# The Communicative Interpretation for Arab Social Mobility (Arab Social Movement)

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# Комуникативната интерпретация за арабската социална мобилност (арабско социално движение)

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#### **Abstract**

The study aims to analyze the social mobility in the Arab countries in 2011, presenting an approach based on considering communication factors that played a crucial role in motivating young people and the Arab masses to participate and influence what was known as the Arab Spring. Indeed, that stage in the history of the media in Arab countries witnessed wide development in the use of satellite channels, websites, and smartphones. As the study shows, these technologies were employed as mechanisms that helped people interact, move, and participate. Based on the paradigm for the knowledge pyramid scheme, the study attempted to highlight the stages of information transmission from the first stage, which is the data stage, through the information stage, then the third stage, which is the knowledge stage, towards the final stage, which is the action stage. The study analyzes that overcoming the gradual stages of information transmission and passing from raw information to action led to the existence of the Arab social movement in the hands of activists who did not have a program or strategy for change in front of a movement that was able to overthrow old political regimes, but it did not have alternatives. As part of the analysis track, the study depends on a careful analysis of the roles of active groups in change. It pertains to the role of politicians, intellectuals, activists, and journalists.

Keywords: Arab spring, social mobility, media, activist, knowledge pyramid

#### Резюме

Проучването има за цел да анализира от нов ъгъл социалната мобилност в арабските страни през 2011 г., чрез представянето на подход, основан на отчитане на комуникационните фактори, които изиграват ключова роля в мотивирането на младите хора и арабските маси да участват и да влияят на това, което е известно като Арабска пролет. Наистина този етап от историята на медиите в арабските страни беше свидетел на широко развитие в използването на сателитни канали, уебсайтове и смарт телефони. Както показва проучването, тези технологии са използвани като механизми, които помагат на хората да си взаимодействат, да се движат и да участват. Въз основа на схемата на парадигмата на знанието, изследването се опита да подчертае етапите на предаване на информация: от първия етап, който е етапът на данните, през информационния етап, след това третият етап, който е етапът на знанието, към последния етап, което е етапът на действието.

Проучването анализира, че постепенното преодоляване на етапите на предаване на информация и преминаването от сурова информация към действие е довело до съществуване на арабско социално движение в ръцете на активисти, които нямат .програма или стратегия за промяна пред движение, което е в състояние за сваляне на

стари политически режими, но няма алтернативи.

Като част от анализа, изследването се основава на внимателен анализ на ролите на активните групи в промяната и е отнесено към ролята на политици, интелектуалци, активисти и журналисти.

*Ключови думи:* Арабска пролет, социална мобилност, медии, активисти, пирамида на знанието

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### Introduction

More than ten years have passed since the start of the Arab Spring. However, Arabs look forward to furthering understanding after revolutions when Arab regimes were taken aback by the uprising. Mohamed Bouazizi, in the small Tunisian city of Sidi Bouzid, doused himself with gasoline and lit himself on fire; afterward, the flames quickly and unexpectedly consumed the regimes of Tunisia, Egypt, and Yemen. Quite likely other fragile authorities come to Iraq, Syria, and others. To that extent, other countries rushed under compulsion to make reforms as a quick response to contain the situation and find a way out of this historical stalemate.

As demonstrators and activists in New York, Madrid, Rome, and Athens, recently or a long time ago, had acted similarly, and despite the different contexts, Arab social mobility's aspirations were inspired by such similar experiences in terms of having common expectations for political and economic change amid an extremely severe economic crisis which arose at the dawn of the new millennium.

If so, why did this happen?

While widespread revolts that took place in different regions of the world intended to preserve the institutions of the state as they are and acted to save all public utilities representing the interests of their peoples, aiming to turn, shift, and change the state institutions and power structures, meanwhile providing the necessary reforms, however, such procedures and concerns led to saving the state from dismantling or failure. Unlike the situation in Arab Spring countries where a regime breakdown had not been experienced, revolutionaries acted as though they insisted on sweeping all institutional structures of the state by making reforms from scratch, which led to the so-called state implosion and then failure affecting state sovereignty as happening in many Arab countries?

Arab spring has become a new reference for social transformations that surprised political commentators, academicians, political forces, and ordinary people as well as military and security forces, in addition to the external powers alike, as a social transformation resulting from new elements unrelated to the political will of national policy-makers, but instead, related to people's demands. Those people were kept away from benefiting from unequal developmental processes, away from shifts and impacts of the various information technology. Broad waves of citizens across the Arab world looked forward to getting rid of the

unresponsive political systems that exhausted all opportunities and conditions, using all the

tools at their disposal, including force to suppress discontent and cling to power.

Social networking has been a star of the Arab Spring revolutions in the Arab region and

worldwide more generally. Revolts depended in an unprecedented way on social media such

as Facebook, Tweeter which led to the constitution of a new generation of web-struggling

activists and new circles of active doers.

In the Arab world since 2011, new actors from "Ulama," "Preachers," technocratic elites, and

some of the military unexpectedly stepped in alienated to collaborate with the social

movements in managing the political change process.

The present study sets out the Arab spring under an analytical framework through a

communicative approach mainly based on Media sociology, together with other approaches to

provide a particular interpretation adopting communication variable that represents a

fundamental shift of how information is being produced, transferred, spread and consumed

and its impact on socio-political and communication outcomes, thus allowing to better

understand transformations of said Arab Spring in overall terms covering the social change

mechanisms that influenced the Arab mindset and the social powers triggering change. It also

touches on all the aspects of the current and future political structure.

The study aims at:

1- Analyzing the Arab social mobility "Arab Revolts" through a communicative approach

to highlight the importance of the communicative factors in providing analysis and

interpretation.

2- Highlighting the new concepts resulting from the communicative approach through the

paradigm of the "Knowledge Pyramid" (DIKA) as shown by its levels:

• Data "Rumor" hierarchy.

•Information hierarchy.

• Knowledge hierarchy.

• Action hierarchy.

3- The study also aims at highlighting the new concepts, Ideas, and movements behind

the Arab Spring based on a binary system as follows:

"A" Intellectuals – Mediators.

"B" Political Strugglers-Activists.

"C" Ulama -Preachers.

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"D" Military-Civilians.

"E" Physical Spaces-Virtual Spaces.

- 4- It understands the new communication channels in providing a unique framework and adequate capacity to address the issues of vital importance to society.
- 5- Prospecting and developing insights needed for rebuilding this nation in order to create a social change movement able to provide the objective conditions required for a new Arab Age of Enlightenment.

