In the 1970s, oil revenues increased, the economy developed rapidly but unevenly, and the state's expanded intervention undermined market forces and politicized capital accumulation. Systematic repression of workers, aid to the upper class, and attacks on secular and religious opposition showed that the state was serving the interests of particular groups. When the state tried to check high inflation by imposing price controls on bazaaris (merchants, shopkeepers, artisans), their response was violent, leading to a series of protests and strikes. The 1979 revolution was triggered by a combination of factors, including political repression, economic hardship, and unrest among workers and students. The revolution was led by a coalition of Islamists and nationalists, who sought to overthrow the Shah and establish a theocratic state. The Islamic Republic was established in 1979, and the Ayatollah Khomeini became the Supreme Leader. The revolution had profound implications for Iran and the wider region, leading to increased tensions with Western powers and the United States, and contributing to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism as a political force in the Middle East. The revolution also ushered in a period of social and political upheaval, with significant changes in Iran's political, economic, and cultural landscape. The revolution had far-reaching consequences for Iran and the wider region, shaping the course of Middle East politics for decades to come. The Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution

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