

2009 Iranian Presidential Election in Media

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Temporary Facebook block

On 23 May 2009, the Iranian government temporarily blocked access to Facebook across the country. Gulfnews.com reported that this move was a response to the use of Facebook by candidates running against the incumbent Ahmadinejad.

PC World reported that Mousavi's Facebook page had more than 6,600 supporters. Access was restored by 26 May 2009.

TV debates between candidates

There will be one debate between each pair of candidates on national TV channel IRIB 3. Each debate lasts for around one and half hours.

Opinion polls

The Opinion polls in Iran have been considered unreliable. A number of polls conducted between relatively small voting groups, like university students and workers, have been reported as election propaganda.

More general polls reported in the media do not state the polling organization nor the basic facts about the methodology. The results show a high variance and depend heavily on who is reporting the poll.

In 2002, the polling organization Ayandeh and another polling organization was closed and its directors were arrested.

The director of Ayandeh Abbas Abdi, spent several years in prison.

Mousavi's and Karroubi's campaign posters in Tehran claimed that a high turnout would reduce Ahmadinejad's chance of winning the election.

Karroubi's campaign manager Gholamhossein Karbaschi, claimed that the chance of Ahmadinejad losing the election would be over 65 percent if over 32 million people voted, but less than 35 percent if less than 27 million people voted.

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