The study analyzes factors to take into consideration when addressing the problem of Arab spring:

- Intellectuals and the elite were leading revolutions and fueling widespread outrage with ideological fervor toward the democratization process across the world's modern history. Why did Arab intellectuals appear notably absent from these events?
- Why were Arab revolts able to overthrow old authoritarian regimes but couldn't get beyond that to achieve the aspirations in development, freedom, democracy, and dignity that protesters chanted across the Arab squares at the start of the social mobility in 2011?
- Why protesters and revolutionists in many regions of the world presented institutional reforms that rationalized changes to the existing political structures as a reform from within the framework, avoiding the other scenario of "barbarians at the gate," which might lead to the fall of existing regimes, creating a state vacuum situation, as a consequence of States' institutional weaknesses in social, economic, and political areas, as witnessed in many Arab countries like Syria, Iraq, and Yemen?

The study's goals are to conduct such questions in introducing the communicative approach to provide clear explanations of the framework for what came to be known as the Arab Spring.<sup>1</sup>, highlight the new dimensions of the communicative element, also to understand the current transformations taking place in the Arab region, as well as analyzing transformation factors responsible for having the most significant impact on this new political alignment between political forces, and increase opportunities available for prospecting and developing insights needed for the rebuilding of Arab society.

### The communicative approach of the Arab Spring.

Following the legacy of the French communication theorist Abraham Moles in his book *the* structural analysis of the community, the author depicts a vision highlighting the current

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paradigms as driving actors in the development of history, assuming to use historical

chronology based on communication means attached to each historical period.

Using the Arab revolution as a case study to prove how information technology

/communication systems have a quenching effect on Arab social mobility and explain how

information technology/communication has a wide-ranging impact on conventional social

mobility.

A-audio visual and satellite TV.

The emergence of satellite TV in the Arab region has come to be a challenge to the

monopolistic power of the state media; it has also produced the over-communication

phenomenon of "communication opulence," which provides society with more satellite

communication than it needs through the uncontrolled growth of private satellite

communication services<sup>2</sup>.

Arab satellite communication has been considered one of the most important developmental

processes in the region since the 1980s; many direct broadcast satellite TV stations emerged

into Arab space, whether these networks are operating from the area or from outside it.

Thus, according to the statistics produced by the Arab States Broadcasting Union in 2014, the

number of Arab satellite TV organizations is around 758, 29 of which are public, and 729 are

private, but without considering the foreign TV stations oriented from outside the Arab region.

The report also reflected that the Arab region had become a distinguished communication

satellite market for around 380 million inhabitants. The people of the area are ethnically,

culturally, and linguistically interlinked. (Arab States Broadcasting Union - ASBU- 2014).

In such a situation, TV is not only entertainment and news but also employed by political

actors, civil society, minorities, business people, and religious-cultural institutions for

pragmatic reasons.

The media scene has mainly been characterized by the launching of many religious TV stations

from all sides of the spectrum, attracting a wide range of viewers around the Arab world. These

uncontrolled direct TV broadcasting clusters produced religious programs anchored by

preachers who became opinion leaders. They issue Fatwas on TV, read nasty viewer letters on

air, or answer questions about whence they drive people into acting. Some of these programs

are breeding grounds for fanaticism and the conditioning of launching sectarian media, leading

to inciting agitations in the community and hindering inter-faith dialogue and tolerance.

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The outstanding transformations of satellite broadcasting in terms of aired political concepts

that enable individuals or groups to interact with media and communication means to make

room for widespread influence on decision-making to work horizontally rather than vertically.

Furthermore, it established a new system of relations between countries.

B-Evolution of the role of information in Arab societies.

There is no single way to comprehensively analyze media and communication in terms of their

role in contemporary societies, including Arab Spring nations, unless we provide convincing

explanations of the leading role played by the communication world in such societies.

Analyzing communication resources with particular repercussions on information gathering,

processing, and dissemination and its influence on public opinion.

The information diffusion and its growing use at the international level in different contexts,

such as in the Arab context. Information has become a key driving factor, Arab Spring

highlighted the distinct role of modern information-communication technologies for many

socio-economic, cultural and political structures, whether those related to ruling institutions

and sectors like economy, media, religion, security, or legal control bodies or related to civil

society.

Information has influenced Arab society in a way that gave birth to a new consciousness

among broad segments of society and led to the assimilation of the specifications and features

of societal change. In the context of the Society of Knowledge or the informational society in

which we live, it is most important to provide the possibility of wide use in economic and

developmental as well as in socio-political scopes with its unlimited impacts on the Arab

mindsets. Different assumptions stand out among others to explain Arab revolts highlighting

the distinct role of modern information-communication technologies and social media tools.

Information technology and social media established the key background and triggering factor

of the explosion that took place later and allowed freedom of expression to Arab societies to

reject submission to the status quo or accept tyranny durability. It also enabled Arab people to

regain their dignity and confidence to act and change.<sup>3</sup>

This new society based on horizontal communicative types that demolished all that was

considered, till very recently, as a sole and controlled vertical type, providing the public

opinion with a sort of media pivoted on publicity and colored news, not on communication, a

media less interested in taking into account reactions of the other segments of public opinion.

Mass media society -knowledge/information society.

The new knowledge and information society is based on a horizontal communication type that

ended up with the vertical type considered till very recently as one-way flow, where

information or messages flow between or among the subordinates and superiors, in which the

audience is treated as a consumer receiving the communication from the sender source.

The information and knowledge community is part of globalization and typically refers to

economic phenomena. There are ripple effects that make the impact of globalization much

broader socially and culturally. Ideas, customs, and cultural movements across national

boundaries since the industrial revolution, since Information Society is considered a second

phase, or as a Post Industrial Society.

In this regard, no region, state, or form of government can remain immune to the impact of

new information and communication technologies on social and political movements. it is not

possible to understand the role how trends in new media and the changing expectations in the

Arab region without taking into account the current transitional transformations in which a

shift from the mass media to a Knowledge/Information Society where social media play a vital

role based on a higher ceiling of freedom of expression, partnership, property system,

legalizing level and development of local laws, in addition to the motivations and expectations

of powers competing for ruling at national or international level in full harmony with the

dominating political culture.

Thus, the transition to knowledge and information technology has been linked to the

information economics principle providing the key structures for information technology and

communication, which play an important role in the development and new techniques of social

communication in the Arab region. This factor has contributed to information and information

sharing on a large- scale, private media have also influenced the social change process as 125

million internet users in 22 Arab countries, among them 71 million are classified as social

media active users<sup>3</sup>. The same report states that Arab internet users constitute hardly less than

0.5 % of world Internet users and continue to increase by 20% annually, creating new

opportunities and challenges for governments, corporations, communities, and existing

political structures in light of the digital gap that is still affecting millions of Arabs deprived

of access to the digital age and benefiting from audio-visual and satellite services. Internet

importance lies in being important news as an information source, which makes it so

distinctive from conventional media venues.

