

Analyzing the reason of Iran unrest in January 2018

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Abstract

In January 2018, some people demonstrated violent protests and demands in various cities of the country which seems began suddenly and confronted most of political analyzers and activists with this question that why and how these unrest began? By reviewing historical evolutions of country and world, it reveals that these events haven't as surprising and sudden, but also these could be predicted in various ways. But, unfortunately, as many other issues, ignorance of social measures or the arbitrary justifying and analyzing results of these measures, have led to ignorance of predictions. In this paper, by checking contextual unrest reasons and factors and using analytical approach of partial deprivation, we address to this fact that why and how this event happened.

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Statement of problem:

In January 2018, what happened in revolt of Tehran and other cities of Iran, has total similarity with events of 60s in US and of course, our revolts in 70s and 80s in theoretic area, where due to special differences and ground, it could be understood better.

According to assertion of Iran judiciary spokesman: “there were people who been arrested as riot leaders after assertion of Ministry of Information, 622 of them were under pre-trial detention order, some of those had been freed and until this high noon, in Tehran, only 55 individuals are under detention, and throughout the country, 455 individuals were under detention until yesterday.” (Ezheie, 2018)

Tendency to violent action is some part of biological human construct, and there is biological and essential tendency to attack frustration factor (Gar, Robert, 1998, p. 64). According to results of ISPA poll, about assembly in January 2018, to this question that does are you satisfied in this condition? the answer of 25 percent of attendants in this poll was yes, and answer of 74.8 percent was no. 48 percent of those whose answer was no, for answering another question that do you like to attend in assembly, asserted that they don't attend in assembly in any condition, and 41 percent also believed that they would attend in that assembly, if it hold peaceful (Aghasi, 2017).

Ahmad Tavakoli conceived ignorance of respondents about posed demands in the society as one of the reasons of assembly in January 2018, and pointed out: those who been robbed by financial institutes established unjustifiably, have been tortured by respondents' ignorance. They have assembled in front of triple branches many day, but have been ignored. In the end of his speech, he highlighted: in total, due to the result of polls, next condition of the country is still hopeful, and we can change the situation (alarming results of the polls about protests in January 2018).

Criminologists believe that income inequality in various societies produces pressure and increases crime. Because the main break between poor and wealthy creates vindictiveness and distrust and also leads to violence and crime. In societies income inequality has been increased, some kind of contempt and humiliation makes criminal motivations in poor people. Psychologists noted that in his condition, young men become worry about their situation, in result, envy those are in suitable situation. If they cannot use violent and risky ways in social comparisons, have less chance to next successes. So, most of them commit crime and violence. This process is called as partial deprivation theory (Dolatshahi & Hosseini, 2014, p. 127).

Recent events can be checked with different analytical approaches, but maybe one of the efficient approaches would be looking from social psychologists perspective. The theories raised out of wide revolts in 60S in US forced Gar and Fireaband to offer analysis that why those events have been happened.

In spite of Iranian theorists who experienced big revolts in Mashhad, Eslamshahr and Mianeh in 1990 or Koy-e-Daneshgah Tehran in 1999 or bigger revolt such as events in 2009, and without offering deep and comprehensive analysis, attributed these to some political tensions, these theorists analyzed US events and conceived the most factor of street revolts as psychological factors and resulted from partial deprivation. For those, the main reason of genesis of violent

civil conflict and struggle is resulted from break and difference between expectation value and group capacities value.

The Leader of ISPA stating that almost 80 percent of attendants in economical discussion poll consider these issues as the most important reasons of dissatisfaction from current condition, asserted: ISPA inquisitors posed this question “what demonstration and violence stem from?” 31 percent of attendants in this poll asserted that demonstration was spontaneous and resulted from improper condition. 26.4 percent believed that demonstration has been organized by some internal forces (Aghasi, 2017).

For Gar, expectation value is some group of goods and life condition in which people found themselves, and also capacities value must be searched in social and physical environments and people want to achieve values which legally and lawfully required.

Ashena, the leader of president strategic checking institute, asserted: protest in January is economical, but its sub-layer is political and social; although poll responders mostly conceives economical demands as of the main individuals in demonstration, when we analyze attendants in demonstration, we see the most slogans are political and social ones (Ashena, 2017).

In other words, when people use special possibilities lawfully in a certain social environment, but if been deprived for any reasons, they committed civil violent struggle which is resulted from break between their demand and expectations. The more partial deprivation increases, violence increases too.

Revolt

This word and similar words such as: uprising, turbulence and rise are temporal movements or actions with different nature and range which sometimes would be premise of revolutionary movement, and in most times, they have no people accompany, new alternative ideology and a plan for changing political and social institutes. Many revolts rise and subside quickly (Majidi, 2003).

