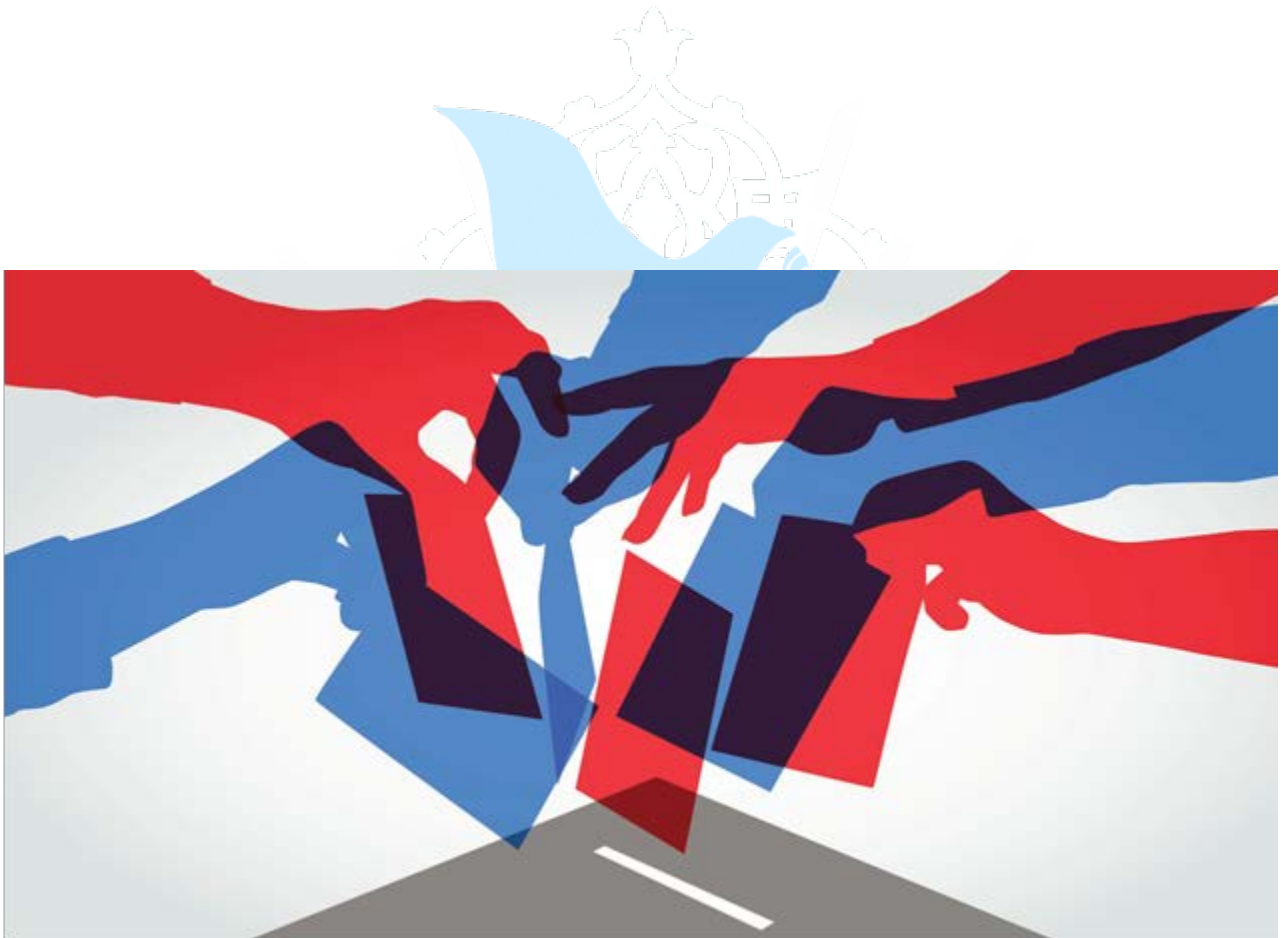


# Indexes of “Freedom of Expression” in Iran (Political)



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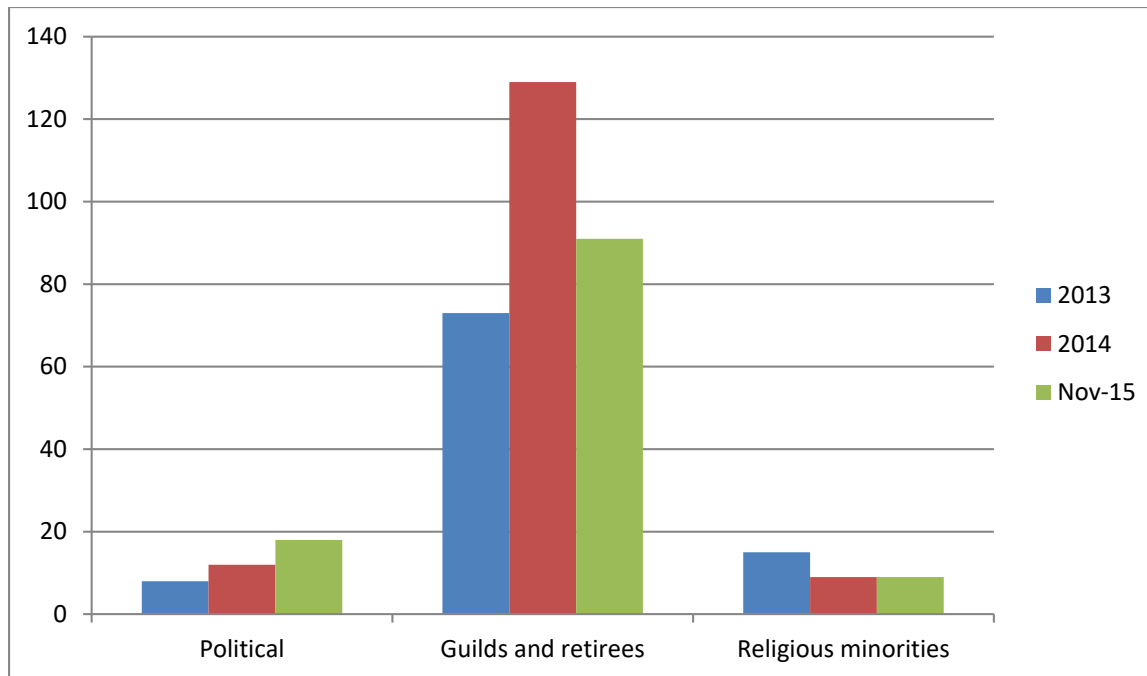
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## A. The political parties, associations

Freedom of the parties is signs of political freedom in society which has always been the opinion of political thinkers. The groups, organizations, parties, associations and other civil institutions seek legal freedom . Freedom of assembly and demonstration is one of the symbols of democracy that people can communicate between people and authorities by practical participation and direct attendance on the scene. According to Article 26 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, The political parties, associations and trade unions, Islamic associations, or associations of the recognized religious minorities are free to exist on the condition that they do not negate the principles of independence, freedom, national unity, Islamic criterion, and the foundation of the Islamic Republic. No one can be prevented from participation in these gatherings or forced to participate in one of them.

### Number of parties and associations (October 2013 to November 2015)

Details		Statistic		
Types of parties		Number		
		2013	2014	November 2015
Political	Establishment	4	8	12
	License	4	4	6
Guilds and retirees	Establishment	11	44	19
	License	12	11	16
	Extended	50	74	56
Religious minorities	Establishment	No information	No information	1
	Extended	15	9	9

