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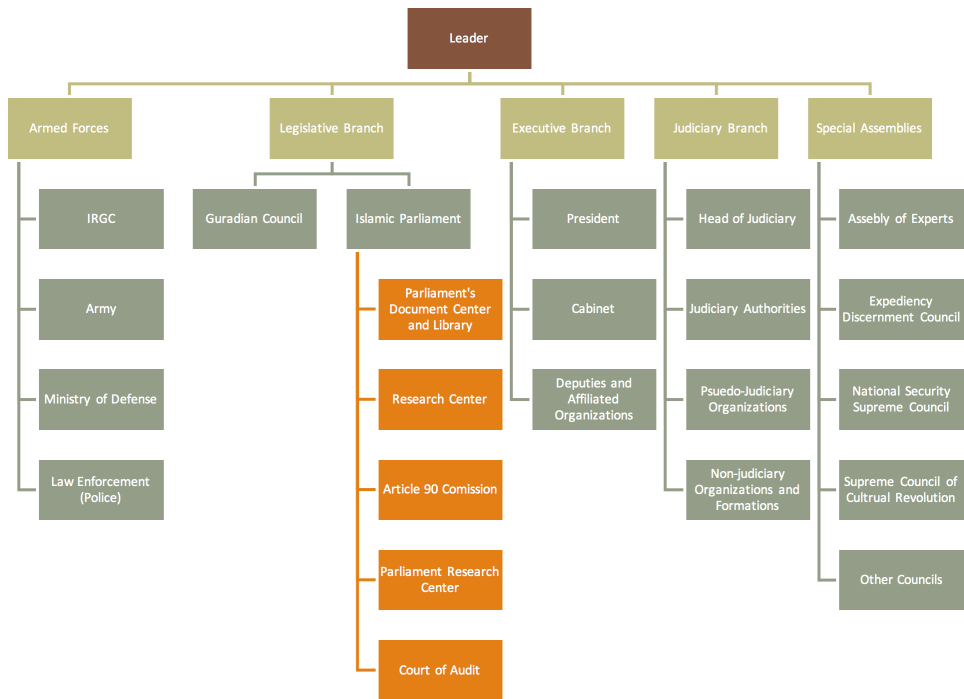
According to unofficial statistical surveys in Iran, while more than half of the population of Iran consists of non-Fars ethnic groups and nations, Statistical Center of Iran restraint to provide official statistics about ethnic composition, and this has resulted various estimates in this regard. The linguistic composition of Iranian population, according to CIA's World Factbook, is 53% Persian and its dialects, 18% Azerbaijani Turkish and other Turkish dialects, 10% Kurdish, 7% Gilaki and Mazandarani, 6% Lori, 2% Baluchi, 2% Arabic, and 2% other languages. Accordingly, it can be claimed that only half of the country consists of Persian-speaking population. Some official remarks also confirm that Fars-ethnicity population in Iran is far less than half of Iran's population.

Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's Foreign Minister during Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's presidency, had a trip to Turkey in 2011, and in a press conference, said that 40% of Iran's population consists of Turks. Given this number and adding the percentage of other ethnic populations and nations, Fars population of the country would be much far less than half of Iran's population. The existence of this ethnic variety has resulted various national-ethnic demands in Iran—a country whose official laws limit the right to cultural life and development only to Persian language and culture. Studying the ethnicity and province of origin of high-ranking officials in different organizations and institutes in the Islamic Republic of Iran shows that ethnicity can be considered a significant feature in ranks and official responsibilities in the country, and some provinces have a more significant presence in these high-ranking positions. In what follows, we will examine the political structure of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the province of origin of senior officials in Iran's military-political pillars.

» General Military-Political Structure in Iran

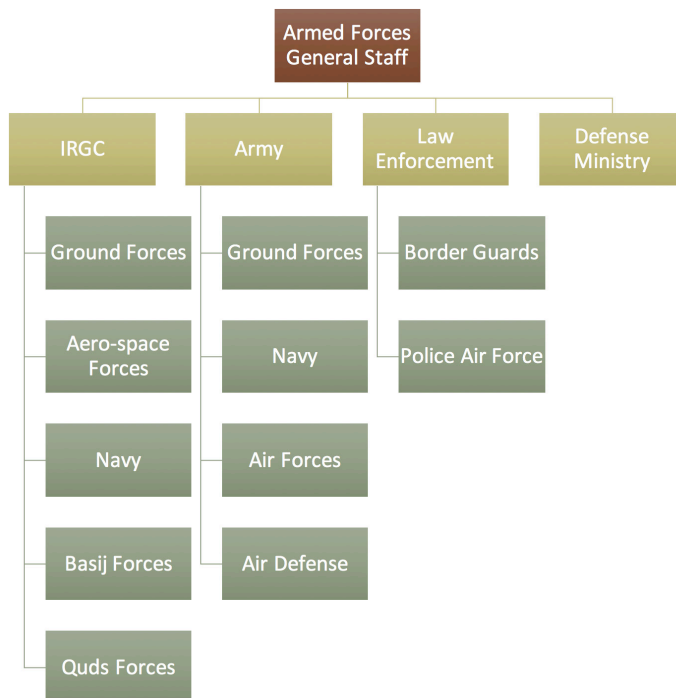
Iran is a kind of political establishment that was first suggested in 1956 by Iqbal Lahouri. It was proposed to make Pakistan independent from India and was used as the type of official government in Pakistan. Iqbal was under the influence of *Übermensch* in Nietzsche's thoughts. He created the philosophical concept of the "Islamic Republic" in his writings through formulating the idea of Perfect Man, that was first proposed by Ibn Arabi in Islamic thoughts, and combining it with Nietzsche's *Übermensch* philosophy. The general idea behind this kind of political system is rooted in Iqbal's thoughts regarding self-reliance, self-sufficiency, the revival of Islamic civilization, the encouraging return of Islam to the political domain, and opposing western civilization and its cultural and scientific achievements. This attitude towards the history of Islam, which was later more extensively theorized by Abul A'la Maududi, another Pakistani thinker, was then appropriated in Shia-centered works of Khomeini and became the government system in Iran in 1979. Now, apart from the Islamic Republic of Iran, other countries that use Islamic Republic system are Pakistan, Mauritania, Afghanistan and Gambia, and this expression is used in their official names as well.

