

Iran and Twitter

Statistics and Stories from the Frontlines



Twitter Revolution/Schmevolution

- Maximillian Forte of Open Anthropology makes claims based on “a sample of 1,280 tweets” ranging from 13 June to 17 June.
- Noam Cohen, from the New York Times, briefly investigates only one user, mousavi1388, for one day: 16 June.
- The Atlantic, Time, Technology Review....



Webcology's Dataset

- From 7 June 2009 until 26 June 2009 we have recorded 2,024,166 tweets about the election in Iran
- Approximately 480,000 users have contributed to this conversation alone
- 59.3% of users tweet just once, and these users contribute 14.1% of the total number
- The top 10% of users in our study account for 65.5% of total tweets
- 1 in 4 tweets about Iran is a retweet of another user's content



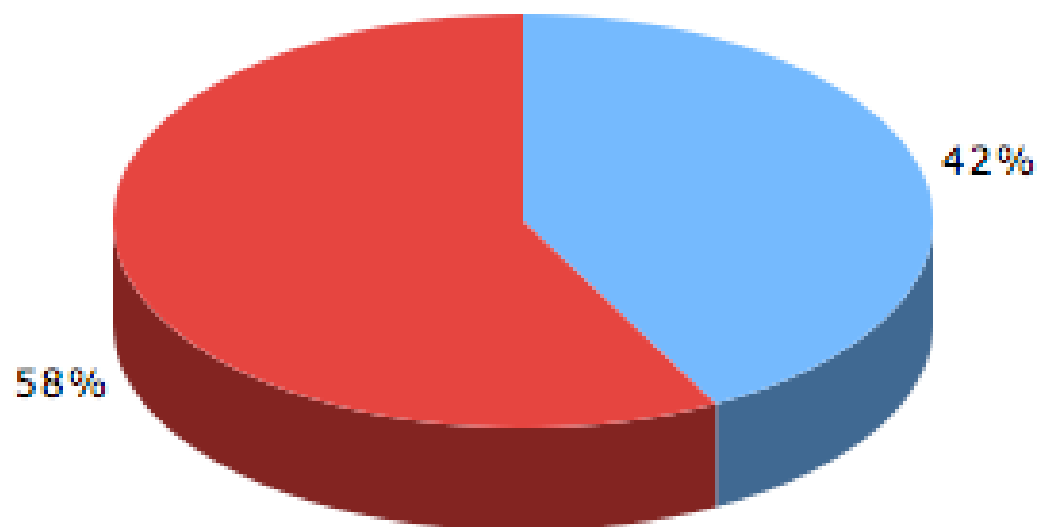
Search Terms Used

- Total tweets accumulated in this study, by term:
 - ahmadinejad - 1765 tweets
 - basij - 3295 tweets
 - gr88 - 151038 tweets
 - iran - 903193 tweets
 - iranelection - 857401 tweets
 - iranian - 9929 tweets
 - khameni - 1409 tweets
 - mousavi - 16970 tweets
 - mousavi1388 - 325 tweets
 - neda - 97872 tweets
 - rafsanjani - 77 tweets
 - tehran - 85019 tweets

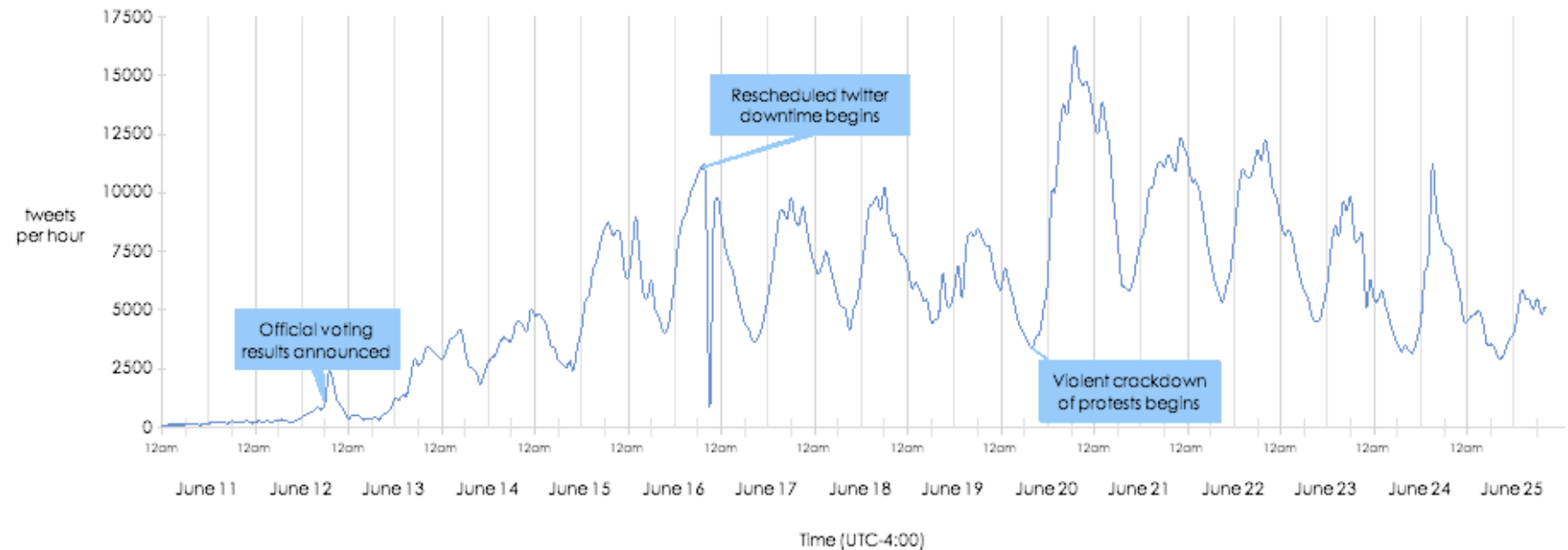


#iranelection

- Relevant tweets containing "#iranelection"
- Relevant tweets NOT containing "#iranelection"



Tweets Spike as Violent Protests Begin



Austin Heap: He Did Something

- <http://twitter.com/austinheap>
- [Tweeting the Revolution](#)