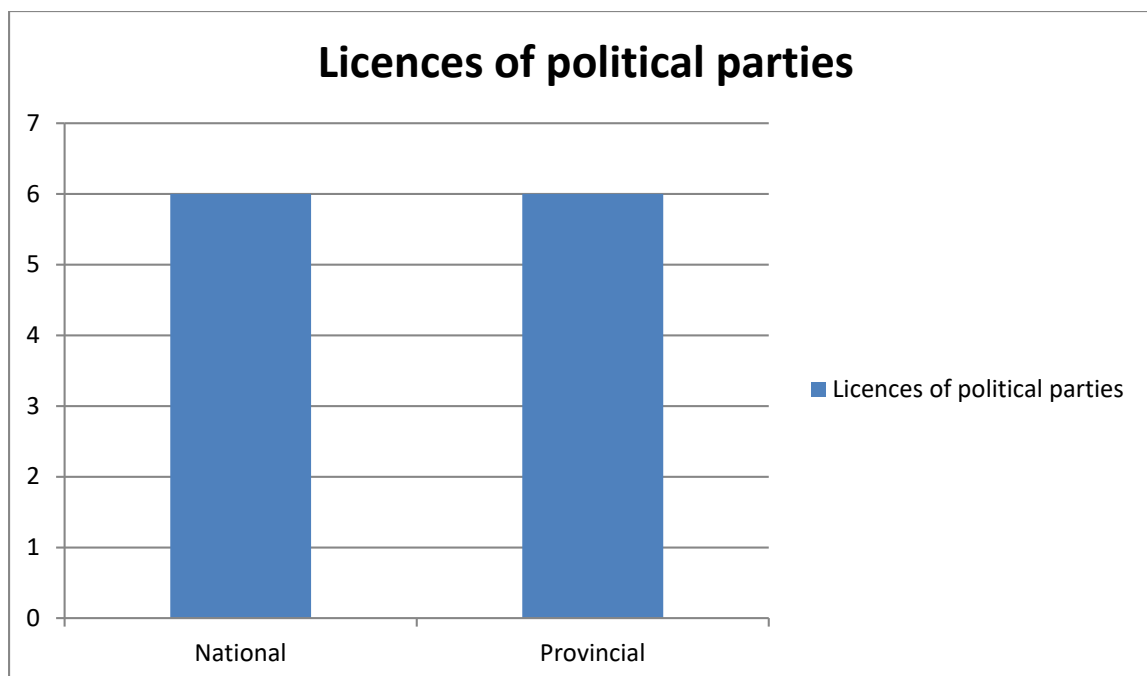


On the other, 12 political parties have received permission to work in 2015 and 2016 (9 months), They are six national parties and six provincial parties.

#### Licences of political parties in 2015 and 2016 and scope of activity

Details	Statistic
Scope of activity	Number
National	6
Provincial	6

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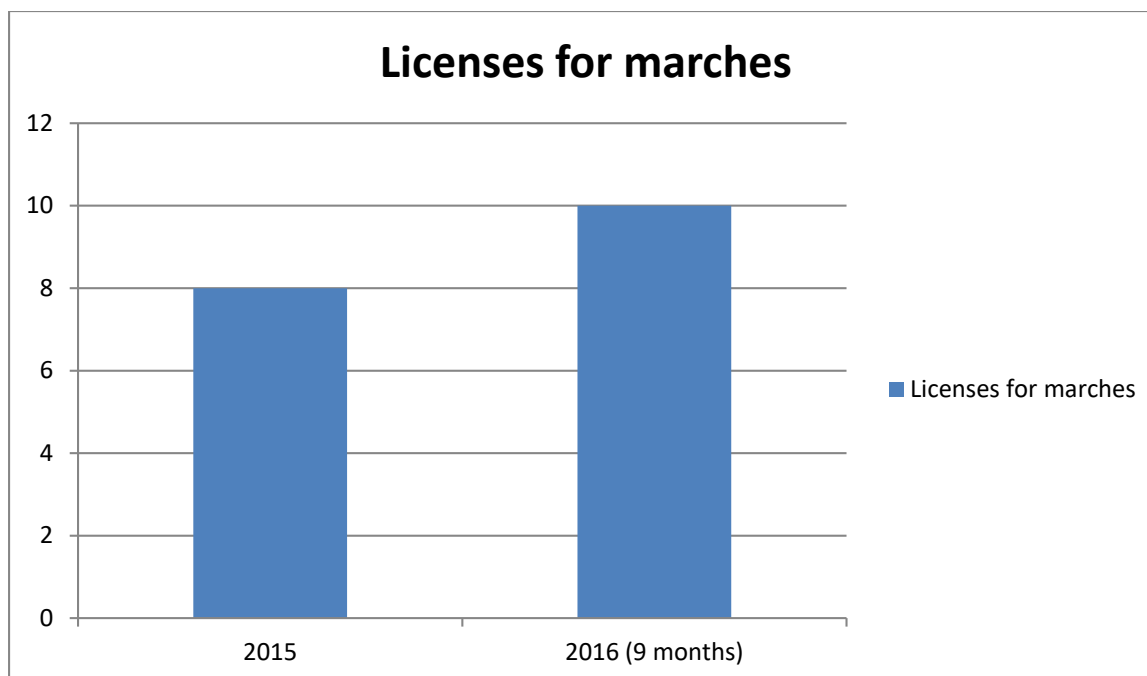


