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The most hateful of people are the arrogant- Prophet Muhammad (p).



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This is for F.B.I. agent “Greg”



So I get stopped at the border every time I cross over from Canada into the United States. I'm made to sit for 4 hours, after which the agent (or in this case agents) come and talk to me. The total process is 6 hours. This time, 3 F.B.I. agents interviewed me. One of them started up a discussion about democracy and Iran. I was trying to explain that I don't think Iran is perfect. No one claims this. Not even Iranian officials claim that Iran is perfect. But, Iran has an indigenously created system. The key to stability is an indigenously created system. During the course of conversation, I said that the Assembly of Experts (Majlis e Ghuburgan) is a directly elected body that has the power to remove the Supreme Leader. "Greg," immediately interrupted me and said that the the Supreme Leader can remove members of the Assembly. This implied that there is actually no democratic characteristics to the system. Well. Greg. You're wrong.

Here's a very useful BBC page that beautifully explains the Iranian system. Please note that no where in the flow chart nor in the description does it indicate that the Supreme Leader has the power to remove a member of the Assembly of Experts.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8051750.stm#president

Here is a page for the "United States Institute of Peace." I put that in quotations because protection of Israel seems to be the real agenda for this institute not peace. They, too, do not mention anything about the Supreme Leader having the power to remove members of the Assembly of Experts.

<http://iranprimer.usip.org/resource/assembly-experts>

According to Article 110 of the Iranian constitution, the power of the Supreme Leader are as follows:

Following are the duties and powers of the Leadership:

1. Delineation of the general policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran after consultation with the Nation's Exigency Council.
2. Supervision over the proper execution of the general policies of the system.
3. Issuing decrees for national referenda.
4. Assuming supreme command of the armed forces.
5. Declaration of war and peace, and the mobilization of the armed forces.
6. Appointment, dismissal, and acceptance of resignation of:
 1. the fuqaha' on the Guardian Council.

- 2.the supreme judicial authority of the country.
- 3.the head of the radio and television network of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 4.the chief of the joint staff.
- 5.the chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.
- 6.the supreme commanders of the armed forces.
- 7.Resolving differences between the three wings of the armed forces and regulation of their relations.
- 8.Resolving the problems, which cannot be solved by conventional methods, through the Nation's Exigency Council.
- 9.Signing the decree formalizing the election of the President of the Republic by the people. The suitability of candidates for the Presidency of the Republic, with respect to the qualifications specified in the Constitution, must be confirmed before elections take place by the Guardian Council;, and, in the case of the first term [of the Presidency], by the Leadership;
- 10.Dismissal of the' President of the Republic, with due regard for the interests of the country, after the Supreme Court holds him guilty of the violation of his constitutional duties, or after a vote of the Islamic Consultative Assembly testifying to his incompetence on the basis of Article 89 of the Constitution.
- 11.Pardoning or reducing the sentences of convicts, within the framework of Islamic criteria, on a recommendation [to that effect] from the Head of judicial power. The Leader may delegate part of his duties and powers to another person.

So there you have it Greg. The body that has the authority to remove the Supreme Leader of Iran is directly elected by the Iranian people.

I'm sorely disappointed. You would think that the F.B.I. would have agents who would be more knowledgeable about basic stuff like this. Kinda sad. I wish the F.B.I. would stop harassing me. I have never done anything illegal, and they know it. But, if they are going to harass me, I would hope that I could talk to people who would be a little more up to date on basic stuff. Just saying.

I have to add, that everyone is very polite and courteous. I appreciate that. But, I can't help having the sinking feeling that the agents don't give a damn about me and are looking for any opportunity to get me in trouble. They are asking me the same questions over and over, hoping I contradict myself. Its a very unsettling and frightening process. They claim they are just "information collectors." I hope thats the case. I just wish I weren't harassed. It's not fun. It won't stop me speaking my mind either.

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