

Iran's Continuous Human Rights Violations

Despite what it tells Western powers, Iran is one of the worst human rights abusers in the world.

Here are some of many examples:

- **Iran executes more people per capita than any other country in the world.**ⁱ In just the first half of 2015, Iran executed on average more than three people every day.ⁱⁱ
- **Homosexuality is a crime punishable by death in Iran and Iran has executed many members of the LGBTQ community for this “crime.”**
- Iran persecutes Iranian-born Muslims who convert to Christianity. **Many Christians must flee to safety.**ⁱⁱⁱ
- **Iran is a dictatorship.** Iran's unelected Supreme Leader holds absolute power.
 - Although Iranians can vote for president, the president holds no real political power. Furthermore, the Supreme Leader dictates who is allowed to run for president.
- **The government arrests journalists** who negatively depict the state.^{iv} Furthermore, Iran's dictators have closed down more than 1,000 newspapers since 1979.
- “Morality police” **arrest women** whom officials deem immodestly dressed or in violation of Islamic law.^v
- **Iran has persecuted members of the Baha'i faith for decades.** Seven notable Baha'i leaders have been individually sentenced to 20 years in prison for non-existent crimes.
- Iran **sentenced eight Facebook users** to a collective 123 years in prison in 2014 for acts such as “propaganda against the state” and “insulting Iran's Supreme Leader.”^{vi}
- Iran is holding four Americans in prison for no crime and without trial.^{vii}
- Though eventually released, the government arrested six civilians in 2014 for dancing to Pharrell's popular song ‘Happy.’^{viii}

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