#### B - Public gatherings and marches by licensed

Based on Article 27 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, public gatherings and marches are allowed so long as the participants do not carry arms and are not in violation of the fundamental principles of Islam. According to this principle, The licenses are issued for gatherings and various marches, foreign and international annually. In accordance with Article 26 of the Constitution, Article 131 of the Labor Code, the political parties, associations has been identified.

#### Licenses for marches (2015 and 2016 (9 months))

Details	Statistic		
Title	Number		
Licenses for marches	2015	2016 (9 months)	Total
	8	10	18

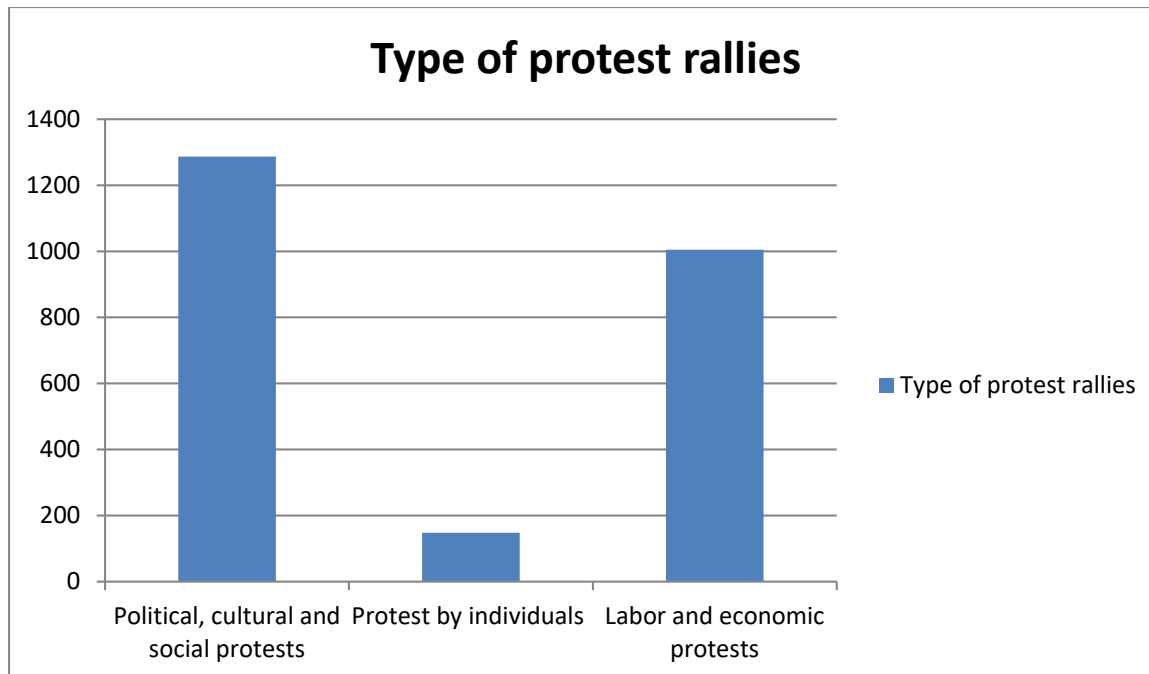


The following table is a sample of protest rallies in recent years:

