

A Brief on Iranian Oppression

Lest not forget the suppression occurring in Iran now and in the past. For years, any inkling of free speech counter to the government or the ruling theocracy was immediately and swiftly crushed. Recently, the song Happy and associated video celebrations subvert the regime. Comments on Facebook subject Iranians to harassment and prison terms. Torture a standard method of correctional education.



The 2009 Green Revolution termed malicious, subversive and driven from the West resulted in the disappearance and deaths of many Iranians expressing their views. The regime blamed it upon technical and financial support from Canada, the US, US companies and US sponsored radio as well as the BBC. The Iranian regime calls this anti-democratic when in fact, it is a core tenant of democracy. The right to dissent. The IRGC (Pasdaran) and Basij hunted down those expressing their views. Behrooz Kamalian of Ashiyane Digital Security (directly tied to both the IRGC and Basij and a child of an Iranian government official) posted pictures of those involved. Gerdab.ir ensured these pictures were distributed throughout the countries newspapers, websites and social networking outlets. Behrooz and others used sock puppets to access some of the information.

The Gerdab website warns Iranians on what is right, decent, moral and correct in Iran:

Section A (below) discusses content that is against decency and public morality. The production, distribution, trade and obscene and vulgar works and materials, including audio, video and text (real or not) and in various formats (video, photos, animation, online games, computer games, cartoons, etc.).

Obscene: Full nudity showing a man or woman's genitals, during intercourse or some sort of sexual act.

Vulgarity: The contents of photos that show or suggest sexual content.

The promotion and selling of products that promote illegitimate and illegal sex.

(I need a primer on this part to understand what is covered in illegitimate and illegal).

Section B – Content against Islam

You may not insult Islam and its principles, the holy prophets or the fourteen infallibles.

You may not insult Imam Khomeini (too late), associate him with livestock (too late again), imitate him or distort his comments (I would not distort them, they speak for themselves).

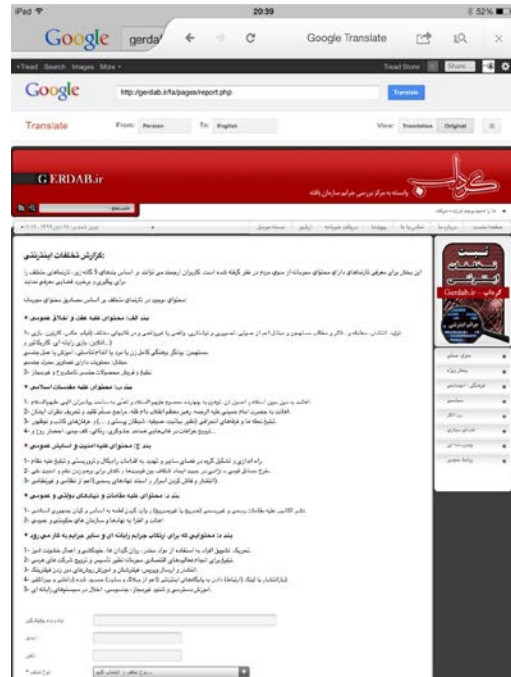


You may not promote attitudes associated with deviant religious sects such as Baha'i, Sufi Islam, Satanism (Harvard U, you know who you are) etc.

Section C Content against Public Peace and Security

You may not setup meetings to discuss cyber threats or what is considered radical acts of terror or propaganda (like the regime does).

You may not create/post content that creates gaps between ethnic, racial, groups; discuss ethnic issues or attempt to disrupt general civil order and national security.



You may not release or reveal both military and civilian secrets and official documents. (Snowden should not go there).

Section D Content against Public Officials and Government Agencies

You may not spread lies against (RUMINT is out) official and unofficial groups; content that may harm the Islamic Republic.

You may not insult or defame public institutions or the government (is there any difference?).

Special Paragraph – Content associated with committing computer crimes

You may not stimulate or encourage people to use drugs and psychotropic substances, suicide and violence (martyrdom bombings excluded).

