





hard soft

● politics

family

religion

U.S.

religion

Iran

STRENGTH OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- Social institutions can be judged as **hard** or **soft** depending on the amount of power they wield relative to other institutions.
- For instance, **politics** is a more powerful institution than **family** or **religion** in the **U.S.**, while **religion** is as powerful as politics in a theocracy like **Iran**.

AFTER TODAY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE
TO EXPLAIN:



