

# Social Origins Of The Iranian Revolution

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how iran and the world around it have changed in the four decades since a revolutionary theocracy took power iran's 1979 revolution is one of the most important events of the late twentieth century the overthrow of the western leaning shah and the emergence of a unique religious government reshaped iran dramatically shifted the balance of power in the middle east and generated serious challenges to the global geopolitical order challenges that continue to this day the seizure of the u s embassy in tehran later that same year and the ensuing hostage crisis resulted in an acrimonious breach between america and iran that remains unresolved to this day the revolution also precipitated a calamitous war between iran and iraq and an expansion of the u s military's role in

maintaining security in and around the persian gulf forty years after the revolution more than two dozen experts look back on the rise of the islamic republic and explore what the startling events of 1979 continue to mean for the volatile middle east as well as the rest of the world the authors explore the events of the revolution itself whether its promises have been kept or broken the impact of clerical rule on ordinary iranians especially women the continuing antagonism with the united states and the repercussions not only for iran s immediate neighborhood but also for the broader middle east complete with a helpful timeline and suggestions for further reading this book helps put the iranian revolution in historical and geopolitical perspective both for experts who have long studied the middle east and for curious readers interested in fallout from the intense turmoil of four decades ago

includes pictures profiles ayatollah khomeini and his ideology and leadership before during and after the revolution highlights the causes key events and effects of the revolution includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading the iranian revolution of 1979 has been described as an epochal event called the peak of 20th century islamic revivalism and revitalization and analyzed as the one key incident that continues to impact politics across iran the middle east and the even the world as a whole as a phenomenon that led to the creation of the first modern islamic republic in the world the revolution marked the victory of islam over secular politics and iran quickly became the aspiring model for islamic fundamentalists and revivalists across the globe regardless of nationality culture or religious sect when ayatollah khomeini was declared ruler in december 1979 and the judicial system originally modeled on that of the west was swiftly replaced by one purely based on islamic law much of the world was in shock that such a religiously driven revolution could succeed so quickly especially when it had such sweeping consequences beyond the realm of religion revolutions are nothing new but most revolutions especially those in the west have tended to remain secular even when religious ideology and themes were present as in the english civil war of the 1640s these were not dominant driving forces behind the revolution nor were they a significant factor in its immediate results even outside the west this has mostly proven to be true the nationalist revolution and war for independence in turkey led by mustafa kemal ataturk was a battle for separation of church and state that called for democratic principles of equality and the result was the formation of a modern and secular turkey however the revolution that swept across iran proved to be starkly different from past revolutions of the world its most influential leaders came from the orthodox clergy and its most pronounced important goals were the ouster of the monarch who was deemed anti islam and blasphemous and the complete return of iranian government and society to fundamental islamic principles as one of the leading scholars on iran nikki r keddie wrote this revolution was aberrant refusing to fit into the theoretical and academic ideas of what modern revolutions should be like yet there is no doubt that the iranian revolution ultimately led to a complete overhaul and restructuring of the age old political economic social religious and ideological orders in iran former iranian finance minister jahangir amuzegar put it aptly the historical oddity if not uniqueness of the iranian revolution can be seen in its four salient features its unforeseen rapid rise its wide base of urban support its vague ideological character and above all its ultimate singular objective to oust the shah furthermore while the focus of the revolution was primarily about

islam the revolution was also colored by disdain for the west distaste for autocracy and a yearning for religious and cultural identity though these are features of many other revolutions the iranian one was particularly unprecedented in the suddenness and rapidity of its occurrence as well as the sheer amount of mass popular support it gained much of the world including the u s and its western allies were initially caught off guard by the sudden occurrence and unanticipated strength of the revolution the islamic revolution that reshaped the middle east explores the events leading up to the iranian revolution as well as the political economic social and religious characteristics of iran before 1979 it also looks at the revolution and the lasting influence it has had both domestically and globally

going back to the turn of the century this book offers a cogent analysis and an objective assessment of the origins and dimensions of the 1979 iranian revolution it reassesses the narrowly focused post revolution explanations as it traces the fate of the pahlavi dynasty to deep rooted and structural weaknesses and contradictions in iranian society economy and politics this critical examination leaves the reader with a deeper understanding of iran s modern history and an appreciation for the interplay of forces currently at work within the islamic republic it also provides persuasive commentary on the inherent plight of other third world countries plagued with similar legacies and pre revolutionary conditions

an account and analysis of the iranian revolution of 1979 by an observer who lived in iran for many years and was present at the time the author places the revolution in the context of a history of the various progressive islamic movements in iran which he argues have been inspired by a radical interpretation of islam