Governing concepts of communicative interpretation.

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To analyze concepts of communicative interpretation governing Arab Spring, we relied on an

explanation of the Knowledge Pyramid, primarily consisting of four hierarchies or thresholds

that clarify the communicative interpretation approach of the Arab spring and its relevant

concepts:-intellectuals-mediators-fighting,activists-scientists-preachers-military-civilians-

physical spaces and non-physical spaces.

The knowledge pyramid.

The "Knowledge Pyramid" concept illustrates information hierarchy, and the knowledge

pyramid refers loosely to a class of models for representing purported structural and functional

relationships between data, information, knowledge, and action. It is a gradual process that

affects persons' assimilation, and it turns into a sort of power and authority influencing and

motivating the behavior of action on the ground.

Understanding processes related to the dynamics of information diffusion flow and its

dissemination while the Arab revolts in 2011 and beyond points out that the new

transformations of information flow model are represented by the combination of two parallel

and sometimes altering models. If the first model represents a smooth and natural way to a

four-stage "thresholds" matured project from the base of the Knowledge Pyramid up to the

summit. While the second model is reductionist and unconditioned to the compulsory gradual

process, in other words moving from threshold "A" to threshold "D" without crossing by

threshold "B" and "C," or from "B" to "D" without crossing by threshold "C."

The Knowledge Pyramid model strongly allows the communicative interpretation of the Arab

Spring, enabling one to understand better the outcomes and consequences based on a

consistent and logical system.

According to the Knowledge Pyramid model, we come to illustrate three basic levels of the

particular processes to move into action, and it represents the communicative dynamics of

Arab revolts and the role of the communicative element in the Arab Social mobility series as

a new authority securing convictions and making decisions and undergone the radical

transformations.

The model of communicative interpretation of the Arab Spring includes the following four

hierarchies of the knowledge pyramid:

First:

Data Hierarchy.

Second: Information Hierarchy.

Third:

Knowledge Hierarchy.

Fourth: Action Hierarchy.

Data hierarchy / Data-Rumors.

The first level in the "Knowledge Pyramid" is " Data Threshold", data is understood to refer

not only to symbols but also to signals, letters, images, sounds, raw symbols, or stimuli referred

to by said symbols. In other words, data is merely raw facts or inaccurate information not based

on main news stories that define the news genre and its main components. These media are

not journalistically yet formatted; however, they might take pre-news format being processed

into information. Hence, society is the information source. In such a case, the data used by a

wide range of youth and protesters in Arab societies were drawn into social mobility in 2011.

They have contributed by disseminating various forms of news, images, symbols, and banners

emanating from direct interaction with objective reality, personal and private experiences,

observations, and some other forms of similar media professional practices that lack writing

skills and consider media ethics.

These first inputs (threshold "A") provide a mass flow of news lacking processing to be

converted from data or rumors into information through examination and revision and ensure

its applicability to the source, then classified as a valuable reference of information. Therefore

data as incomplete information are considered a verbal communication characterized by

inaccuracy in terms of the information source, interpretability, subjectivity, and the

reformulation of facts by the sender parties that are in the interests of the communication

process so that any raw idea reported story event or any other unprocessed date prepared for

use unless the processing is regarded as a part of the process providing the data with the

required meaning and significance that influence on the action-reaction and direction. These

strong presences of data marked the start of the Arab Spring's dynamics but ended up being a

weak factor.

The "inputs sample" had a great role in terms of its communicative specifications and

particularity through establishing social-psychological conditions required for what would

come of down falling the old Arab regimes, in addition to the advantage of electronic

publishing that provided a new condition like the anonymousness which enabled a huge

number of activists to publish and post their content as unknown authorship or origin.

While the second model is reductionist and unconditioned to the compulsory gradual process,

in other words moving from threshold "A" to threshold "D"

Without crossing either by threshold "B" "C", or from "B" to "D" without crossing by threshold

"C".

Information hierarchy:

Information threshold "B" represents one of the significant parts of the communicative

interpretation of the Arab Spring, as well as a basic element within the Knowledge Pyramid.

This includes information acquired the status of news drafted in any journalistic format known

in the media field, based mainly on the core elements of the journalistic genres, being

information of high credibility and reliability in terms of sources, meeting standards of

objectivity and respect for the code of media/journalistic ethics.

Information as processed data receives a value after being analyzed, interpreted, or assembled

in a meaningful form to be formally or informally shared, documented, and disseminated in

any journalistic form, which will have assimilations and influences on the future.

This means that the information as a hierarchy in the Knowledge Pyramid includes various

forms such as news information, intellectual information, values, theories, and political

information fused with the mechanisms of power and decision-making and information centers

responsible for motivating social and political behavior. Thus, the Information Threshold is

considered an interpretation factor to explain the Arab Spring's fate. Indeed, the early hopes

and slogans it raised of successful democratic revolutions were quickly and cruelly dashed.

Media workers are, in essence, interpreters of information. They don't just provide pages of

facts, sifting through piles and piles of information to report news or stories. Instead, they weed

out the important issues and points, putting them in a context that the average reader and

listener can use to form their own opinions during the Arab Spring happenings. The

"Information Threshold" had a unique role in shaping and highlighting public opinion and

having full knowledge of the historical background of leading stories and events through the

following presentation as well as analysis of Arab Spring stories and events, revealing all its

dimensions and discussing raised issues, addressing concerns to the public opinion. It also

expresses policies and current trends in society, tells the events and fact reformulation, and

provides explanations supported by data and logical reasoning.

Amid all that, journalists and the media mediators made a dramatic change turning into

influential actors in the events since the journalist, rather than the intellectuals or politicians,

have come to be (information threshold) within the Knowledge Pyramid plan to a non-neutral

actor who actively has acted as catalysts, mobilizers, and organizers of political actions on the

ground intervening in the events, producing predictable patterns of biased news coverage, especially on satellite channels. Journalists as "Mediators" like ordinary religious preachers promising admission to the paradise of the political regime. The real threat stemming from this situation is that the polarized media, in encouraging the perpetuation of crises, will only serve and support certain ideologies rather than others.

On the other hand, one of the significant ways through which new media aided political transformation in the Arab world was through the spread of citizen journalism, as seen by bloggers<sup>4</sup>, which converted to new journalistic mediators and main mechanisms for producing, publishing and sharing media content, they became a part of the national journalism arena able to manage the conversion process. We also must acknowledge that the new media led to an unbalanced elliptical graduation movement because of the reductionism of stages, lack of tools or capabilities, and clear visions to counter and overcome this new situation<sup>5</sup>.

The Arab spring's events have proved that there is also role confusion since media actors are not limited to their natural role as information carriers. Still, they turned to support certain ideologies rather than others in a media atmosphere suffering from a lack of neutrality, objectivity, and professionalism.

At the international level, it was a Wiki Leaks document about the unprecedented greed and massive corruption as well as the conduct and practices of many leaders of Arab regimes, which strongly quaked Arab mindset, more particularly concerning their rulers, those who govern while deceiving their peoples. The new technology-enabled transmission of trustworthy information brings it to the public despite the secrecy of the authorities. Technology can transmit sound, pictures, and moving images from areas of events, and that is what Arab revolts used in many Arab countries.

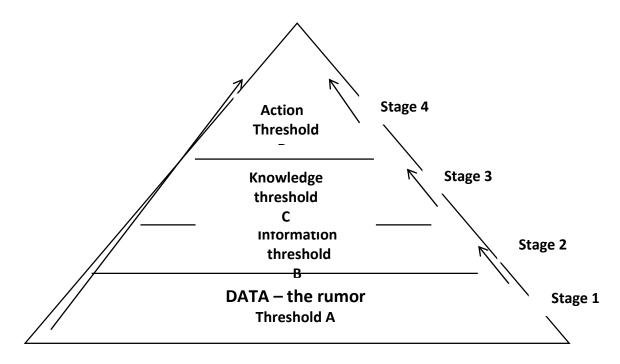
### C - Knowledge hierarchy

We may feel, or be aware of, or think about Information as material; that is to say, knowledge is inductive reasoning of facts, meanings, beliefs, concepts, and intellectual perceptions of the person as a result of repeated attempts to understand the phenomena related to the existing objects in his surroundings. Do the Arab mindsets of the 2011 revolts have the knowledge to destroy and reconstruct as any successful revolution elsewhere?

The third threshold (C) in the "Knowledge Pyramid" activates an important circle of the communicative interpretation process related to the Arab Spring. In contrast, the knowledge emerges out of a deterministic process that requires to pass gradually and inevitably through

both previous stages, "Data &Information," which is meant to transmit from unverified initial data to the second stage of being reliable information with all required specifications to be able to produce knowledge through analysis and processing in the third threshold "Knowledge" in a way that would allow employing Knowledge and thoughts as efficiently, smoothly and reasonably in all social activities, then allowing decision making to be translated into action. The interpretation paradigm of the "Knowledge Pyramid," as reflected in the figure below, allows understanding and comprehension of the basics of the communicative interpretation of the Arab Spring.

Figure 1
Structure of Knowledge Pyramid



The "Knowledge Pyramid" refers loosely to the four levels of "Hierarchies" of data /information flow to produce knowledge, the level of action representing a crucial stage of the physical transformation on the ground.

### D - Action hierarchy

This analysis highlights that Action Hierarchy represents a significant moment in the "Knowledge Pyramid", by developing criteria to measure the success or failure of all the actions. That would be the fated result of the series of revolts of the Arab Spring.

Action, of course, is the culmination of achievement and the essence of a cumulative process necessary before the action, not as an emotion, mood, or automatic act. Action should be based,

as far as is appropriate, on scientific and investigative rules before the formation process,

which logically implies the idea that any imbalance in the stages of the activation process will

inevitably lead to unscientific action capable of responding to actual requirements and

challenges. The Action stage expresses the reflections related to the different dynamics

providing people with assimilations from the field and acting accordingly, then moving from

the assimilations as intangible inputs into tangible behavior scope interacting with reality.

The risk of rushing into action was justified to realize the expectations of Arab social mobility

to downfall the authoritarian regimes as a landmark in the fulfillment of the shared aspirations

of a wide range of Arab societies since many Arab regimes had provided reasons for

aggravating their crisis, that's why masses taking to the streets had little practical thinking to

deal with the outcomes that would later develop, in a context that included dominant inaccurate

rumors, data or information manipulating public opinion, and a strong motivating factor that

drove masses on the streets lacking a clear perspective.

Preliminary conclusions:

Now, we may say that the preliminary conclusions of the four-stage process indicate the power

of data to mobilize Arab public opinion, also the wide consumption of data established a

modifier background of verbal communication, symbolic communication, and signal

communication for protesters across the Arab spaces, as in Al Qassaba in Tunisia, Tahir square

in Egypt, Pearl Roundabout in Bahrain and, Green Square Libya where activists and protesters

dealt to a great extent with "inputs" and subsequently with a sample of "information".

The so-called "Information Threshold" constitutes a different moment, an advanced episode

for the events affecting the fate of revolts in the Arab region. Satellite TV has played a

significant role in acting as an instigator driving the uprisings for alternative communication

systems in the Arab world. As for satellite channels (Al Jazeera) in particular and some other

TV networks directed to the Arab region<sup>2</sup> that played a crucial role in transmitting, monitoring,

following, and analyzing the news. Social media also established an effective mechanism to

keep up with transformations stemming from the events. In more general terms, we may say

that investigative journalism and national journalism" played an essential role as catalysts of

broad sociopolitical protest through creating psychological motives, objective conditions, and

an uprising against the existing regimes.

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Many Arab rulers had accused and loathed audio-visual media, particularly some satellite

channels. Undoubtedly, the role those satellite channels played in the Arab Spring was

unprecedented, many of the audience credited the channels with speeding the overthrow of the

authoritarian regimes. However, the absence of independent media, either state-owned or

private and government control over information amplified people's cynicism and distrust,

even though those satellite spaces reported evidence of unbiased coverage promoting certain

events and causes for worse.

Non-neutral criteria dealing with the events.

The Inputs-Data threshold positive points as it constituted the influential circle leading to

undermining the authoritarian systems in the above-mentioned cases, such as Tunisia Egypt,

Libya, and Yemen, where the threshold launched a revolutionary situation mainly targeting

the downfall of the existing systems. It all happened so quickly that no one could predict it.

At the level of information exchange, the transformations led to an unlimited impact on the

factors affecting traditional social change and the prominent political actors; it also led to a

transformation in the role played by an elite intellectual vanguard and struggling activists.

To highlight the new concepts of Arab social mobility.

Such transformations also led towards highlighting new actors different in terms of their

structural components, as intellectuals and struggling activists were substituted by the new

actors such as mediators and preachers, even military who took their places on streets as well

as electronic spaces and TVs as new players shaping the course of events which would have a

great influence on later stages.

**Intellectuals-Mediators** 

Following the different hierarchies of the Knowledge Pyramid Model, we can deduce another

level of transformations that led to change in the roles of those who have acted as changing

forces since it proceeds from an observation that highlights the emergence of the Mediators

and their new roles, versus the shrinking role of intellectuals.