President's Office in the Islamic Republic of Iran published a book called "Introduction to Governmental and Military Structure of Islamic Republic of Iran and Perspective Document" in 2011, in which political pillars of Islamic Republic of Iran were introduced in different chapters. Based on this document, high-ranking positions in Iran can be shown as follows:



» Province and Ethnic Composition of Senior Commanders in Armed Forces

Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces consists of 3 separate parts—Army of Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), and Islamic Republic's law enforcement (police forces). All these forces are under the supervision of Armed Forces General Staff, whose heads are appointed by Iran's leader. Defense Ministry is in charge of planning and logistics for Armed Forces, and although it does not directly take part in military operations, it is considered as a part of Armed Forces.



Given the above chart as the official chart for Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran, composition by the province of senior commanders of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran can be shown as follows:

Name	Position	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Ayatollah Ali Khamenei	Commander-in-chief	Khorasan Razavi	Turk
Major-General Mohammad Bagheri	Head of Armed Forces General Staff	Tehran	Unknown
Brigadier-General Mohammad Ali Jafari	Commander of IRGC	Yazd	Fars
Ataollah Salehi	Commander of Army	Gilan	Fars
Brigadier-General Hossein Ashtari	Commander of police forces	Isfahan	Fars
Brigadier-General Hossein Dehghan	Minister of Defense	Isfahan	Fars
Brigadier-General Abdul Rahim Mousavi	Deputy Head of Armed Forces General Staff	Qom	Fars
Brigadier-General Ahmad Reza Pourdastan	Commander of Army's Ground Forces	Khuzestan	Lor
Brigadier-General Hassan Shah-Safi	Commander of Army's Air forces	Tehran	Fars
Admiral Habibollah Sayar	Commander of Army's Navy	Fars	Fars
Brigadier-General Farzad Esmaeeli	Commander of Army's Air Defense	Gilan	Fars
Brigadier-General Hossein Salami	Deputy Commander of IRGC	Isfahan	Fars
Brigadier-General Mohammad Pakpour	Commander of IRGC's Ground Force	Markazi	Fars
Admiral Ali Fadavi	Commander of IRGC's Navy	Isfahan	Fars
Brigadier-General Qassem Suleimani	Commander of Quds Forces	Kerman	Fars
Brigadier-General Gholamhossein Gheibparvar	Commander of Basij Forces	Fars	Fars
Brigadier-General Amir Ali Hajizadeh	Commander of IRGC's Aero-Space	Gilan	Fars
Brigadier-General Eskandar Mo'meni	Deputy Commander of Police Forces	Mazandaran	Fars
Brigadier-General Qassem Rezai	Commander of Police Border Guards	Unknown	Unknown
Brigadier-General Hossein Ali Mostajeran	Commander of Police Air force	Unknown	Unknown

Given the ethnicity of these commanders, the ethnic composition of these senior commanderz in Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran is as follows:

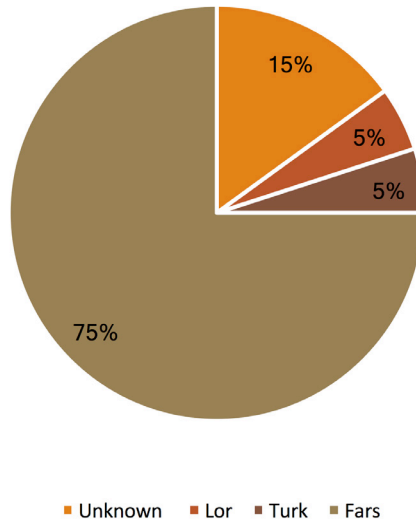


Figure 1 Ethnic Dispersion Senior Commanders of Armed Forces

As it can be seen, 75% of high-ranking commanders of Armed Forces in the Islamic Republic of Iran consists of Fars ethnicity, in which Isfahan Province has most high-ranking commanders.