Details	Statistic
Type of protest rallies	Number
Political, cultural and social protests	1287
Protest by individuals or opposition groups	148
Labor and economic protests	1005
Total	2440

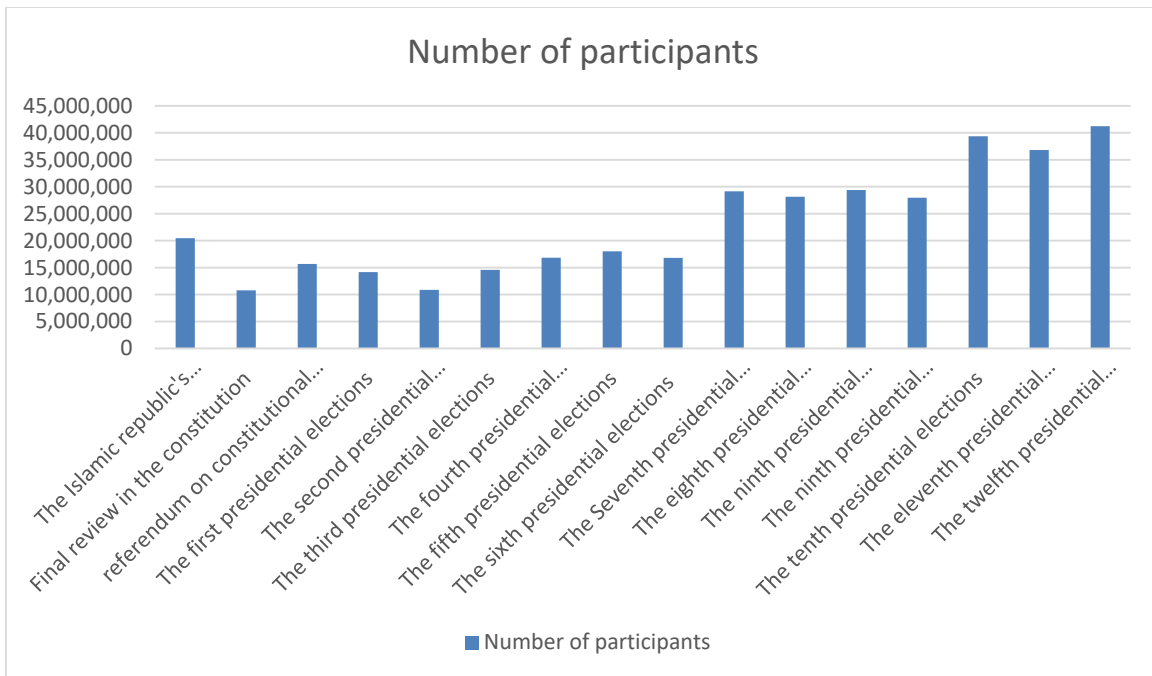
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### C- Holding free, fair elections

On elections and freedom of expression, can be analyzed, elections is a method that has been recognized by nations on the basis of the actions and implementation of those governments. Important and executive members of the Government's Political Structure have been selected by people to maintain and preserve the aspirations and goals of the community through direct or indirect methods. Elections in democratic systems are a routine change in the governing body and power transfer. Actually, elections as a tool can determine the share of people in the political system and social governance. In the Islamic Republic of Iran, the most important institutions of government are created by direct or indirect vote of the people.



### D-Political debate

The most important effect of freedom of expression can be found in the debate. Two thinkers with different thoughts and sometimes contradictory have to sit in front of each other and express your thoughts enthusiastically and freely because of achieve the result. People are watching this debate and conversation live. Judging on the debate is completely outside and is determined by "external observers". If a large number of observers debate conclude that one of the parties has failed in the debate. Nobody can not say: "No, you do not know! I know I was the winner of this debate! " In fact, The meaning of freedom of expression in the debate can be understood by this verse, which the Lord said: "Listen to all the words and choose the best."

