



# IRAN POST REVOLUTION AND 9/11

2001-2013

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# THE REGIME

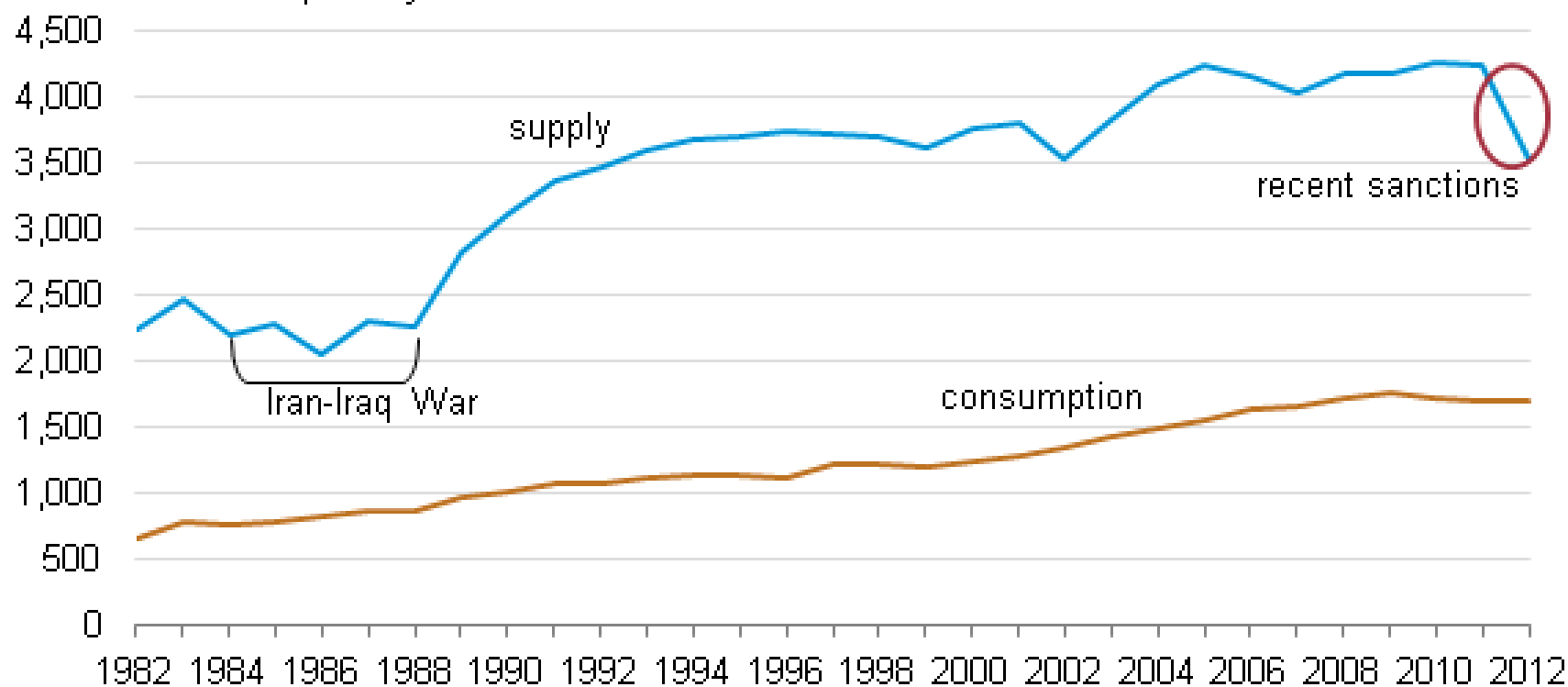
- After the revolution...
- Devolutionized → incredibly decentralized.
- Still had a unitary state.
- Not very centralized government (initially)
  - Secular & Religious all fighting for power
  - Islamic Republican Party (IRP)

# THE ECONOMY

- International petroleum prices rose
  - \$30 to \$50 a barrel
  - Helped finance development and help the rural aread with
    - Electricity
    - Plumbing
    - Television and telephones
    - Medical clinics
- But then 1998, the prices dropped to less than \$10 (economic development stopped)
- Still a rentier state

## Iran's total supply and consumption of oil (1982-2012)

thousand barrels per day



# AFTER 9/11

- America and Iran both have a control on each others economy:

America	Iran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to put economic pressure: embargos and the UN SC</li><li>• Persuade other nations to not invest in Iran's developments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Still is one of the world's largest petroleum exporters</li><li>• Threaten to raise oil prices up to \$200</li></ul>

# THE LEADERS

- Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
  - Opposed by the clerics
  - Hezbollahis tried to scare people from voting
  - Supported by the hojjat al-Islams (clergymen)
  - Founded the IRP which beat out the competition
  - Established a Revolutionary council (conflicts with the cabinet)
  - Pasdaran
  - Develop civil society and the country's infrastructure
- Ali Khamenei
  - Lacked the charismatic legitimacy



# THE CHANGE

- Now there were more political parties
- More democratic
- Theocratic constitution
  - Both a liberal and a conservative.

Liberals	Conservative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public participation</li><li>• Political pluralism</li><li>• Populism</li><li>• Civil society</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clerical domination</li><li>• Social conformity</li><li>• Fundamentalism</li><li>• State authority</li></ul>

# AFTER 9/11: RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.

- Both had a common enemies: Taliban and Saddam Hussein
- Iran helped the U.S.
- 2003: bargain to negotiate differences (including nuclear program)
  - President Bush “Axis of Evil”: accused Iran of building nuclear weapons and arming terrorist groups
  - Wipe out their nuclear plants
  - Facilitated Ahmadinejad’s election

America	Iran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has the military upper hand</li><li>• Regional allies have better militaries too</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Too big to be occupied by the U.S.</li><li>• Has a monopoly over oil prices</li><li>• Has control over U.S. positions in Baghdad and Kabul</li></ul>



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