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Senior Officials in Legislative Branch

The legislative branch is one of the key pillars of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which is in charge of preparing and ratifying general laws of the country. The legislative branch has two main parts: the Islamic Parliament and the Guardian Council. In the Islamic Parliament, the lawmakers who are elected by people after being qualified by the Guardian Council to ratify laws for enforcement in the country. The other part is the Guardian Council which is in charge of overseeing over ratifications of the Islamic Parliament and adjusting them with laws of the constitution and Sharia. The majority of Islamic jurists in the Guardian Council decide whether Parliament's ratifications are in contradiction with Islamic verdicts or not, and the majority of all members of the Guardian Council decide whether these ratifications are against the constitution or not.

Ethnic composition of Guardian Council's members- as an influential council in the Islamic Republic of Iran- is as follows:

Name	Position	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Ahmad Jannati	Secretary	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Mo'men	Islamic Jurist	Qom	Fars
Mohammad Mehdi Shabzنده Dar	Islamic Jurist	Fars	Fars
Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroodi	Islamic Jurist	Najaf (Iraq)	Arab
Mohammad Reza Modaressi Yazdi	Islamic Jurist	Yazd	Fars
Mohammad Yazdi	Islamic Jurist	Isfahan	Fars
Nejatollah Ebrahimian	Lawyer	Mazandaran	Fars
Sam Savadkoohifar	Lawyer	Tehran	Fars
Mohsen Esmaeeli	Lawyer	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Reza Alizadeh	Lawyer	Mazandaran	Fars
Fazlollah Mousavi	Lawyer	Isfahan	Fars
Abbasali Kadkhodai	Lawyer	Isfahan	Fars

As it can be seen, Isfahan with 4 members has the most share in this council, and ethnic composition of the Guardian Council is as follows:

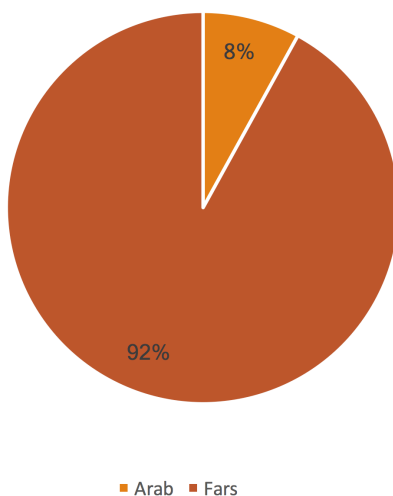


Figure 2 Ethnic Dispersion of Guardian Council's Members

Composition by the province of senior officials in the Islamic Parliament that are in charge of legislation in Iran is as follows:

Name	Position	Province	Ethnicity
Ali Ardeshir Larijani	Speaker of Parliament	Najaf, originally from Mazandaran	Fars
Massoud Pezeshkian	First Deputy Speaker	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Ali Motahari	Second Deputy Speaker	Tehran	Fars
Gholamreza Kateb	Member of Parliament's Board	Semnan	Fars
Amirhossein Ghazizadeh	Member of Parliament's Board	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Akbar Ranjbarzadeh	Member of Parliament's Board	Hamedan	Unknown
Ali Asghar Yusefzadeh	Member of Parliament's Board	Mazandaran	Fars
Ahmad Mirabadi Farahani	Member of Parliament's Board	Qom	Fars
Mohammad Ali Vakili	Member of Parliament's Board	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Ashuri Taziani	Member of Parliament's Board	Hormozgan	Fars
Behrooz Nemati	Member of Parliament's Board	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Ghassim Osmanai	Member of Parliament's Board	West Azerbaijan	Kurd
Mohammad Mehdi Zahedi	Head of Education and Research Commission	Kerman	Fars
Salman Khodadadi	Head of Social Commission	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Mohammad Reza Poorebrahimi	Head of Economic Commission	Kerman	Fars
Ali Noobakht Haghighi	Head of Health Commission	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Javad Kolivand	Head of Councils and Internal Affairs Commission	Alborz	Fars
Nasrullah Pejmanfar	Head of Cultural Commission	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Davood Mohammadi	Head of Article 90 Commission	Qazvin	Unknown
Aladin Borojerdi	Head of National Security and Foreign Affairs Commission	Lorestan	Lor
Freydoon Hassanvand	Head of Energy Commission	Khuzestan	Lor
Aziz Akbarian	Head of Mining and Industry Commission	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Gholam Reza Tajgardoan	Head of Budget and Planning Commission	Kohgiluyeh and Buyerahmad	Lor
Allahyar Malekshahi	Head of Legal and Judiciary Commission	Lorestan	Lor
Ali Mohammad Shaeri	Head of Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Commission	Mazandaran	Fars
Kazem Jalali	Head of Parliament's Research Center	Gorgan	Fars
Ahmad Mobaleghi	Head of Parliament's Islamic Research Center	Lorestan	Lor

Ethnic composition of senior officials in the Islamic Parliament is as follows:

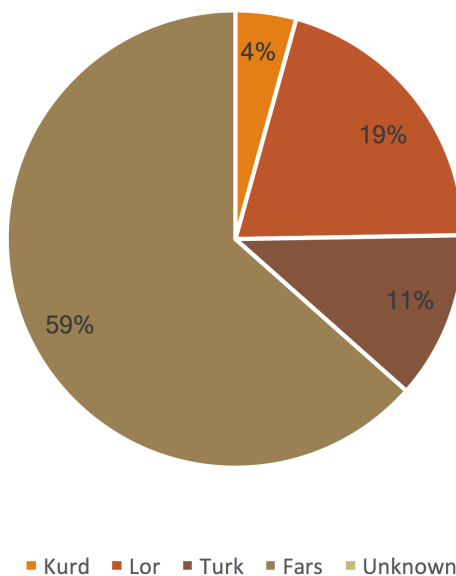


Figure 3 Ethnic Dispersion of Senior Officials in the Islamic Parliament

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Senior Officials in Executive Branch

Headed by a president, the executive branch is one of the three main branches in Iran and is in charge of administering the country based on laws ratified by the legislative branch. According to Article 113 of the Islamic Republic Constitution, one of the most important responsibilities of the president is enacting the constitution, which he can do through supervision, gaining information, inspection and following up. And if one of the principles of the constitution is not executed, the president should act appropriately. In general, the executive branch is divided into two parts: The cabinet as well as deputies and affiliated organizations. Province and ethnic composition of senior officials in the executive branch are as follows:

Name	Position	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Hassan Rouhani	President	Semnan	Fars
Fakhroldin Ahmadi Danesh Ashtiani	Education Ministry	Markazi	Fars
Mahmoud Vaezi	Minister of Telecommunication and Technology	Tehran	Fars
Mahmoud Alavi	Intelligence Minister	Fars	Fars
Mohammad Javad Zarif	Foreign Minister	Tehran	Fars
Ali Tayebnia	Economy Minister	Isfahan	Fars
Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi	Health Minister	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Ali Rabiei	Labor Minister	Tehran	Fars
Mahmoud Hojati	Agriculture Minister	Isfahan	Fars
Mostafa Bour Mohammadi	Justice Minister	Qom	Fars
Hossein Dehghani	Defense Minister	Isfahan	Fars
Abbas Ahmad Akhoondi	Road and Transportation Minister	Najaf (Iraq)	Originally Fars-Turk
Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh	Industry Minister	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Mohammad Farhadi	Science and Technology Minister	Semnan	Fars
Reza Salehi Amiri	Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister	Mazandaran	Fars
Abdul Reza Rahmani Fazli	Interior Minister	Northern Khorasan	Turk
Bizhan Namdar Zanganeh	Oil Minister	Kermanshah	Kurd
Hamid Chitchian	Energy Minister	East Azerbaijan	Turk

Massoud Soltanifar	Sports and Youth Minister Minister	Tehran	Fars
Eshagh Jahangiri	First Deputy to president	Kerman	Fars
Mohammad Nahavandian	Chief of Staff of president	Tehran	Fars
Hossein Freydoon	Special Assistance to president	Semnan	Fars
Ali Yunesi	Special Assistance to president in Ethnic and Religious Minorities Affairs	Hamadan	Fars
Elham Aminzadeh	Special Assistance to president in Civil Rights Affairs	Fars	Fars
Mohammad Shariatmadari	Executive Deputy to president	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Bagher Nobakht	Head of Budget and Planning Organization and Government's spokesperson	Gilan	Fars
Sureta Satari	Deputy to president in Science and Technology	Tehran	Fars
Majid Ansari	Legal Deputy to president	Kerman	Fars
Shahindokht Molaverdi	Deputy to president in women and family's affairs	West Azerbaijan	Turk
Ali Akbar Salehi	Deputy to president and head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran	Karbala (Iraq)	Unknown
Zahra Ahmadipour	Deputy to president and head of Cultural Heritage Organization	Hamadan	Lor
Masoumeh Ebtekar	Deputy to president and head of Environment Organization	Tehran	Fars
Mohammadali Shahidi Mahalati	Deputy to president and chairman of	Markazi	Fars

	Martyred and Veterans Foundation		
Albar Turkan	Senior Advisor to president	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Ali Najafi	Advisor to president in Economic Affairs	Tehran	Fars
Hessamoldin Ashena	Advisor to president in Cultural Affairs	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Reza Sadegh	Advisor to president in Information Affairs	Kermanshah	Kurd
Hassan Nemazi	Advisor to president in Clergy Affairs	Qom	Fars
Valiollah Seif	Governor of Central Bank	Hamadan	Lor
Ali Shamkhani	Secretary to National Security Council	Khuzestan	Arab
Mohammad Hassan Entezari	Secretary of Supreme Council of Cyberspace	Tehran	Fars
Nasrullah Jahangardi	Head of Information Technology Organization	Tehran	Fars
Ali Reza Zali	Head of Medical Council	Tehran	Fars
Ali Mohammad Adabi	Head of Nursing Organization	Tehran	Fars
Abbasali Alahyari	Head of Psychology and Consultation Organization	Kermanshah	Kurd
Shapoor Mohammadi	Head Securities and Exchange Organization	Zanjan	Turk
Abdulnasser Hemati	Head of Iran's Central Insurance	Hamadan	Turk
Taghi Noorbakhsh	Head of Social Welfare Organization	Southern Khorasan	Fars
Ahmad Doost Hosseini	Head and member of National Development Fund	Tehran	Fars