Revolt, maybe make changes in politics, leadership or social political institutes; but doesn't alter dominant political structure and values; because revolt purpose is only change such as, rather than considering an alternative (Mohammadi, 1991).

Philip M. Gerald, former expert of anti-terrorism office in central organization of US information and experienced information officer of this country who missioned I Turkey, Italy, Germany and Spain for 18 years, has referred to Iran recent unrest, and asserted his expert view about roots and factors of these events. Philip Gerald, first states two main narrations of these events and then, address to offering his political-informational analysis: 1- There is a wide dissatisfaction about state' economic mismanagement that especially has damaged poor classes.

Philip says this narration is not state's ideal. 2- Now, we see repetition of events in 1953 and Mosaddegh's downfall which is managed by CIA and MI6 (Gerald, 2017).

Due to expectations, people subjectively maybe feel they are being deprived, provided that objective observers reconsider them as needful. Thus, those are in a situation which is maximum level of poverty or absolute deprivation from observer view, don't reconsider it unjust or inevitable (Gar, Robert, 1998, p. 54).

Partial deprivation theory

This term first is promoted as subjective concept and then as objective concept – with quite different meanings. People can feel they are being deprived in comparison with expected condition and situation. Instead, people maybe being deprived: this is, their condition would be worse than of others sensibly and certainly. First, people feeling or a behavior resulted from feeling, could be seem surprising, and even irrational (Tawenzend, 2018).

The sense of partial deprivation is posed by some sociologists such as Judith Blaw and Peter Blaw (1982). They have composited some concepts from Anomie theory by means of some concepts in social un-organization models. According them, low class people maybe feel they are being deprived in comparison with wealthy people. This feeling being deprived has led to unjust and dissatisfaction, and developed distrust. In result, their development opportunity is blocked by legal measures and makes them unable, so results to enmity, aggression, and finally violence and crime (Mobaraki, 2004, p. 74).

Descending deprivation: in which, expectation value become almost fixed; but it seems that capacities value are decreasing. Because of losing possessions, humans are anger and feel being deprived, if refer to condition. This condition maybe produced by decreasing material goods, decreasing political experts' abilities in providing order or resolving external governance crises and... (Gar, 2000, p. 80-81).

Ascending increasing deprivation: this kind of deprivation is accompanied with increasing expectations and in same time, decreasing capacities or facilities. Increasing or ascending deprivation is some generated type of offered model by Davis who posed it under title of "j" diagram. This model could be considered as certain model of partial privation resulted from arrogance in which, long term and continued improvement of condition of human value produces expectations for continuance of this improvement. If capacities value becomes same or decreased, ascending or progressive deprivation is resulted (Gar, 2000, p. 87).

Robert Gar in ethnics and governments named three discriminations: economic discrimination (when members of an ethnic group become limited in accessing to goods or proper economic situation or post); political discrimination (when a group discriminated politically whose members would be deprived in applying own political rights or accessing to official and political posts in comparison with other social groups systematically); cultural discrimination (when a

group is under cultural discrimination whose members would be limited in proceeding cultural interests or expressing and applying own cultural traditions and values) (Ghasemi, 2002, p. 129).

Revolt grounds:

Partial deprivation means understanding difference between expectation value and individuals' capacities value, it could be designed by a leader or referent group (Ideology) and referring to other groups, based on comparing individual's condition with his past, abstract admirations or measures (Gar, Robert, 1998, p. 54).

"Alireza Beheshti", reformer figure and one of the disturbance activists in 2009, in annual assembly of Islamic association students recently stated: in current situation, we see that our system involved in two crises; one, efficiency and two, authority! According to ISNA, he added: "corruption has paralyzed us. But, how inefficiency and corruption do this with society? There are many factors, but, deciding system that must be formed according to common intellectualization, and when leads to individual decision making, at least, will be unable". Stating that common intellectualization is universal decision making, Beheshti also stated: this has reached to (both) formed intellectualization and modern society (Beheshti, 2017).

By reviewing last events till today, one can find several assembled common elements which frequently have attracted analyzers' attention. They include political, economic and also psychological and social factors:

- 1) Social break resulted from events in 2009 which divided society to two social rages and developed to family level. Although the break has no difference in Islam totality, revolution and system, but opens as posing political delimit and shows itself in tense form. In spite of continuing its various elements, this break of social integration not only has not improved but also deteriorated, and has led to common distrust and has decreased system's social asset.
- 2) Increasing expectation from campaign promises has affected on people social tendencies considerably and heartened them fantastically for prosperous future. Some matters such as direct and immediate Barjam effect on people life and livelihood, expecting decreasing Dollar price, increasing society financial capacity and also fantasy of effect of relation and negotiation with US on usual society life and disappointment resulted from exploding this bubble, made wide privation in common minds which is implied by regret waves in recent weeks.
- 3) Appropriation bill in 2018, and predicting the increasing price of some goods and services which are represented in increasingly form in media space, and manipulated society common ideas, especially disappointment classes. They not only weren't expect better future, but reconsidered themselves as unhappier and losers than in the past, in result, increasing some necessary items before 2018, alarmed them to protest quickly.
- 4) New demands in the media area based on clearing budget represent by offering appropriation bill in 2018, and confronted with media and common demands, official and

unofficial supports of some native groups to pressure on rival political part and scoring them. By magnifying budget of various organizations and institutes and promoting this belief that their inability in the social life, the demands disappointed them, and show own results every night in attack and firing these institutions.

