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IN THE NAME OF MY FATHER

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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Islam and Democracy. Volume 2006-1

1. Identify who conducted the research, and for whom

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2. Describe the purpose, nature and context of the research

- a) Is Islam compatible with democracy?
- b) If democracy and democratic institutions were to be introduced into the Muslim world, would religious extremism be reduced?

The paper gave affirmative respond to above questions.

3. State how the results were compiled/analyzed

This paper brought forward some contemporary historical events in order to justify its cause.

4. Identify main strengths and/or weaknesses of the research and suggest how it might have been improved, if possible.

The paper asserted by implementing key elements of democracy

1. Responsible government
2. The rule of law
3. Freedom of political dissent¹

Robert Dahl says that there are institutional guarantees that must be present before the citizenry can be said to be living in a democracy. They are:

1. Freedom to form and join organizations
2. Freedom of expression
3. The right to vote
4. Eligibility for public office
5. The right of political leaders to compete for support and votes
6. Alternative sources of information
7. Free and fair elections
8. Institutions for making government policies depend on votes and other expressions of preference²

As a result, democracy would begin to flourish at some point in distance future in Islamic nations.

The paper did not understand basic terminology:

- a) Islam means submission to Allah which means everyone must submit to God.
- b) Autocrat “is a form of government in which the political power is held by a self-appointed ruler...autocracy is not synonymous with totalitarianism, as this concept was precisely forged to distinguish modern regimes that appeared in 1923 from traditional dictatorships. It also is not synonymous with military dictatorship.”³ Also, it is not synonymous to despotic, or tyrant because each of the terminology has its own distinct characteristics.⁴ The term autocrat was used by Russian or Slavic monarch as their official styles.⁵ The paper was associating the term with dictatorship.
- c) Koran is source of information for people to govern its society. In this modern day, Koranic doctrines are outdated and would not be feasible to enforce Koranic laws in any nations, even predominately Muslim nations.
- d) Assumed Muslim nations as a homogeneous society which was not true. Iran is as diverse as any country.

In Iran 88% of people are Shiite Sect Muslim, 8% are Sunni Sect Muslim, 2% are Baha'i and 1% is Zoroastrian, Jewish and Christian.⁶ Total population of Iran is about 70 million.

The paper began to mislead readers:

- 1 http://www.carleton.ca/cciss/res_docs/itac/gould_e.pdf
- 2 http://www.carleton.ca/cciss/res_docs/itac/gould_e.pdf
- 3 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autocracy>
- 4 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autocracy>
- 5 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autocracy>
- 6 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious_minorities_in_Iran

a) The paper claimed that the Islamic Republic in Iran has legislative body.⁷ The paper ignored facts that the Islamic Republic in Iran was a normative control model, and members of its legislative body were not elected by their constituencies, but they were selected by the Guardian Council⁸ that these selected members of parliament would reflect interest of the state and not their constituency. In addition, the cleric regime would use coercive method against people to attend polling stations to cast their vote during election time. These coercive method would range from not allowing students to attend or enroll school, losing time at job, cutting food ratio, and losing some other basic necessities of life. As a result, the regime in Iran is illegitimate state which did not reflect will nor consent of people to govern.

The paper claimed that “the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran, while certainly not a fan of Western liberal democracy, did not see fit to abandon the institution of the legislature and the election, including the right of both genders to vote.”⁹ The paper did not mention about Khomeini Hendi's role, in 1963, when His Imperial Majesty, Light of Aryan, King of Kings Mohammad Reza Pahlavi implemented White Revolution in Iran, Khomeini Hendi caused chaos and unrest in Iran to eliminate women suffrage because according to Koran a woman was half of a man, and a man was guardian of a woman. So, there was no need for a woman to vote. However, in 1979, there was an urgency to create a puppet state of Islamic Republic in Iran which required mass vote for Islamic Republic that Khomeini Hendi gave a green light for women to cast their vote during national referendum for Islamic Republic, and not because Khomeini Hendi was a democratic person. He was a rapist and a cold blood murderer.