Statistical comparison of the above table shows that Tehran Province with 16 high-ranking officials in the executive branch has the most share in province dispersion among senior officials in the executive branch. Ethnic dispersion of senior officials in the executive branch is as follows:

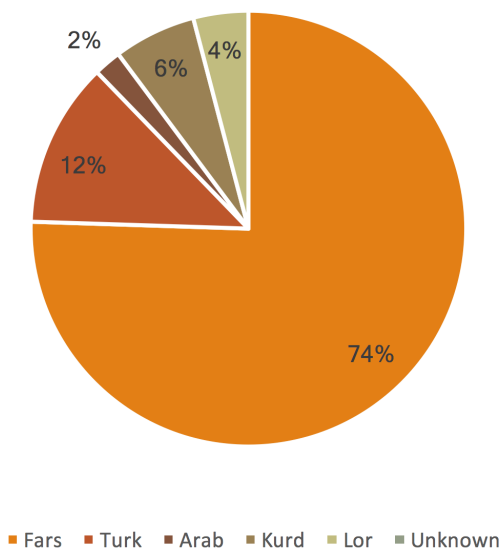


Figure 4 Ethnic Dispersion of Senior Officials in Executive Branch

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Senior Officials in Judiciary Branch

Judiciary system in the Islamic Republic of Iran is founded on Sharia based on Imami Jurisprudence. According to Islamic Republic Constitution, judiciary branch, along with executive branch and legislative branch, acts directly under Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist (Iran's leader). Head of Judiciary is in charge of organizations such as Supreme Court, Attorney-General, Center for Dispute Resolution Councils, Public Prosecutor's Office, High Courts for Judges, High Administrative Court, Judiciary Organization for Armed Forces, Provinces' Justice Departments, Legal Medicine Organization, General Inspection Office, Prisons' Organization, and Educational Security Measures.

Composition by the province of senior officials in judiciary system is as follows:

Name	Position	Province of birth	Ethnicity
Sadegh Amoli Larijani	Head of Judiciary	Najaf, originally from Mazandaran	Fars
Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i	First Deputy of Head of Judiciary	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Jafar Montazeri	Attorney-General	Qom	Fars
Hossein Karimi	Head of Supreme Court	Zanjan	Turk
Hojatoleslam Mohammad Mehdi Ahmadi Mianji	Head of Center for Dispute Resolution Councils	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Hojatoleslam Mohammad Movahedi	Head of Public Prosecutor's Office and High Courts for Judges	Qom	Fars
Hojatoleslam Mohammad Hossein Bahrami	Head of High Administrative Court	Tehran	Fars
Hojatoleslam Shokrollah Bahrami	Head of Judiciary Organization for Armed Forces	Unknown	Unknown
Nasser Seraj	Head of General Inspection Office	Isfahan	Fars

Given the above table, the ethnic composition of officials in judiciary branch is as follows:

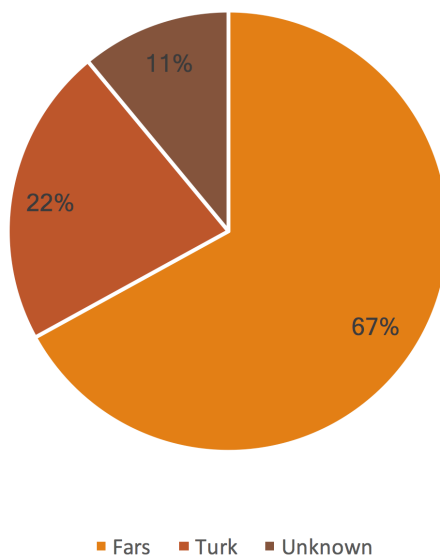


Figure 5 Ethnic Dispersion of Senior Official in Judiciary Branch

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Members of Expediency Discernment Council

Expediency Discernment Council is considered as a critical political pillar in Iran, whose main function is creating a balance between Guardian Council and the Islamic Parliament. At cases when there are differences over lawmakers' ratifications between Islamic Parliament and the Guardian Council, then Expediency Discernment Council acts definitively as an intermediary. In this council, there are 44 permanent members and one guest member, in accordance with the issue at hand. The Iranian Leader appointing the permanent members every 5 years. The most important responsibilities of this Council are discerning the expediency between views of the Islamic Parliament and the Guardian Council, preparing and proposing drafts for general policies of the regime (Islamic Republic) as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 110 of the constitution, resolving the regime's problems as referred by the leader, and announcing its opinions as to queries made to this Council.