The new generation of Mediators, journalists, media workers, political spokespersons, experts,

citizens, witnesses, bloggers, and Facebook activists "will cover the entire absence of

intellectuals (as the term is conventionally defined)the new Mediators have a strong presence

on all media channels and venues, TVs, radio broadcasting programs, talk shows, and daily

news.

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Unlike the conventional intellectual who exposed his challenging intellectual matters to the

average individual who cannot comprehend, as these matters require pedagogical efforts to

communicate his message, the mediators who promote their ideas lack a vision for and holistic

approach to change momentum, instead, they will go further, and also refer to "instigation",

"public incitement" and "propaganda", involving stars and celebrities in media spots, and they

will often account for all sorts of the strange stuff.

The presence of Mediators as a new phenomenon accompanying the Arab Spring was different

from the presence of intellectuals in conventional revolts. The Mediator's intervention in media

and in the new media venues, through its categories based on seeming instantaneousness,

excitement, pretty and strange stories, partial analysis, and media coverage by shock as shown

in commentary, as well as a brief review of news updates on events of great importance, and

testimonies, even when dealing with historical events. In addition that their central focus of

attention may have less coherence than what people would want in such works, as history

receives a superficial treatment to illustrate instantaneous events.

This means that the contribution of the classified mediators in the "Knowledge Pyramid"

Model is under the information threshold; therefore, mediators approach a different vision

when compared with intellectuals and thinkers approach.

However, other factors are also behind this, notably owing to factors such as high illiteracy in

the mentioned Arab countries, setting a political discourse more descriptive than prescriptive

based on emotions. Because there is an almost complete absence of critical discourse, the said

laid out a series of general slogans focusing on the socio-economic and political reform

demands. That was what made the mediator's discourse dominate other discourses, especially

those related to intellectuals in their rational analysis and long-term views. This situation also

gave rise to an important role for journalists or mediator to play, where the roles and

competencies of a journalist overlapped. Generally speaking, journalists, in their professional

capacities, are expected to be neutral rather than active actors contributing to marking events

and stories. Unlike intellectuals, Mediators/Journalists had no clear or comprehensive

coverage of facts and events, but their approach was descriptive and of a partial vision rather

than specific while having a great responsibility in influencing public opinion behavior.

The phenomenon of the relative absence of enlightened minds, as well as the traditional

politicians and actors or the lack thereof, in predicting, contributing to, and participating in

these meaningful changes from the Arab Spring mobility scene, which made the revolts lack

an actual societal project for change and reform, to achieve expectations of Arabs towards

dignity, freedom, development, and modernization.

In addition to the above-mentioned groups of actors, a new phenomenon seemed to come into

existence: "the showy intellectual" or "intellectual exhibitionists" following the widespread of

satellite TVs. This happened as soon as the audio-visual spaces were liberated from state

ownership. The unique international-orientated satellite system appeared in the region,

distinguished by the Arabic language as a common communication language. (Ould bah, S.

2011).

Despite the dominance of such showy, pretentious intellectuals on TV, their quick

interventions and analysis delivery of light matters based on excitement affected by marketing

finally lead to impulsivity, and is in contrast to the original thought, which requires time and

effort that what intellectuals apply to different intellectual spheres.

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A key component of the new model would be an integrated system of producing easily

memorable and repeatable media content on extremely serious matters. It is a sort of "take

away" idea quickly consumed by the audience, these canned media ideas that people trust,

without a critical sense and very often follow the message, with the illusion of participating in

public issues, through the intensive form of consumption of television talk shows during

watching peak time.

Elite participation:

It is not easy to say with any degree of certainty that the intellectual elite was utterly absent

from the Arab Spring scene. The nobility was there, engaged to the" Kefaya" Egyptian

Movement for Change since 2004. The movement gathered opponents, activists, intellectuals,

artists, politicians, and young bloggers. It was a platform for protest against Hosni Mubarak's

presidency and the possibility he might seek to transfer power directly to his son Gamal;

however, it did not come to public attention.

Besides this movement, some other platforms, such as the lawyers union, the university

professors March 9th movement, April 6 Youth Movement, and the Tax employees union,

came onto the scene.

National Association for Change came to the scene following the arrival of Dr. Mohamed El

Baradei, it is a loose grouping of various Egyptian famous personalities of all political

affiliations in opposition to the regime, such as Ayman Nour, a former presidential candidate

Hamdy Kandil a famous media figure, and some leaders from Muslim brotherhood Dr.

Mohamed El Beltagy, Dr. Essam El Erian, and some members of several political parties, like

Democratic Front, Al Karama, Al Wassat, Socialist Revolutionaries, also some representatives

of civil society and young people aims to change Egypt, such as Egyptian women for a change,

and April 6 Youth Movement, etc.

The fundamental feature of the 2011 Revolution is that It is a new generation of engineers and

IT experts, representing a new generation elite different from the traditional elite.

The influence of digital media on the popular uprisings

The cyber activist Wael Ghonim in his book "Revolution 2.0," was asked about why did he

join Google. I think that Google changed the world, and I would like to change the situation

of millions of Arabs through technology support, and working with Google is the best way to

do this is to use technology to the best advantage", through youth who would be at the lead of

the information technology revolution that brought down old political regimes and gets rid of

them, a mission that had already been experiencing great difficulties for a long time."

(Ghonaim, 2011, p. 147).

The presence of Google, with its digital and IT technology as a sophisticated mechanism,

provided the required atmosphere to break the fear barrier, that fear and the cruel and arbitrary

use of authority or a tyrannical act by many Arab countries which brought people to the point

of despair The Arab world was living a very difficult economic and social situation. Poverty,

human rights violation, and high unemployment were the main phenomena the Arabs were

facing, leading to a lack of prospects for a decent life.

Digital information came to stimulate a revolutionary sense from the individual level. Then it

was largely spread across the country as a common need to get rid of the political systems in

many Arab countries, that the common sense of fighting the regime is worth dying for.

Facebook had a role in organizing this revolution. This strike occurred on 6th April 2008 by

Egyptian workers, supported by 90000 online Facebook users, exceeding the number of

protesters in any opposition protest.

6<sup>th</sup> April 2008 strike in the city of Mahalla represented a necessary action towards the Egyptian

revolution for many reasons, such as:

1- The strike was based on a different approach: stay home, do not go out, don't go to

work, etc.

2- All political affiliations participated in organizing and calling for the strike.

