

MEDIA CHALLENGES IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN EGYPT

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What is the political situation now in Egypt?

- A popular revolution started in 25 January 2011 and followed by
 - Some small and medium revolutionary waves followed (2011-2012)
 - 30 June was a massive uprising by millions of Egyptians supported and backed by a military coup d'état
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What About The Media?

- After 25 January, Media in Egypt was enjoying and sometimes “abusing” Freedom of expression
 - Media was the mirror were the society saw its ugly face...but this mirror was sometimes “Real” and sometimes “distorted”
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Can the Media be objective?

- Media “should be” objective and give the news impartially without “fear” or “favor”
 - The Media doesn't make the story BUT it reflects what its consumers want (Liberal, Islamic, communist)
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Media Challenges in Egypt

- From the beginning of the Egyptian revolution, 9 journalists were killed, tens others were injured and/or arrested
 - Three Egyptian journalists have all been tried by military courts, 2 were sentenced to six-month suspended jail terms and the third received a one-year prison term.
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- Journalists were beaten, their cameras memory card destroyed, they are also receiving threatening letters, attempt of kidnapping their children
 - The CBC Egyptian channel suspended Bassem Youssef's popular talk show Al-Bernameg (The Program) as he mocked the country's military in his comedian satirical news show
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- While covering the trial of former President Mohamed Morsi on Monday, many media crews faced attacks by protesters.
 - The Arabic Network for Human Rights registered 112 violations against freedom of the press in Egypt by the Egyptian security forces and protestors between June 26 and August 26
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- 5 satellite channels were closed. The Egyptian administrative court banned and shut down the offices of: Al Hafez channel, Al Jazeera Mubasher Egypt, Al Yarmuk channel, Al Quds channel and Ahrar 25 channel. This was for disturbing the public peace and spreading rumours and false information harmful to public security
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- In the ranking of the press freedom organization “Reporters Without Borders”, which evaluates the state of press freedom in a country, Egypt was demoted to the lowest ranks. The country is now in 158th place out of 179.
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