on the arab revolts and the iranian revolution power and resistance today is the first comparative analysis of two central political events that have altered our world forever the arab uprisings which started in tunisia and the iranian revolution in 1979 adib moghaddam demonstrates how contemporary forms of protest are changing our understanding about the way power and resistance function in a theoretical tour de force which is substantiated with a range of primary material he argues that acts of protest in tehran to cairo can be entirely linked to the same act in new york london madrid and athens breaking through the east west north south divide adib moghaddam shows how the arab revolts promise to shift the discourse away from the idea that arabs and muslims are peculiar that middle eastern studies cannot be linked to political theory that the dynamics of rebellion there are fundamentally different from the politics of revolt here adib moghaddam argues that the dialectics of power and resistance are truly universal and that they are unfolding within a globalised political context that is increasingly interconnected in order to illuminate this argument theoretically the study is organised around conceptual terms that feed into forms of power and resistance such as revolution radicalism dissent knowledge neighbour and reform these terms and concepts are discussed and deconstructed via an empirical discussion of pivotal events beyond the non western world demonstrating that for a long time and without realising it we have

been living in the end times of unitary categories such as west and east

revolutions are watershed events that attempt to transform the existing political order and replace it with a new but better one yet the hallmark of most revolutions has been violence war and dictatorship the iranian revolution of 1979 has been no exception this book offers a critical analysis of the iranian revolution it focuses on the upheavals that led to the fall of the shah it provides the reader with an appreciation for the interplay of forces in the making of the 1979 revolution and the emergence of the islamic regime

misagh parsa develops a structural theory of the causes and outcomes of revolution applying the theory in particular to iran he focuses on the ends and means of various groups of iranians before during and after the revolution for parsa revolution is not a direct result of ideologies which may be less important than structural factors such as the nature of the state and the economy as well as each group s interests capacity for mobilization autonomy and solidarity structures existing theories of revolution explain earlier revolutions better than the iranian revolution in iran most of the protest was in urban areas the peasants never played a major role and power was transferred to the clergy not to an intelligentsia in the 1970s oil revenues increased the economy developed rapidly but unevenly and the state s expanded intervention undermined market forces and politicized capital accumulation systematic repression of workers aid to the upper class and attacks on secular and religious opposition showed that the state was serving the interests of particular groups when the state tried to check high inflation by imposing price controls on bazaaris merchants shopkeepers artisans their protests forced the state to introduce reforms providing an opportunity for industrial workers white collar workers intellectuals and the clergy to mobilize against the state thus structural features rendered the state vulnerable to challenge and attack parsa s thorough explanation of the collective actions of each major group in iran in the three decades prior to the revolution shows how a coalition of classes and groups using mosques as safe gathering places and led by a segment of the clergy brought down the monarch of 1979 in the years since the revolution the conflicts that existed before the revolution seem to be reemerging in slightly altered form the clergy now has control and the state has become centrally and powerfully involved in the economy of the country

a wonderfully concise yet complete survey of the background and status of islamic revivalism in all of its various forms in each region sais review a rich and thoughtful study of one of the most significant events of recent times school of oriental and african studies bulletin marking the tenth anniversary of the ayatollah khomeini s triumphant return to the islamic republic of iran 1989 proved a benchmark year in iran s history with the condemnation of author salman rushdie to execution the denunciation of iranian liberals and the west the removal of khomeini s chosen successor and the death of khomeini himself john l esposito introduces the iranian revolution with an explanation of why the present is a turning point for iran he isolates the export of islamic revolution as central to the republic s character a concise description of the complexities of that issue is followed by a discussion of its effects within and outside iran

with the majority of the collection then devoted to insightful analyses of the republic's impact throughout the Islamic world international experts from Iran Europe Africa and the United States assess worldwide impact of the Iranian Revolution on other Muslim societies and give us a remarkable analysis of the status of Islamic Revivalism in a far flung array of Islamic states and societies Lebanon Bahrain Egypt Tunisia Nigeria Turkey the USSR the Philippines Malaysia Indonesia and Iraq the book owes its quality not only to the currency of its subject matter but also to its distinguished contributors who address such issues as the failure of the Iranian Revolution to replicate itself in other countries and the extent to which Iran's experience has shaped the politics economics and cultures of other countries Sponsors of the book and of the 1989 conference that inspired it are the Middle East Institute the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and Royal Institute of International Affairs this objective and thought provoking assessment of the Islamic Republic of Iran's success to date in implementing its objectives as well as its prospects for the future makes timely reading for anyone seeking an understanding of the revolution's impact Contents part I Iran 1 introduction by John L. Esposito and James P. Piscatori 2 the Iranian Revolution a ten year perspective by John L. Esposito 3 Iran's Export of the Revolution politics ends and means by R. K. Ramazani 4 Iranian Ideology and Worldview the Cultural Export of Revolution by Farhang Rajaee part II the Middle East 5 Iraq Revolutionary Threats and Regime Responses by Philip Robins 6 the Impact of the Iranian Revolution on the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf States by David E. Long 7 Lebanon the Internal Conflict and the Iranian Connection by Augustus Richard Norton 8 the Impact of the Iranian Revolution on Egypt by Shahroug Akhavi 9 Tunisia and Libya Responses to the Islamic Impulse by Lisa Anderson part III Southwest Asia and Central Asia 10 the Mujahidin and the Future of Afghanistan by Olivier Roy 11 Soviet Central Asia Does Moscow Fear Iranian Influence by Martha Brill Olcott part IV Southeast Asia 12 Malaysian and Indonesian Islamic Movements and the Iranian Connection by Fred R. von der Mehden 13 the Iranian Revolution and the Muslims in the Philippines by Cesar Adib Majul part V Africa 14 Islamization in the Sudan and the Iranian Revolution by John O. Voll 15 Islamic Revivalism in Nigeria Homegrown or Externally Induced by Ibrahim A. Gambari 16 the Global Impact of the Iranian Revolution a Policy Perspective by John L. Esposito and James P. Piscatori John L. Esposito is Director of the Center for International Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross

On January 16 1979 the Shah of Iran left the country he had ruled for more than 37 years the streets of Tehran Iran's capital filled with celebration as the news spread that the hated monarchy had been overthrown the revolution in Iran led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was sparked by many factors including a widening gap between the different classes of Iranian society an aggressive campaign of modernization an ambitious program of land reform and the brutality of the Shah's oppressive regime illustrated with full color and black and white photographs and accompanied by a chronology bibliography and further resources the Iranian Revolution updated edition explains how the revolution's role in propelling Iran from a monarchy to a theocracy dramatically altered life in Iran and how its aftermath continues to shape the politics of the Middle East today historical spotlights and excerpts from primary source documents are also included

the shah of iran mohammad reza pahlavi would remain on the throne for the foreseeable future this was the firm conclusion of a top secret cia analysis issued in october 1978 one hundred days later the shah despite his massive military fearsome security police and superpower support was overthrown by a popular and largely peaceful revolution but the cia was not alone in its myopia as charles kurzman reveals in this penetrating work iranians themselves except for a tiny minority considered a revolution inconceivable until it actually occurred revisiting the circumstances surrounding the fall of the shah kurzman offers rare insight into the nature and evolution of the iranian revolution and into the ultimate unpredictability of protest movements in general as one iranian recalls the future was up in the air through interviews and eyewitness accounts declassified security documents and underground pamphlets kurzman documents the overwhelming sense of confusion that gripped pre revolutionary iran and that characterizes major protest movements his book provides a striking picture of the chaotic conditions under which iranians acted participating in protest only when they expected others to do so too the process approaching critical mass in unforeseen and unforeseeable ways only when large numbers of iranians began to think the unthinkable in the words of the u s ambassador did revolutionary expectations become a self fulfilling prophecy a corrective to 20 20 hindsight this book reveals shortcomings of analyses that make the iranian revolution or any major protest movement seem inevitable in retrospect

an unusual and illuminating account of the iranian revolution of 1979 based upon the author s long conversations with the shah in the weeks before his downfall and upon his own 33 month experience in prison the first testimony to come from a survivor of the islamic republic s jails

bachelor thesis from the year 2021 in the subject history asia course english language english abstract this paper focuses on the description of iranian women s life after the islamic revolution of 1979 as depicted in selected memoirs it delves into the associated challenges that women in iranian society were forced to accept following the revolution after the islamic revolution iranian women writers started portraying certain aspects of women s lives in their novels this study presents three selected memoirs authored by iranian women after the 1979 revolution structured around both the pre and post revolutionary periods often iranian women intellectuals are forced to endure exilic liminality potentially leading to an existential and identity crisis the inability to find home either in iran or the west and a painful oscillation between cultures and identities women in iranian society had to accept this revolution or rather they were enforced to accept it the investigation primarily focuses on common attributes and problems they face in life post revolution along with the progressions in women s lives as depicted inside memoirs

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in revolutionary iran michael axworthy offers a richly textured and authoritative history of iran from the 1979 revolution to the present

the 1906 revolution established the iranian state a constitution legal and political systems and a western style economy separate from the religious institutions of shi ia martin history london u examines the role played by the ulama the traditional body of the clerical elite in this change and surveys the relations between the ulama and the state until the 1979 revolution restored religious primacy annotation copyrighted by book news inc portland or

the islamic republic of iran is a revolutionary theocratic totalitarian state formed in 1979 following the overthrow of the last shah monarch muhammad reza pahlavi grand ayatollah ruhollah khomeini was the leader of the revolution and then of the islamic republic until his death in 1989 it was ayatollah khomeini who created the islamic theology of suicide bombing which has engulfed the world iran at one time was one of america s strongest allies in the middle east tehran was held in high esteem and maintained friendly relations throughout the region including israel under the shah iran was the first muslim nation to recognize the state of israel the rise of the islamic republic of iran is an account of how one man ayatollah khomeini changed the face of the nation of iran this is an exploration of the ascent of khomeini who refashioned the state of iran with his radical religious ideology into a leader of international terrorism

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