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## Iran's Mousavi Calls for Annulment of Election Results

*Hundreds of thousands protest re-election of Iranian president*



**VOTER'S CHOICE:** Iranian supporters of defeated reformist presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi demonstrate in Tehran, Iran on June 15. Mousavi called for the annulment of the election results. GETTY IMAGES

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Defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi made an appearance at a protest rally in Tehran on Monday June 15, his first public appearance since the June 12 presidential election, amid growing reports that the election results were rigged.

Hundreds of thousands attended the rally in the capital city to support Mousavi's call for an annulment of the election results, a day after President Ahmadinejad's victory speech. Similar protests were held across several other major cities in Iran, ignoring an interior ministry ban on public protests.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (also known as Ali Khamenei) met with Mousavi late on June 14 informing him that he has ordered a probe into the election fraud.

An announcement through the state media the following day confirmed the Guardian Council's probe into the allegations of election irregularities. The Guardian Council is the Islamic Regime's highest ruling body.

The reversal, on the part of Khamenei and the Guardian Council, is seen by experts as a move made in reaction to the protests and the growing fear that the unrest amongst Mousavi supporters will grow and shake the stability of the current Iranian regime.

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs

told reporters that the Obama administration is continuing to monitor the situation in Iran, with a focus on resolving pending issues with Iran's nuclear weapons program.

"Obviously we continue to have concern about what we've seen. Obviously the Iranians are looking into this, as well. We continue to be heartened by the enthusiasm of young people in Iran," said Gibbs.

"But I think what's important is the concerns that we have about their nuclear weapons program, and the concern we have about their support for terror isn't any different than it was on Friday," he added.

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## Obama Speaks to American Medical Association on Health Care

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Obama reinforced his policy for health care reform during a speech to the American Medical Association in Chicago on Monday.

During his speech, Obama outlined the situation of health coverage, calling it a threat to the economy. "It is an escalating burden on our families and businesses, [and] it is a ticking time-bomb for the federal budget," Obama said.

He added that Americans are spending more than \$2 trillion a year on health care—nearly 50 percent more than the next most costly nation—yet still receive lower quality care than most other countries. Obama added that flaws in the health system are causing financial burdens for both U.S. citizens and the country.

"To say it as plainly as I can, health care reform is the single most important thing we can do for America's long-term fiscal health," Obama said.

His health care policy has received mixed criticism since its early stages, primarily over concerns that it would limit coverage and create a government-run health care system.

Obama referred to such concerns as "fear of change" and a "worry that we may lose what works" in the process of trying to fix the system. He referred to opposition from special interest groups and lobbyists as "fear tactics to paint any effort to achieve reform as an attempt to socialize medicine."

Among the changes he proposed were using electronic records as opposed to paper, so that patient's medical history will be readily available if they switch doctors.

More will be invested in preventive care—encouraging better diets, more exercise, and better lifestyles.

### Cuts and Reform

When speaking about the current large cost for coverage, Obama said the problem is the "nature of our health care system itself."

He said it is "a system where we spend vast amounts of money on things that aren't making our people any healthier. A system that automatically equates more expensive care with better care."

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**HEALTH REFORM:** President Barack Obama speaks to the American Medical Association about health care reform June 15 in Chicago. MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## Distrust of Corporate America at All-Time High

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WASHINGTON—Now, more than ever, the general public has developed a mistrust of lobbyists from private corporations trying to influence governments worldwide and attempting to swing the perception of certain laws and regulations.

At the same time, distrust of governments is also at an all-time high, according to a new survey. Many people have become increasingly dismayed and disgruntled by what they perceive as loopholes in laws combating bribery and corruption, according to the "2009 Global Corruption Barometer" survey conducted by Transparency International (TI), a Berlin-based advocacy group.

The survey was conducted in about 70 countries and gathered the thoughts of more than 73,000 people worldwide.

"These results show a public sobered by a financial crisis precipitated by weak regulations and a lack of corporate accountability," Huguette Labelle, TI chairwoman, said in a June press release. She

continues, "But we also see that the public is willing to actively support clean business."

"What is needed now is bold action by companies to continue strengthening their policies and practices, and to report more transparently on finances and interactions with government."

### Losing Faith in Corporate World and Governments

"Corruption has many faces—accounting fraud, influence peddling, insider trading, and even the role of lobbying and perks-for-favors," CorpWatch says on its Web site.

Approximately 50 percent of the TI survey respondents—8 percent more than in 2004—are appalled and highly critical of companies locally or foreign-owned.

Respondents agreed that changes to corruptive behavior come slow. Political parties, parliaments, the judiciary, and the media neither improved nor deteriorated concerning dishonest behavior over the past years—it's still business as usual.

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**SETTLED:** The storefront of Toys "R" Us on Times Square in Manhattan. Amazon.com has agreed to pay the toy superstore \$51 million.

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## Amazon to Pay Toys "R" Us \$51 Million in Settlement

By ANTONIO PEREZ  
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Online retailer Amazon.com agreed to pay toy store chain Toys "R" Us \$51 million to settle a long standing dispute filed by Toys "R" Us from 2004.

Nine years ago the two retailers signed a 10-year agreement giving Toys "R" Us exclusive rights to sell certain toys on Amazon.com's Web site. It was a way to boost online toy sales for both vendors.

The Dot-com era deal allowed Toys "R" Us to establish a foothold in the nascent online retail market selling its wares on the already-es-

tablished Amazon.com, while Amazon saw the partnership as a way to expand into new product lines without having to stock and market everything itself.

But in 2004, Toys "R" Us sued Amazon for breach of contract, claiming that the online retailer violated the agreement by allowing other third-party merchants to sell toys and children's products on its Web site.

In turn, Amazon countered by alleging that Toys "R" Us failed to keep products and toys in stock, discouraging potential customers.

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## Criticisms of Green Dam Filtering Software Banned

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The Chinese regime's propaganda department on June 10 issued a notice to all media and government departments at all levels that no criticism be made about the recently released internet filtering software "Green Dam-Youth Escort."

Beginning July 1 all computers sold in China are required to have Green Dam pre-installed.

The notice requests that all media give the public "positive guidance" by "organizing experts' and parents' comments, providing answers by targeting people's doubts, and clearly supporting such a movement that protects the healthy growth of youth."

Meanwhile, the notice requests all media to strengthen its control over its Web sites, to "timely

block and delete" articles critical of Green Dam on the BBS.

According to mainland hackers who cracked Green Dam's keyword library and administrative codes, the software mainly filters Falun Gong-related words. While the purpose of the software is said to be protecting children, any adult will also be forced to buy such software on new computers.

According to the regime's mouthpiece—Xinhua News Agency—a spokesperson from China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) claimed, "PC manufacturers must provide the software."

However, the user could uninstall it as they wish," and the software "does not monitor any online activities of the user, or collect any user information."

But, Chinese bloggers report that the software also filters images, key words and even monitors mouse and keyboard activities. The software also links the user PC to a database, which lists all the banned Web sites in China.

The database is updated from time to time, and Green Dam is meant to filter politically sensitive information and prevent visiting such Web sites.

According to MIIT, besides such PC filtering software, mobile phone filtering technology is on its way.

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