani

Took office: August 3, 2013
The 15 Minute Phone Call
September 27, 2013

First time US President spoke with an Iranian leader since 1979
Nuclear Talks? October 2013?
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Negative Examples

• Operation AJAX (1953)
• Iran-Hostage Crisis (1979 – 1981)
• Iran-Iraq War: Supported Iraq (1980 – 1988)
• Shot down Iran Air Flight 655 (1988)
• Axis of Evil (2002)
• Disclosure Natanz Nuclear Facility and other facilities (2007)
• Killing Iranian Scientists (2010 and 2012)
• Operation Olympic Games (2010 and 2012)
• Ahmadinejad’s 9/11 Comments (2010)
• American Hikers Captured (2009)
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• US Sanctions (2011)