3- Websites highlighted that the workers' strike plan morphed into a popular struggle

following clashes with the police who used, it was unprecedented at the time, the open

defiance of a city to the regime for the first time images of a tarnished trampled poster

of Mubarak circulated on the internet, signaling the beginning of a new era for a non-

state owned media, and enabled the technology to play an important role in revealing

facts and producing unprecedented effects on the state-owned media or even the private

media controlled by the state as well.

4- Internet dynamics and organization have become a new active player in the media

space.

Ulame (Scientists)- Preachers

Ulame-preachers represent a binary that needs to be analyzed under the third threshold of the

"Pyramid Knowledge" as an important concept providing a crucial platform for the interactions

and practices linked to the Arab Spring to conclude an analytical and comprehensive vision.

A new type of intellectual elite recently emerged through the dynamics created by Arab

revolts, composed of different actors; "Ulama" religious men, preachers, and opinion leaders.

The new intelligentsia related to the Islamic reference movements found the right conditions

to appear on the ground to be on the move.

Following the failure of the liberal model to provide society with effective solutions thus, the

way has been paved for the Islamic movements, and their preachers - Ulama became a new

type of intellectuals adopting a different approach (Hanafi, H. 2016).

Uluma (plural) are "those recognized as scholars or authorities" in the "religious hierarchy" of

Islamic religious studies. Most Ulama specializes in figh (Islamic jurisprudence) through

Quran and Sunnah and is considered the arbiters of Sharia law based on the Quran and Hadith

by mainstream Muslims. Ulama also introduces themselves as advocates for people's rights

and expectations, as the sole interpreters of the Quran, as well as they, are considered the new

advisors and spokespersons of the peoples.

Furthermore, Preachers-Ulama is characterized by their direct physical presence in places,

particularly in mosques, places of mass gathering, and private spaces, using eloquently

delivered religious speeches, expressing themselves in prophetic tones as the voice of the

people, addressing their issues, concepts, existential concerns, as well as their daily life

problems through direct interaction by hearing their questions and providing them with

instantly, spontaneously and competently answer recalling from their memory. Hence, their

capacity to comprehend the information and then reproduce knowledge, and their charismatic and influential holy presence are expressed best in prayers through their daily transcendental communication, which established force factors for the religious "sphere" to play a role that

exceeds the role played by intelligentsia's figures.

However, the intelligentsia engaged in such transactions found themselves facing a situation embedded in a deadlock, competing with Ulama preachers who have better trusted and considered by the community.

While civil intelligentsia suffered from the collapse of its leftist wing and the deadlocked liberal wing, it became "estranged" from the majority of the audience, as its intellectual structure is based on enlightened concepts that don't suit the reality of Arab and Islamic societies, in addition, that they lack the credit of Ulama in championing resistance to "Emir" the ruling regimes. (Hanafi, 2016, p. 38-83)

Ulama-Preachers established an effective interference formula that brought changes to the previous situation since they, as interferers, adopted popular religious discourse.

Ulama - Preachers have been empowered to gain a popular base through the formula of interference between "Daawa" and politics; in other terms putting faith into politics, they also worked underground for a long time, whereas the state considered them as a competing force over the religious authority. Since the state considered religion an integral part of the regime where no completion or overbidding could be acceptable, that led to portraying Islamists as defenders of the utopian Islamic state, and the protectors of the religion, meanwhile promoting their high capability to counter the western cultural invasion (Hanafi , 2016, p. 67-72)

Bearing that the transformation cannot be achieved without influence, the Iranian revolution highlighted the transformation precursors that helped the Islamic regime in Iran attract the intellectual elite to believe in Islamic Republic values, as Dr. Hanafy analyzes.: "So it has been proved that the intellectuals often linked to the Islamic Republic turned to the Ulama guidance, as their thought was moved by faith as well, faiths of both were alike....Following the Islamic revolution, the gaps between "enlightened" intellectuals and traditional clerical intellectuals were bridged; there were many reasons to explain this situation that elements within the clergy promptly moved to hold over positions of power which enabled them to play a central role in the new regime. Hence a new generation came out to appear from the conservative platform values; however, they would continue with their process of formation, which will help them to rediscover the world according to the parameters of modernity, which enabled them to

control the intellectual discourse and regain control over the world, but without any denial to

the Islamic culture.

The preacher became a competitor to Ulama, journalists, and intellectuals, despite

discrepancies or subtle differences between their respective areas. Since the Ulama- Preacher

tends to capture the space for the religious discourse monopolizing the interpretation of the

religious text and all terms linked with the Sharia and the truth, this monopolistic interpretation

is based on an unchallengeable and irrefutable holly concept, and that people are bad by nature,

they always need a reformer nearby, to promote the individual salvation values in the name of

the religion. Thus Ulama-The preacher, has come to play the reformer's role in reducing the

gap between the world of apostasy and the world of faith, bringing it more into line with the

latter.

According to the preacher's discourse, the independent state is a western concept opposed to

religion, and the conception of a state in Islam is borderless and inclusive. State of a

commonwealth of all the Muslims living as one community, and that preachers-Ulama are the

most effective and efficient to facing up to the western cultural wars, and that a return to history

sharing stories and tales with charismatic figures and their heroisms, all that would recover

Muslims from the defeats inflicted upon them at present, furthermore, the return to history

would also lead to self-exculpation, and create a historical pattern to counter its dogmatic

adversaries. The Preachers-Ulama discourse calls for a pure dogmatic divide which would

allow us to exculpate ourselves and create a historical pattern to counter its dogmatic

adversaries by intensely recalling texts, bibliographies, events, and tales without citing their

resources or references or investigating their accuracy, opening the door to all stories including

those uninvestigated and inaccurate, which might lead to an extreme nostalgic backward at

history, and feel incapable of resolving current problems. However, it should be a discourse

that gives hope to the poor and confidence to the rich. The Ulama- preachers, discourse

contradicts that of the journalists-intellectuals, the journalist's duties and tasks that, they

educate the public about events and issues, follow national and international updates, comment

on news stories, focus on public opinion concerns, have a general understanding of current

events. In addition to serving the public interest (reporting and questioning), and must also

follow the rules of law.

While the Preacher-Ulama discourse focuses on the unhistorical world, the journalists-

intellectuals discourse focuses on entirely highlighting the historical background of events,

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analyzing and commenting on current events, thoroughly researching and fully exploring the subject, addressing issues of national concern, expressing their opinion of policies and currents within the community, as well as providing data-based explanations, logical reasoning (analysis).

## **Public Spaces-Virtual Spaces**

The Arab social mobility came to produce new concepts according to the Knowledge Pyramid, these concepts are related to the use of physical and nonphysical spaces such as mosques and gardens, radio and TV stations, as well as virtual spaces like social media, which shaped a new element to push the Arab revolts forward in order to achieve its objectives.