Composition by the province of members of this council are as follows:

Name	Position/Type of Membership	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani	Temporary Chairman	Kerman	Fars
Hassan Rouhani	Legal (President)	Semnan	Fars
Sadegh Larijani	Legal (Head of Judiciary)	Najaf (originally Mazandaran)	Fars
Ali Ardeshir Larijani	Legal (Speaker of the Parliament)	Najaf (originally Mazandaran)	Fars
Ahmad Jannati	Legal (Secretary of Guardian Council)	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Mo'men	Legal (Islamic Jurist from Guardian Council)	Qom	Fars
Mohammad Mehdi Shabzندهدار	Legal (Islamic Jurist from Guardian Council)	Fars	Fars
Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroodi	Legal (Islamic Jurist from Guardian Council)	Najaf (Iraq)	Arab
Mohammad Rezan Modaressi Yazdi	Legal (Islamic Jurist from Guardian Council)	Yazd	Fars
Mohammad Yazdi	Legal (Islamic Jurist from Guardian Council)	Isfahan	Fars
Ali Shamkhani	Legal (Secretary of National Security Council)	Khuzestan	Arab
Mohsen Reza Mirghaed	Natural person (Secretary General)	Khuzestan	Lor
Ali Akbar Velayati	Natural person (Head of Strategic Researches)	Tehran	Fars
Ebrahim Amini Najafabadi	Natural person	Isfahan	Fars
Ali Akbar Nategh Noori	Natural person	Mazandaran	Fars
Mahmoud Mohammadi Eraghi	Natural person	Kermanshah	Kurd
Gholam-Reza Mesbahi Moghadam	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Hassan Sanei	Natural person	Isfahan	Fars

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	Natural person	Semnan	Fars
Saeed Jalili	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Ahmad Vahidi	Natural person	Fars	Fars
Hossein Mohammadi	Natural person	Unknown	Unknown
Sadegh Vaez-zadeh	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Ghorbanali Dori Najafabadi	Natural person	Isfahan	Fars
Mostafa Mirsalim	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Ali Agha-Mohammadi	Natural person	Hamadan	Fars
Morteza Nabavi	Natural person	Qazvin	Fars
Hassan Firoozabadi	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Mohammad Reza Aref	Natural person	Yazd	Fars
Majid Ansari	Natural person	Kerman	Fars
Gholam-Reza Aghazadeh	Natural person	West Azerbaijan	Turk
Prviz Davoodi	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Hossein Mozafar	Natural person	Hamadan	Fars
Mohammad Reza Bahonar	Natural person	Kerman	Fars
Mohammad Javad Irvani	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Gholamali Hadad Adel	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i	Natural person	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Forozaandeh	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Davood Danesh Jafari	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Hossein Safar Harandi	Natural person	Tehran	Fars

Given the above table, the ethnic composition of members of Expediency Discernment Council is as follows:

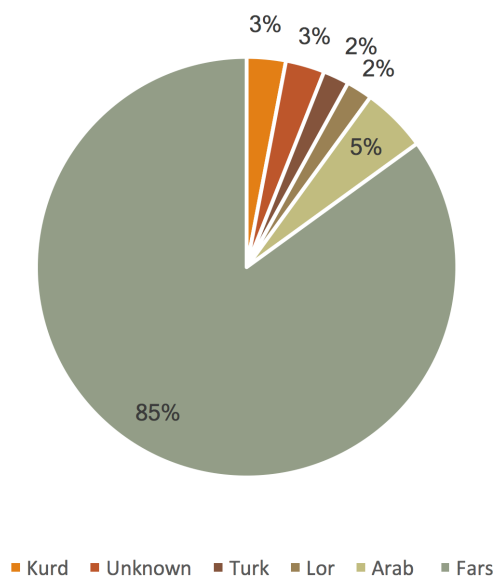


Figure 6 Ethnic Dispersion of Members of Expediency Discernment Council

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Board of Directors of Assembly of Experts

Assembly of Experts consists of competent Islamic jurists who, according to Article 107 of Islamic Republic Constitution, are in charge of appointing the leader of Islamic Republic. Members of this assembly are chosen through elections, and by people's direct and secret votes for eight-year terms. In implementing articles 1 and 2 of this assembly's regulation, 88 experts are elected to this assembly. Some lawyers believe that the title of this assembly is not in accord with its representatives' function, because the main duty of these representatives is appointing the leader, who, according to Article 109 of the constitution, should have 8 conditions such as jurisprudence, management, etc. to be appointed by representatives of this Assembly. But these representatives only focus on expertise in Islamic jurisprudence. Therefore, either the title of this assembly should be changed to Assembly of Islamic Jurisprudence Experts, or its regulation should change to include representatives from other specialties, other religions as well as the other gender (women).

Composition by the province of the current board of directors (5th term) of Assembly of Experts is as follows:

Name	Position	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Ahmad Jannati	Head of Assembly of Experts	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Ali Movahedi Kermani	First Deputy Head of Assembly of Experts	Kerman	Fars
Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroodi	Second Deputy Head of Assembly of Experts	Najaf (Iraq)	Arab
Ghorbanali Dori Najafabadi	Secretary	Isfahan	Fars
Ahmad Khatami	Secretary	Semnan	Fars
Ebrahim Raeesi	Financial affairs	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Hashem Hosseini Bushehri	Cultural affairs	Bushehr	Fars

Given the above table, the ethnic composition of this assembly is as follows:

