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‘Most Iranians would oust nuke program’

A majority of Iranians would support dismantling their country’s nuclear program in exchange for a full removal of sanctions against Iran, according to an Israeli survey.

The poll of Iranian citizens, conducted in May and June by the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, found 54 percent of respondents would support Iran dismantling its nuclear program in exchange for world powers lifting sanctions against Iran. As well, 45% would support removing Iran’s capability to produce nuclear weapons in the future in exchange for lifting sanctions.

Approximately 40% of the poll’s 529 respondents said the United States was Iran’s greatest enemy, followed by Israel at nearly 32%. Nearly three-quarters of respondents, though, want Iran to establish diplomatic relations with the US, and 40% would support Iranian recognition of Israel if Israel withdraws from the Palestinian territories and signs a peace deal with the Palestinians. (JTA)