The excessive use of such new forms helped reuse a number of conventional spaces or rediscover exceptional formulas employed during the Arab mobility, like Facebook and tweeters, as a response to breaking the media monopoly held by governments conglomerates or local power brokers, and some lobbies and groupings to pillage the media its capacity of information control.

New communication status enabled public transmission issues to be discussed in different platforms like mosques or on the internet. The various satellite channels provided a direct and instantly open discussion on public issues and interaction with the citizen, through presence availability or remotely. This status also enabled the activists and groupings persuadable to mobilize the masses and make a generic change.

However, the 2011 protesting movement of youth and other groups of society was not limited to the tangible activities in physical spaces, but it created other parallel spaces to communicate known as nonphysical spaces. Activists had been relying on social networking services, including Twitter, Facebook, and other social media, to be used effectively in news stories analysis, commentary, and organized media campaigns, to manage the protests.

Now, we are dealing with both physical and nonphysical "virtual" spaces as different but integrated spheres of public socio-political action, their integration into new functions and roles through mass mobilization and promoting discussion of such events and practices events that led to the fall of the then-existing regimes in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Yemen.

On the other hand, these spaces established scopes for socio-political practices, either to specify forms of struggle or to develop countering measures against the authority through creating temporary or permanent organizations according to the needs of countering the public

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powers or any forces the movements of youth might face. Thus, new non-conventional forms

of organization and communication emerged to practice politics across spaces.

This mosaic of ideas gathered broad scopes of youth, citizens, and activists from different

political affiliations. With various and even contradicting statements ranging from Islamists,

Arab nationalists, liberals, and leftists, they all succeeded in removing despotic political

regimes ruling for decades. However, these forces had no clear political program or common

demands, but that was a strong point during the mobilization process that would influence the

later developments of the Arab social mobility dynamics.

**Physical spaces** 

Turning public space into a place for carrying out explicit political action, direct physical

presence, and peaceful confrontation with the public authority, established a new generic

turning point in the Arab mind and conscience.

According to this specific context created by the wave of Arab revolts, all squares and public

spaces turned into spaces for expression, aspirations, and expectations of a better future

through political, emotional, spiritual, human, and rational abreaction by wide ranges of Arab

peoples against years of repression and persecution by despotic regimes.

Public spaces, squares, and historically famous mosques symbolically representing historical

importance acquired particular attractiveness for the protesters having such huge areas of land

easily accessible and easily operation ability for media activities. Finally, these public spaces

turned out to be, functionally, mobilization fields, enjoying a high level of dramatic scenery<sup>7</sup>.

There are exciting features related to those Arab squares and spaces "Green square", "martyrs

Square" in Tripoli, "al kasba" and "Al Habib Bourgueiba in Tunisia, "AL Tahrir Square" in

Cairo, "Pearl Square" in Bahrain.) have established physical and tangible spaces for different

forms of expression such as protests or even civil disobedience against existing political

systems, creating a new generation that could be called "Youth Of The Squares" and

public spaces.

30th June 2013, "Rabaa" and "Tahrir square", together with the mosques, represented a

landmark where the demonstrators line streets to demand president's removal, it was a

historical moment when millions of Egyptians filled the streets across Egypt to call for the

ouster of Mohamed Morsi. The uprising adopted a new method to topple the president through

collecting signatures to depose the president, and the movement announced it had collected

more than 20 million signatures in a press conference.

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<sup>23th</sup> January, Hundreds of Tunisians traveled hundreds of kilometers in what they call a

"Liberation caravan" to join protesters in the country's capital, chanting the same "we are here

to remove dictatorial residues, the number of protesters soon grew up to thousands.

On 27th January 2011 Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi announced that apart from the

prime minister, the new government had new names as ministers for the first time. This move

was seen as meeting one of the demands of the protestors in Tunisia. On February 20<sup>th</sup>2011,

protesters camped back in Al Casabah<sup>9</sup> beside Mohamed Ghannouchi's office, protesting

against Ghannouchi remaining in the interim government, as he had been collaborating with

Ben Ali's regime for years, to declare a general legislative amnesty, dissolve the parliament

and establish a constituent counsel, suspend the ad-hoc fact-finding committee to de

reconstituted as independent and trustworthy, dissolve former ruling RCD, suspend the

constitution, to form a national salvation government, also suspending the trial of the former

regime to guarantee a fair and impartial trial to the regime, remove all unionists and syndicalist

proved to have been collaborators with Ben Ali's regime, also reformulation of the judicial

reform bill, and to establish a new electorate bill. Casaba's set in 2 was more solid than Casaba's

1, fully covered by media, then appeared the so-called set-in of departure targeting the removal

of the government.

On 27<sup>th</sup>February 2011, Ghannouchi resigned; He was replaced by Béji Caïd Essebsi. On 3<sup>th</sup>

March 2011, the president announced that elections to a Constituent Assembly would be held

on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011, according to a new electoral bill, a National Fact-Finding Commission on

corruption, bribery, and kleptocracy, and to investigate all incidents during the revolution.

Virtual spaces

The internet has established communication spaces affecting Arab society's mindset. Virtual

places, by nature, represent spaces for freedom and a free zone by excellence related to the

virtual space with both dimensions, the tangible and intangible. It came to break the stereotype

of internet addiction by the Arab youth just for fun or breaking the taboos, and they creatively

converted the internet into a virtual space by excellence.

As a consequence of the more openly expressed virtual spaces that might cause the collapse

of the referent group; however, the virtual space is committed to common interests, not to

geography, these common interests gathered Arab youth who did not know each other to

discuss the common issues openly, communities discussing, communicating to take important

decisions about the future, ideas about revolting and rebelling against the political regimes.

**Military-Civilians (Armed Groups)** 

It is crucial, however, to proceed with the pyramid analysis pattern to analyze the role of the

military in Arab social mobility; as one of the most influential elite actors on the ground, the

military represents the material force able to interfere and take control by force, the Armed

Forces enjoy considerable power, prestige in Arab countries, for their contribution in the

independence struggle in addition to their role in countering foreign aggression.

The military elite in Arab countries had been formed at military academies by the first third of

the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which enabled them to play a decisive role in different conflict cases.

In the south, particularly Arab countries, the military by nature is considered not only a critical

institution but also it is the most important institution compared with other institutions, the fact

that it has, on many occasions, acted to secure its particular institutional interests and not acted

for the interests of the nation.

In Arab countries in recent years, the military is ready and willing to do anything to get power

by force and to use it violently; the army has managed to ensure control of the political system

by force, not through the peaceful electoral process, in other words adopting military coups

using state army, security forces, and media to ensure their interests. Throughout the 20th

century, the military used coups to control power in nonstable countries across the Arab world,

Africa, and Latin America. A series of coups d'état, almost 25 coups, from the military coup

against Rashid Al Kilany in Iraq to the military coup by Houthi that took place in Yemen

against Mansour Hady in 2014.