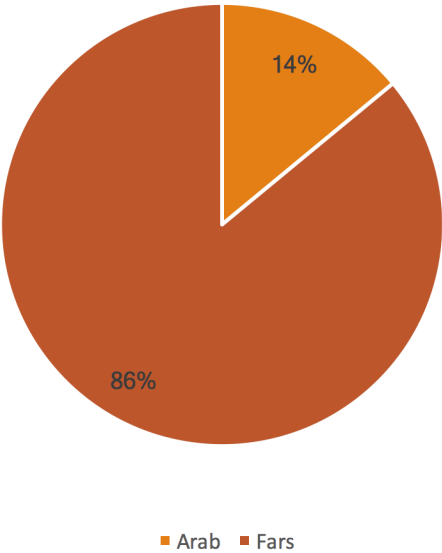


Figure 7 Ethnic Dispersion of Board of Directors of Assembly Experts

» **Province and Ethnic Composition of Iran’s National Security Council**

National Security Council is an important council in military-political structure in the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose responsibilities are defense-security policies of the country within the general policies specified by the leader, coordinating political, intelligence, social, cultural and economic activities in relation to general defense-security measures, using material and spiritual resources of the country to confront internal and external threats.

Composition by the province of current members of National Security Council of Islamic Republic of Iran is as follows:

Name	Nature of membership	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Hassan Rouhani	President	Semnan	Fars
Ali Larijani	Speaker of the parliament	Najaf (originally from Mazandaran)	Fars
Sadeqh Larijani	Head of judiciary	Najaf (originally from Mazandaran)	Fars
Mohammad Bagher Nobakht Haghighi	Head of Management and Planning Organization	Gilan	Fars
Ali Shamkhani	Leader's representative in the Council	Khuzestan	Arab
Saeed Jalili	Leader's representative in the Council	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Mohammad Hossein Bagheri	Head of Armed Forces General Staff	Tehran	Fars
Attaollah Salehi	Army Commander	Gilan	Fars
Mohammad Ali Jafari	IRGC Commander	Yazd	Fars
Abdul Reza Rahman Fazli	Interior Ministry	Northern Khorasan	Turk
Mohammad Javad Zarif	Foreign Minister	Tehran	Fars
Mahmoud Alavi	Intelligence Minister	Fars	Fars

Ethnic composition of this council is as follows:

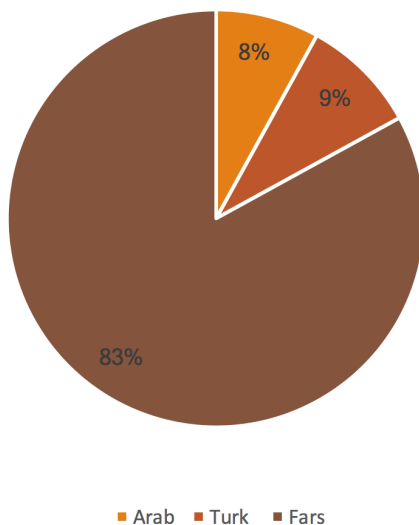


Figure 8 Ethnic Dispersion of Members of Supreme National Security Council

» Province and Ethnic Composition of Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution

Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution is considered as a supreme authority in policy making, determining policies, decision making, coordination and guidance in cultural, educational and research affairs in the country within the framework of general policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and its decision and ratifications are as enforceable as laws.

Composition by the province of this influential council in cultural policies of Islamic Republic of Iran is as follows:

Name	Nature of Membership	Province of Birth	Ethnicity
Hassan Rouhani	Legal (Head of Council)	Semnan	Fars
Mohammad Reza Mokhber	Secretary	Khuzestan	Fars
Ahmad Janati	Honorary	Isfahan	Fars
Ahmad Ahmadi	Natural person	Hamadan	Fars
Ali Reza Eraghi	Natural person	Yazd	Fars
Hamid Parsania	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Gholamali Hadad Adel	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Reza Davari	Natural person	Yazd	Fars
Hassan Rahimpour Azghadi	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Ali Akbar Rashad	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Ali Reza Sadr Hosseini	Natural person	Gilan	Fars
Mohammad Reza Aref	Natural person	Yazd	Fars
Mohsen Qomi	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Ali Keynejad	Natural person	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Mansour Kigatian	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Hossein Kachoian	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Mehdi Golshani	Natural person	Isfahan	Fars
Ali Larijani	Natural person	Najaf (originally from Mazandaran)	Fars
Mahmoud Mohammadi Eraghi	Natural person	Kermanshah	Kurd
Sadegh Vaez-zadeh	Natural person	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Ali Akbar Velayati	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Ezatollah Zarghami	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Abdulah Jasbi	Natural person	Tehran	Fars
Sadegh Larijani	Legal (Head of Judiciary)	Najaf (originally from Mazandaran)	Fars
Reza Salehi Amiri	Legal (Culture Minister)	Mazandaran	Fars
Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi	Legal (Health Minister)	Khorasan Razavi	Fars

Mohammad Farhadi	Legal (Minister of Science)	Semnan	Fars
Fakhroldin Ahmadi Danesh Ashtiyani	Legal (Education Minister)	Markazi	Fars
Massoud Soltanifar	Legal (Sports and Youth Minister)	Tehran	Fars
Abdul Reza Rahmani Fazli	Legal (Interior Minister)	Khorasan Razavi	Fars
Sureta Sattari	Legal (Deputy President)	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Bagher Nobakht	Legal (Deputy President)	Gilan	Fars
Shahindoght Molaverdi	Legal (Deputy President)	West Azerbaijan	Turk
Mohammad Sarafraz	Legal (Head of IRIB)	Gilan	Fars
Mehdi Khamooshi	Legal (Head of Islamic Propaganda Organization)	Tehran	Fars
Abuzar Ebrahimi	Legal (Head of Islamic Culture and Communication Organization)	Tehran	Fars
Mohammad Mohammadian	Legal (Head of Leader's Office in Universities)	East Azerbaijan	Turk
Hamid Reza Tayebi	Legal (Head of Academic Center for Education, Culture, and Research)	Tehran	Fars
Kobra Khazali	Legal (Head of Women's Cultural Council)	Qom	Fars
Hamid Mirzadeh	Legal (Head of Azad University)	Kerman	Fars
Ahmad Salek Kashani	Legal (Head of Parliament's Cultural Commission)	Isfahan	Fars
Mohammad Mehdi Zahedi	Legal (Head of Parliament's Education Commission)	Kerman	Fars
Hossein Ali Shahriari	Legal (Head of Health Commission)	Sistan and Baluchistan	Baluch
Ali Vaezi	Legal (Head of Islamic Propaganda Office)	Tehran	Fars

Ethnic composition of Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, which is an important authority in decision making and even legislating for cultural policies in Iran, is as follows:

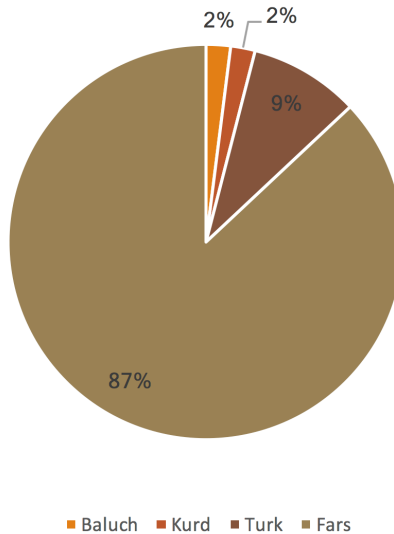


Figure 9 Ethnic Dispersion of Members of Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution

» Conclusion

In this report, statistical dispersion of senior officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran was studied. The term “senior official” was taken from the book called “Introduction to Governmental and Military Structure of Islamic Republic of Iran and Perspective Document,” published by President’s deputy in Development of Management and Human Capital (in Training Center for Governmental Management). In this book, which introduces the political structure of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the term “senior official” is also defined. With referring to this structure, 216 senior officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran are in the highest position, whose ethnic composition is as follows:

Ethnicity	Number of high positions	Percentage
Fars	169	78%
Turk	18	8%
Lor	9	4%
Unknown	8	4%
Arab	6	3%
Kurd	5	2%
Baluch	1	Less than 1%

It can be seen in the following chart:

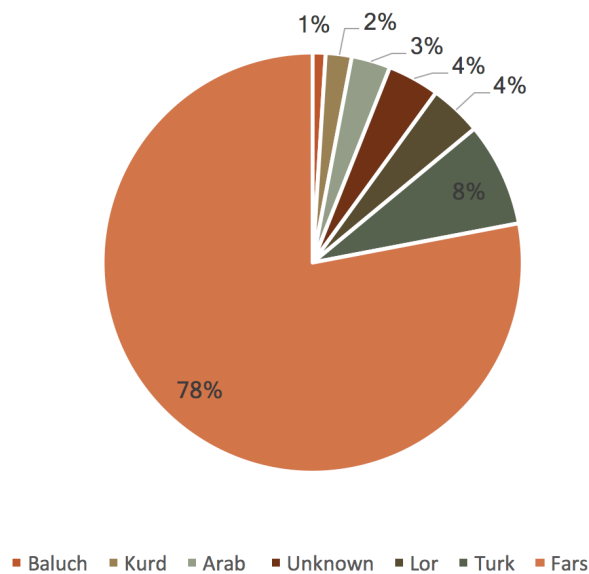


Figure 10 Ethnic Dispersion of High Ranking Officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran

As it can be seen, 78% of high-ranking positions in Iran exclusively belong to Fars ethnicity. Composition by the province of these positions is as follows:

Province	Number of senior officials	Population of province
Tehran	49	12,450,000
Isfahan	24	4,879,312
Mazandaran	16	3,073,943
Khorasan Razavi	14	5,994,402
Kerman	11	2,938,988
Semnan	10	631,218
Gilan	9	2,480,874
Qom	9	1,151,672
Yazd	8	1,074,428
Hamadan	8	1,758,268
East Azerbaijan	8	3,724,620
Fars	8	4,569,658
Khuzestan	7	4,531,720
Kermanshah	5	1,945,227
Markazi	4	1,413,959
West Azerbaijan	4	3,080,576
Iraq	4	--
Unknown	4	--
Northern Khorasan	3	867,727
Lorestan	3	1,754,243
Qazvin	2	1,201,565
Zanjan	2	1,015,734
Southern Khorasan	1	732,192
Hormozgan	1	1,578,183
Bushehr	1	1,032,949
Alborz	1	2,412,513
Golestan	1	1,777,014
Lorestan	1	1,754,243

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