

WHY SEATTLE IS SO MUCH MORE PODUNK THAN TEHRAN

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I moved to America with a transit to Los Angeles a long bus trip to Atlanta, then to New York, where I attended high school from 1987-1991. All my classmates and friends were Jewish, Italian, Guyanese, Hispanic, Irish, etc. I was never racially oriented from my early life. I lived in Manhattan, Cambridge between Harvard and MIT, and then San Francisco, each a great and illustrious city. I consider Seattle to be thoroughly podunk. I will therefore show you how much Seattle is podunk compared to Tehran, Iran.

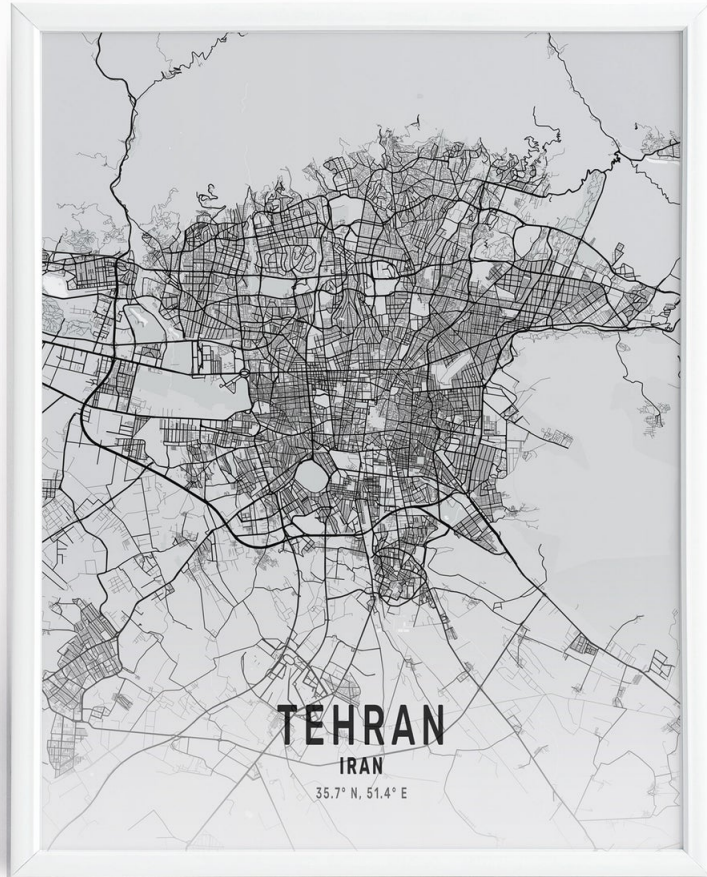
First of all in 1796 population of Tehran was 15,000. Almost a century later, in 1870, Seattle population was a measly 4,178. That by itself makes some of the gas stations in outskirts of San Francisco more urban than Seattle. In 1869 Tehran expanded by Naser al-Din Shah with a population of 155,000. So Tehran was literally 37 times larger in population. This number is so large that one can use it as the universal metric of 'podunk'. In 1870 already, Seattle was so podunk compared to Tehran that we can use this as the measure of podunkness.

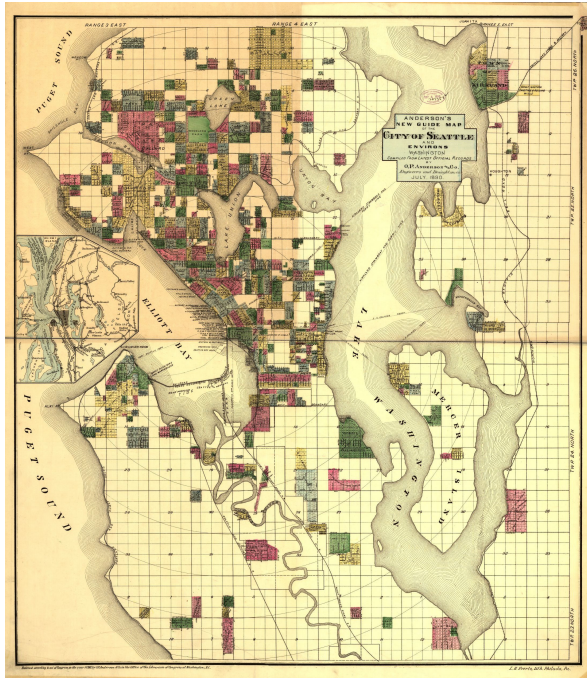
Now Bill Gates is from Seattle. He's hillbilly to the very core. I am only 1/8 Persian, but I will endeavour to show you, dear reader, that Bill Gates is by his history and nature infinitely more provincial, more podunk, more uncultured, than any ordinary man from any good family in Tehran.

1. BILL GATES' LACK OF CULTURE IS MONUMENTAL

In meta Bill Gates was quite convinced that Rainer Maria Rilke's poetry was words thrown together haphazardly. I have never met in my entire life any man from Tehran of any good family who would have the necessary lack of refinement to make such an absurd proclamation. I was familiar and fond of William Blake during my high school years, the predecessor of the three great English Romantics, the greatest of them Percy Bysshe Shelley, and then John Keats and Lord Byron. But it was not they but the great Persian genius, Avicenna – Ibn-Sina – who had formulated the theory of romantic love between 1000-1100 AD, which crossed over via Crusades to West and produced the entire Courtly Romance for before Avicenna no one had ever considered the ennobling qualities of Romantic Love. And this then later led to production of characters like Sir Lancelot in the Arthurian Romances. It thus stands to reason that Bill Gates' lack of culture is in part due to his home city, Seattle, which was podunk to Tehran.

2. MAPS





The maps will tell you the story without words. Tehran is an organic city with real history while Seattle is just a Gold Rush town on the Pacific that just accomodated some people in an artificial manner. The cultural history of Seattle is virtually nonexistent compared to the illustrious one of Tehran. Today some 16 million people live in Tehran, and by comparison, Seattle has 606,680 people. It is literally 26 times smaller than Tehran in population. It is so unbelievably podunk that they probably think that a chair made in 1960 is antique! Hahahahaha! A chair made in 1960 is 'antique' in Seattle!