The paper asserted that “Iran is, in terms of its implementation of democracy, ahead of all of its neighbors except Turkey.”¹⁰ The regime in Iran was not democracy, as the paper said there are Muslim nations which are relying on force to suppress dissidents not lose political power. The regime in Iran uses Machiavelli doctrine of force, fear and fraud in order to suppress people because the regime believes it is better to be fear than to be loved which has created dystopia in Iran. Consequently, the regime in Iran is not democratic or moving toward democracy. The regime in Iran is combination of two forms of state which are plutocracy and Kleptocracy and these form of states have created dystopia in Iran.

The paper claimed that President George Bush administration wanted to export democracy around the world and quoted “Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice noted that: For 60 years, my country, the United States pursued stability at the expense of democracy in this region here in the Middle East – and we achieved neither. Now, we are taking a different course. We are supporting the democratic aspiration of all people. Even in Canada, it was declared in 2005’s International Policy Statement that the best weapon in our arsenal with which to combat terrorism is the promotion of democracy and respect for human rights.”¹¹ However, in March 2006 Madam Condoleezza Rice has said that the US would spent 80 million dollars to deteriorate relationship between the cleric regime and Iranians. Also, during Presidency of George Bush, trade between the Islamic Republic and the US was at its pinnacle point. In addition, Canada was not far away from the US. Canada has allowed notorious Mullah Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani wanted by Interpol to own 49% of HWY 407 and other assets in Canada, and according to criminal code of Canada 83.03 Canada cannot allow a terrorist to own property in Canada. As a result, these promises of democracy from West to Middle East is just a mirage, and bears no significant whatsoever.

Old Trick

The paper presumed that Muslim community and leaders wanted to have democracy in their countries with Islamic touch “ Islam provides an answer. Indeed, “Islam is the solution” has been the political catch-phrase for organized Muslim activists across the Islamic world ever since it was coined by the Muslim Brotherhood of

7 http://www.carleton.ca/cciss/res_docs/itac/gould_e.pdf

8 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guardian_Council

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Execution of Imperial Iranian Armed Forces in absent of due process of law and found guilty with ambiguous charges that no one heard of before; such as, waging holy war against Allah or spreading corruption on earth.



Khomeini Hende promised, a free ride society, to give reason for people to do 1979 fiasco in Iran, and today by product of that revolution is prevailing poverty force in Iran which is common eye catcher in Iran. In the main time Rafsanjani's henchmen like Ahmad Reza Tabrizi who formed Iran Canada Business Council are acting on behalf of Rafsanjani and making political campaign contribution to Canadian politicians like mayor of Toronto David Miller.



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Quite frankly, any individual is assisting the cleric regime in any shape or form and by any means, it has no morality. The above pictures speak for themselves.

The paper alleged that “in Iran, where an autocratic monarch was overthrown in 1979 by a popular coup.”¹⁴ however, there never was a coup, His Imperial Majesty left Iran in order to stop riot in Iran which is according to the article. Coup means sudden. It means an army would take over the country which did not happen. Furthermore, the paper alleged that “stimulated and led by religious officials, and where a regime dominated by theocratic has been in power ever since, the populace enjoys political freedoms and privileges surpassed only by those permitted to the citizens of Indonesia and Turkey among Muslim-majority countries.”¹⁵ Zahra Kazemi,

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Iranian-Canadian photo-journalist, would not share same view as you wrote that the regime in Iran gave freedom to Iranians.

The bottom line, this paper of the Canadian Center for Intelligence and Security Studies, The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University lacked merit to prove its case that Islam and democracy were compatible at the same time, the paper alleged that Western nations wanted to export democracy to Islamic nations which was false. As a matter of fact, the Western nations were making profit from chaos in Islamic nations. Finally, the paper was used an instrument to give a face lift to theocratic regime in Iran which failed.

The matter of fact remains as a pivotal point that any entity provides assistance to the regime in Iran in any shape or form, directly, or indirectly, in fact that entity is supporting human rights violation in Iran which is the case in this paper.

Payandeh Iran/Long Live Iran

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