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Resolution | [Cypriot House of Representatives' Resolution of Solidarity and Support for the Women of Iran](#) (in the original Greek version)

A Cypriot resolution condemning violent measures taken by the Iranian security forces in response to protesters. The resolution expresses support for Iranian women and protesters and urges respect for all human rights and greater condemnation of Iran by the international community.

Please click [here](#) to access the unofficial English translation.

Resolution | [Resolution of the Italian Parliament on the State of Human Rights in Iran](#) (in the original Italian version)

Resolution of the Committee for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Italian Parliament promoting dialogue with organizations committed to the defense of human rights in Iran.

Article | [The Case of Oliver Vandecasteele](#)

An article outlining the case of Oliver Vandecasteele and detailing the prisoner swap the Iranian and Belgian governments agreed to.

Book | [The Political Brain: The Role of Emotion in Deciding the Fate of the Nation](#) (by Drew Westen)

A book investigating the role of emotion in elections. The book analyzes the history of American elections and how emotions prevail over reasoning when voters select candidates.

Report | [The Venice Commission Report on Electoral Thresholds](#)

This report observes restrictions to accessing parliament specifically focusing on the impact of electoral thresholds. The report compares the effects that higher and lower electoral thresholds have in different states and provides recommendations on how to create a fairer electoral system by balancing electoral thresholds.