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Type of abuse *:

Site of Violation *:

Introducing The moderating:

Description:

Security Code *:

Post

Post ads on criminal activities such as pyramid schemes.

You may not release a virus, use a proxy (VPN) and circumvent our ability to watch you.

You may not link to internet sites (blogs included that are blocked both domestically and internationally (we will

tell you what to think and when).

Teach people how to gain unauthorized access to computer systems or eavesdrop, spy or disrupt computer systems (much like creating sock puppets on social networking sites and beyond).

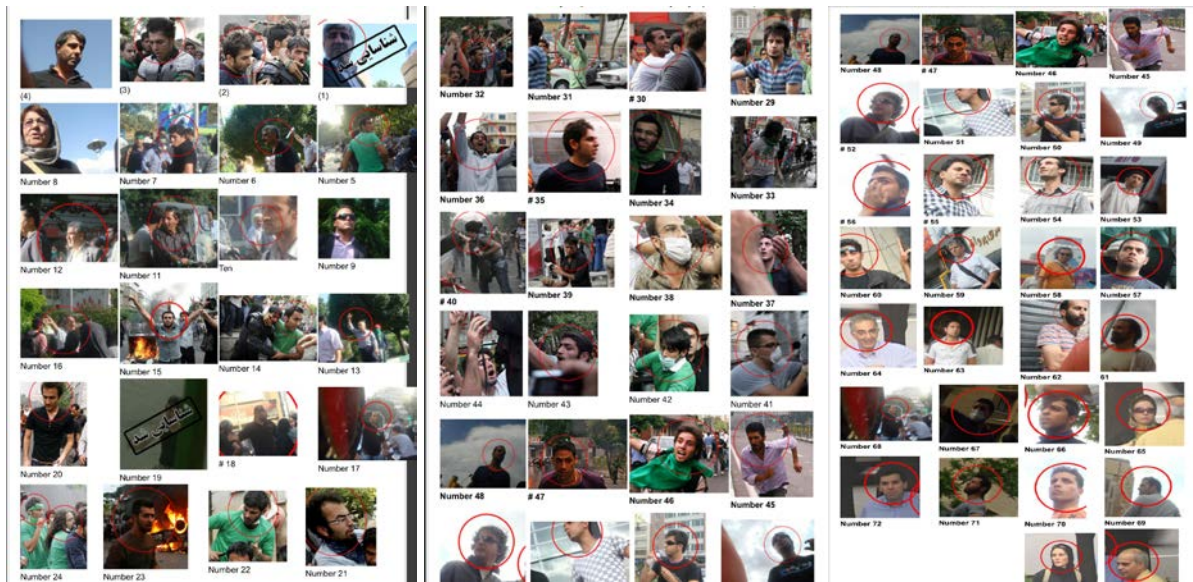
To top this off, if you know of anyone doing this, fill out the form and send the info to us since they are guilty until proven innocent here.

Now that you understand the rules in Iran, let us go back to the 2009 elections and the targeting by Behrooz, the IRGC and the Basij of anyone expressing even a hint of discomfort with the regime. Social networking sites were scoured for images of participants in both peaceful and not so peaceful gatherings. The images were then posted online through official channels (below). Gerda then indicated you could contact them with information about the perpetrators and instigators through (all still active):

info@gerdab.ir

<http://gerdab.ir/fa/pages/contact.php>

<http://gerdab.ir/fa/pages/report.php>



This may seem relatively harmless to most unless you understand the consequences of being photographed, identified and then caught. Before we move to reproachment with Iran, we must understand the years of oppression, suppression and institutionalized censorship. The underlying hatred of the United States government and the West by those in power drives the education of both young and old in Iran. Many Iranians do not believe as they are dictated but must remain silent or subject themselves and their families to the new Savak – the privileged IRGC and Basij.

If you are caught and are lucky, you will spend time in Ward 350 of Evin Prison. If not, you end up like those below:



Behrooz is wanted as are many others. <http://www.defenddemocracy.org/behrouz-kamalian>

Understanding what we are dealing with is critical to understanding the outcome.