### Presidential Election Debates in IRIB

Details		Statistic	
Presidential debate	Topic	Date	
		2017	2013
The first presidential debate	Economic	April 28	May 31
The second presidential debate	Cultural-social	May 5	June 5
The third presidential debate	Political	May 9	June 7

### The content of the debates IRIB (daily)

Details	Statistic
The content of the debates	Channel
Economic - social	1
Cultural - Religious	2
Cinema - critical - Sports	3
Scientific-historical	4
Youth and family	5
Economic - political	6

### E- Meeting of people and authorities

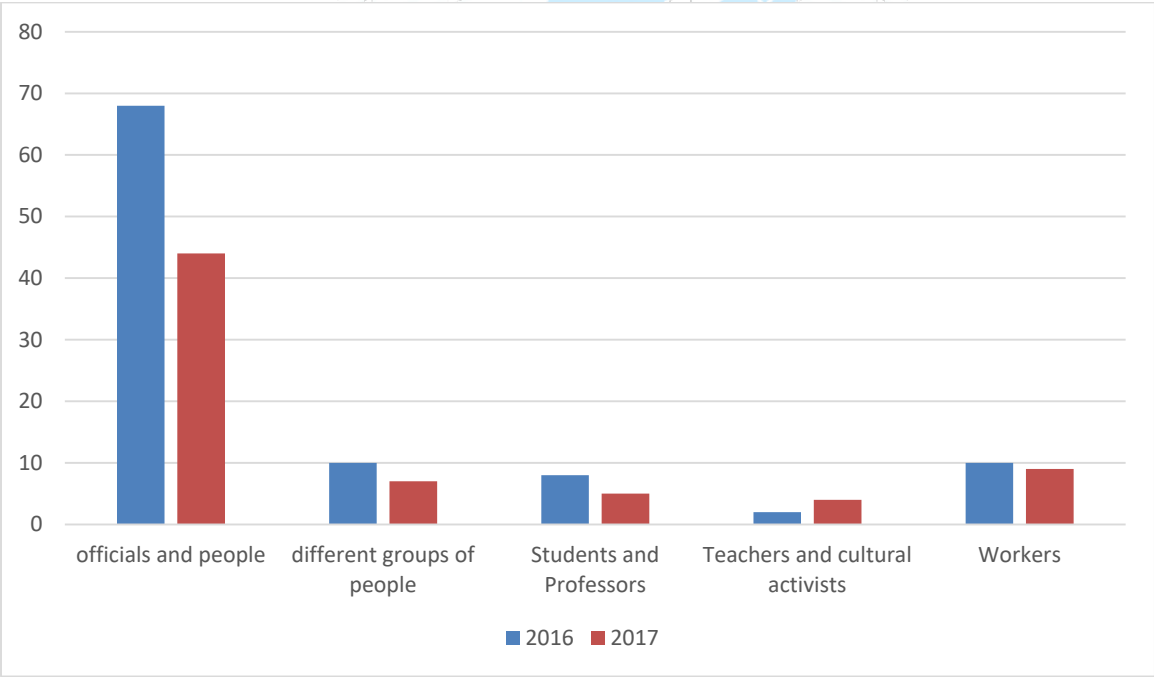
One of the most important indicators of freedom of expression in every society is interaction of people and high-ranking officials. Because people should be supervised on how to do services in their country and be informed how the community executives work. They can ask them and the authorities must also answer. People should be able to express their criticisms and suggestions of the situation in the community. One of the symptoms of this in the Islamic Republic of Iran is direct meetings of the different groups of the society with the Supreme Leader that from the beginning to now hold extensively and regularly.

### Meeting of People and the Supreme Leader

Details	Statistic	
	Number	
Meetings	2016	2017 (The first nine months of the year)
	68	44
All meetings of officials and people	68	44
Meetings with different groups of people	More than 10	More than 5



Meetings with People	Students and Professors	More than ^	5
	Teachers and cultural activists	2	4
	Workers and ...	More than 10	9



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