- 5) Ignorance of Islamic republic politics and major measures in various scopes, especially national security in one hand, and designed destructive system against these measures in media area and satellite and virtual channels and... that would like to stop these measures, ignorance of describing and justifying them for this common belief that some system measures are not only necessary, but opposed to national interests. For example, attending Iran in supporting liberator movements and resistance in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen is expendable for others, and they believe the poor country shouldn't pay other countries.
- 6) Clear medium stimulations, especially in social networks, have been led to goals opposed to system, without proper management, only with optimism regard to its past full of success in campaign and politic areas. Today, the medium plays this role better than past and forced the government to limit it, in spite of its promises, and this makes them disappointment and leads them to utilize alternative media and accessible anti-filters by the enemies, they not only have no positive effects, but decrease social asset.
- 7) Occurrence of earthquakes recently, charges mental load in the society and developed fear and anxiety in one hand, and medium representation reconsiders way of management and system operation in addressing victims of Kermanshah earthquake and... as inefficient, and conceive some part of its nation as shelterless and wretched, and come to anxiety and excitement treatments.

Revolt actors:

By reviewing picture of attendants in demonstration, one can find that these revolts are teenager event that mostly includes individuals between 14 and 24 years.

The main feature of this group is this fact that they are overcome by extreme feelings, having no theoretical foundation and analysis of events, excitement treatment, wide aspiration, sensibility resulted from treatment ways and high sensibility.

Stating some features and complexity of effective factors on unrest in last January as one another direction of reports by ministry of interior, Hossein Zolfaghari; the secretary of state security board and security-disciplinary assistant of Iran ministry of interior, detailed age and education of protests and said: 59 percent of checked individuals in the demonstration are under diploma and diploma, 26 percent are unknown, 14 percent are master and 1 percent has higher degree. Also, 84 percent are under 35 and without secure history (Zolfaghari, 2018).

As we remember, ISIS targeted those in this age, and utilized them to gain its goals, they are ready for Hollywood gestures and can do some actions quickly that adult ones cannot.

A Pakistani diplomat asserted that after disturbance in last January in Iran, provoking and utilizing situation, Americans asked Pakistani authorities to let them enter Iran territory and to support them. This demand is certainly accepted by Pakistani authorities (Mashregh news, 2017). In another hand, the main active elements of these events is instructed one that entered demonstration easily, doing charming shows for teenagers, seized protestation and field leadership of teenagers, and utilizing teenagers' raw feelings, can set up a big disaster.

Conclusion of processology of revolt

One can analyze protestations properly by means of experience of last revolts. In our country historical experience, we experienced three main groups of protestations included one, Mianeh in 1990, and Mashhad events and Eslamshahr, and two, Koy-e-Daneshgah in 1999 and three, events in 2009 and there are differences between them.

First group of protestation was of society's poor class and their demands were bread and economic security, which has not focused leadership and was, followed clear demands. Second group (1999), had managed and focused union-political approach, which is begins from intellectual and middle classes and developed little.

Third group was extensive guided political flow which has certain leadership and has been supported financially, politically and even militarily from beyond of boundaries, and society middle classes begun it and developed it in various levels of society.

What is happened today, although is similar with three cases, but has differences? The last revolts, although begun by poor classes or their demands, remained in this class, and have transmitted to other classes, so only one day after their starting, one can find various beliefs, interpretations and classes.

These revolts, although has no focused leadership and principles, and aren't guided, but their elementary demands are not politic, so they have differences with second group clearly. It seems that before some analyzer said, we witness finite revolt that is corresponded with people treatment in Arabic spring.

In this pattern, a social network is background of guidance and management of revolts, develops film and picture of own protests, and the official and unofficial support by internal and external institutes, without clear operational goals, have developed revolt, and utilizing psycho climate, and overcoming sensual space, especially by means of sensual calcination of poor people such as vendors or some classes such as students, especially girls, they protest. And due to revenge, they develop revolt, arming insider forces, seize it, and finally lead t, if there are marked groups of opposition, and scarify them later, and develop internal war, if there are dominant politic groups. Hence, current groups neither have depth and broadness, nor are reconsidered as serious danger. Without medium area and ignorance of social networks, considering its results, improper strategy and social networks can develop destruction process quickly and would become wide revolt.

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