

HOW CLOSE IS IRAN TO HAVING THE BOMB?

Iran's "unlikely to produce a sufficient quantity of highly enriched uranium... before 'early to mid-next decade.'" (2005)



National Intelligence Estimate

"They're still a couple of years away, in a worst-case scenario, from being able to produce enough highly enriched uranium for nuclear weapons." (2007)

"I think it's perhaps more likely that they try to develop their nuclear capabilities over a much longer period of time, a decade or 15 years." (2005)



Gary Samore
International Institute of Strategic Studies

"They have many years to go before they will be able to produce highly enriched uranium for a bomb." (2005)



Hans Blix

"Barring an unexpected delay, Iran is going to become nuclear capable in 2008 and not in 10 years as was recently reported in the American press." (2005)



David Albright



General Aharon Zeevi Farkash,
Head of Israel Defense Forces

WHO'S WHO IN IRAN



Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
Head of State, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution. Ultimately calls the shots and has direct control over the military and courts.



Ali Larijani
Head of the Supreme National Security Council. Khamenei's right hand man when it comes to foreign policy.



Ahmadinejad
The prez. Technically has nothing to do with foreign relations, but has had an increasingly effective way of butting in. No one agrees on how much he's a fool suffered by Khamenei or if he's got power in his own right.

The Revolutionary Guards
The security A-team, formed during the revolution. Hardliners who play a bigger and bigger role in foreign policy.

Majles—aka Consultative Assembly.
Popularly elected. Makes laws—which have to be approved by the Council of Guardians. Members also have to be pre-screened by the Council and are occasionally arrested for speaking out against the government. In theory has the power to approve all international treaties.

Council of Guardians
Makes sure Majles laws are kosher. Pretty much appointed by Khamenei's peeps.

Strategic Council for Foreign Relations
Newly created by Khamenei, some say to help deal with his Ahmadinejad problem.



Expediency Council
Majles and Council arbitrator (when the two bodies hit a road block). Headed by ex-president Rafsanjani, who seems to still be influential in foreign policy.

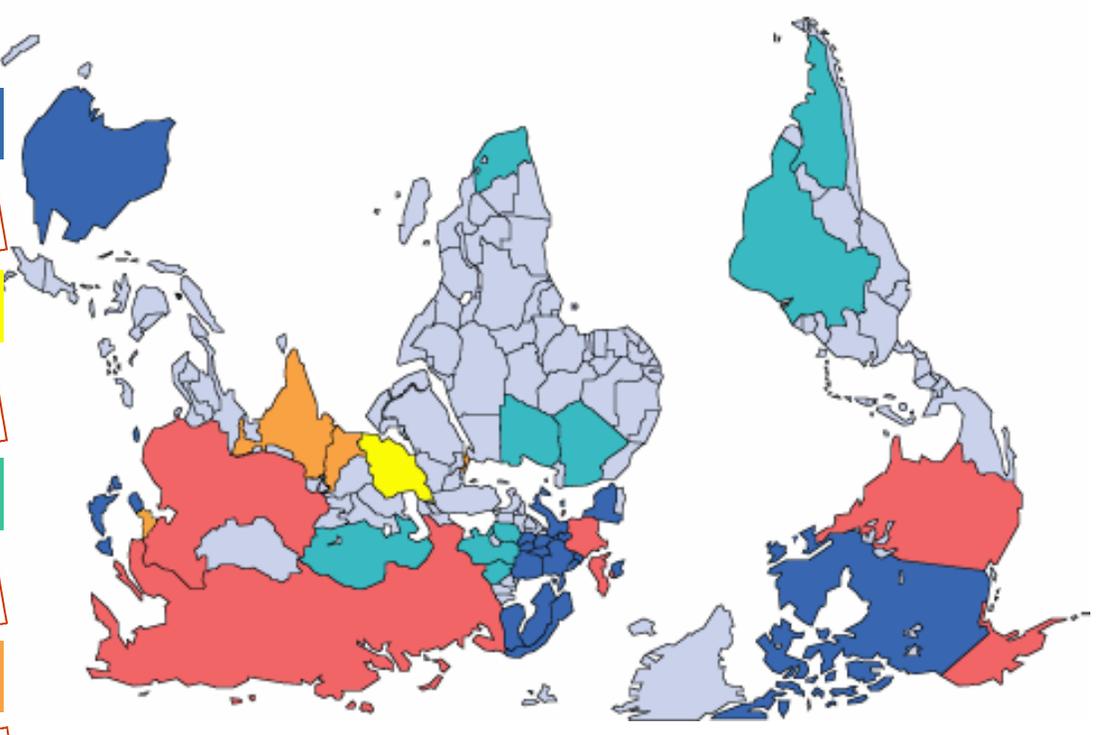
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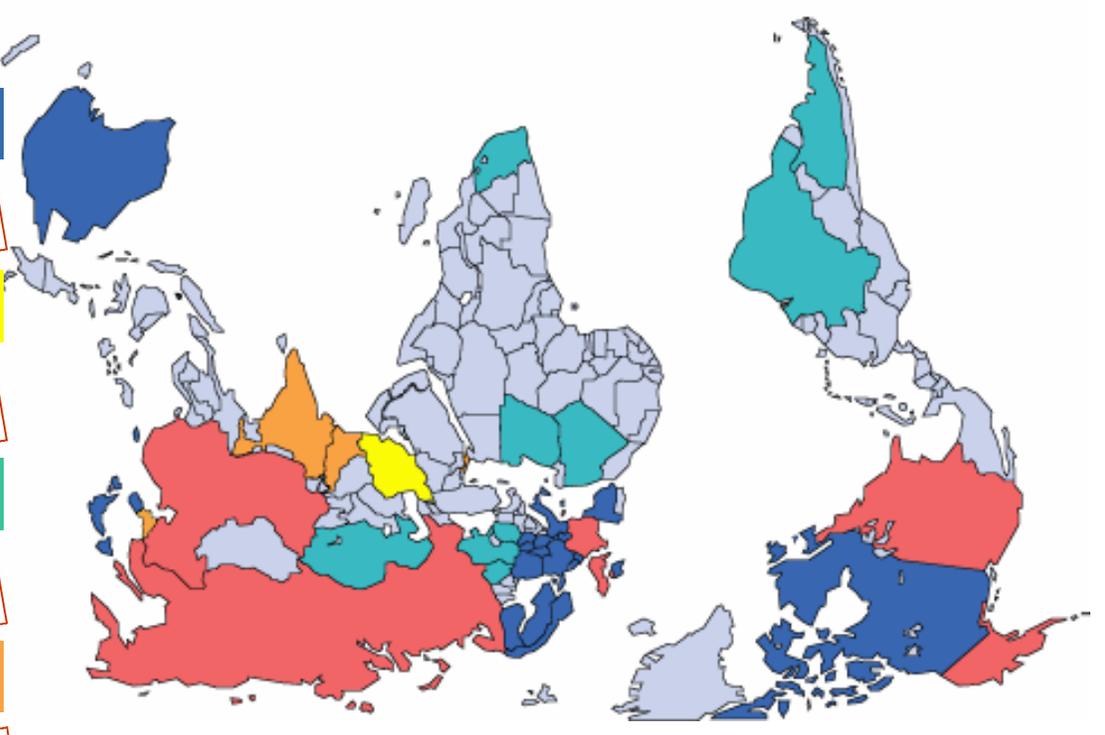
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