All manifestations of the Arab spring were expressed in political polarization, struggle for

power, and fueling the conflict that led to the use of violence and mutual eradication among

political forces, leftist, liberal, or Islamic, across the Arab World.

During the Arab Spring, the army had three different options to choose from in how to handle

the growing unrest within their borders:

1- Take a neutral stance, as the armed forces' primary function, is to protect state

sovereignty, national institutions, and national security, as occurred in a small country

like Tunisia.

2- Nonneutral position: Egyptian military chooses to move away from neutrality

performing its duties in maintaining security and protecting state sovereignty.

However, the army became one of the critical active players competing to get to power

through the nonelectoral cycle approach.

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3- States where the military acted against the protests: Yemen, Libya, Syria, and the

formation of quasi-military bodies fighting to get to power by violence; it is worth

mentioning that the third model is linked to failed countries.

Regardless of the contradictions related to the military intervention to seize power, the armed

forces are still considered a state institution and a national professional and integrated body

which serves the nation's interest and not that of the regime.

However, the weakness of the intellectual and cultural elite in influencing the Arab Spring

outcomes, but the major disadvantage remained in the biased intervention by the military in

the events, creating congestion in the Arab political sphere. Instead, the fluctuating social

mobility has given way to political stagnation toward the democratic transition.

"Sidi Bouzeid", "Al Habib-Bourgueiba Tunisia", "Tahrir Square" Cairo-Egypt, "Sahet Al

Taghier Taaz"Yemen, "Green Square"- Bab Al Azizia-Tripoli- ,Tahrir" Benghazi Libya

Spaces and squares witnessed previous resistance against foreign occupation and social

protests, such as Tahrir square in Cairo during 1919,1935 revolts against British occupation

and the bread revolt on 18/19 January 1977.

In light of the points discussed above, we may come to highlight some conclusions using the

communicative interpretation approach in analyzing the Arab Spring:

Conclusion

-From the above data, it can be seen that the transition and change to translate data into

appropriate actions amid socio-political and psychological conditions that are not

comprehended by a majority of drivers and political forces contributing to the change process

in terms of the scope of change and the major players, and also the scope of all political forces,

regardless of what background they come from, whether it be the military or the civil society

or the existing regime.

-Nevertheless, all humble outcomes of Arab social mobility are negligible compared to the

significant loss of ineffective participation by intellectuals and thinkers as a motivating force

for the process of change in the Arab world.

-Furthermore, the lack of consistency and absence of clear strategies in the countries of the

Arab spring this particular problem is largely the result of the rise of an inexperienced new

ruling class who can give no insights into occupying positions of power, so this new ruling

class needs a long time to train on the job, while the increasing social demands are mounting

by wide ranges of the society, those who have driven the new ruling class to rule.

-Civil political discourse where politicians and intellectuals should play a significant role in

mediating between the ruler (executive power) and the society through communication means

and techniques(the arsenal of media tools), targeting the renewal in the de facto world where

people live, to achieve the desired Renaissance, and avoid the actual failure.

-The political-religious discourse sing a different tune employing all (the arsenal of media

tools) through a destiny concept that there is no wrong choice; what is destined will reach you

what is not destined will not get you. This is all to justify the authoritarian power and keep

citizens from contributing to the renewal of the de facto world.

-In conclusion, as a matter of priority, the Arab intellectual nowadays needs to restore his

position in our Arab societies. The Arab intellectual should assume the responsibility of

leading people to choose the path of enlightenment as to what is happening or to tell them

about the required values for the new era, like respect for others and accepting them accepting

others as they are and not as we would like them to be, promote dialog, prevent fanaticism and

extremism, countering the backwardness to strengthen the Arab social fabric, acting out of

maintaining the rights of all parties, intellectuals have a massive responsibility for the

transition, and they are likely to assume such a responsibility today rather than tomorrow.

-There is a joint mission shared by the intelligentsia and the enlightened Ulama for countering

the extremist ideology adopting violence, exclusion, and hater, a mission in which Ulama and

preachers play an important role in promoting moderate Islam that expresses the central values

of Islam and its bright civilization.

-In this study, the researchers showed that the governing concepts related to the

communicative interpretation to explain the Arab Spring through the knowledge pyramid plan

with its thresholds as the required components to analyze the new political forces coming out

into the light and different relations governing the interaction and struggle between major

players(intellectuals-mediators-struggling activists-Ulama-preachers-military-civilians-

physical spaces-nonphysical spaces), which allowed us to take a clear line right to the driving

dynamics of the Arab Spring, in terms of its strong and weak points, and the inherent

constraints that limited the progress towards reaching its declared goal.

-Based on the knowledge pyramid pattern designed with a communicative interpretation

through 4 level model to understand the Arab Spring.

-The Arab revolts arose in 2011 out of rumors that had a significant role; since word creates

psychological and socio-political effects generating a collective spirit, protesters acted out of

that and came up with real works to bring the despotic and old regimes down.

-There were, among the political forces, those protesters and activists who had a destructive

vision; all their concern was how to depose the regime, as they had to take this an unmatched

opportunity that nobody had expected.

-Mediators (journalists) and opinion leaders could not play a more significant role in providing

anything rather than following the latest developments or exciting news and stories; they

proved to be as unable as activists to contribute effectively to the change process.

-The majority of intellectuals remained surprised before the accelerated and unexpected events

ad stories; the intellectuals remained as shocked as an ordinary citizens, and that's why they

missed the citizen's support of them instead of providing the citizen with enlightened views to

help them analyze and overcome a new and highly complicated situation.

-The one hundred years of mutual extirpation among all intellectual currents in the Arab world,

whether liberals, leftists, Pan-Arabists, or Islamists, led to generate more eradicative practices

and new forces adopting violence and arming for a long time as a tool to seize power, however,

they took the region into a new dark path.

Communication interpretation shows that the reunion of intellectuals regained through the

Arab Spring and the knowledge pyramid missed the enlightenment spirit that could be a

common platform for all political and intellectual forces to overcome the era of mutual

extermination, which did nothing but destroy.

Notes

1. In this study, we use the concept of "Arab social mobility" to define what is known as

the Arab Spring that the Arab region witnessed in 2011.

2. Moles wonders about a social interaction that might be called communicational luxury,

in which quantities of available products and resources outweigh the latent needs and

desires of the individual, as a new social situation concerning communication. This

situation applies to satellite broadcasting. (Moles, p. 233)

3. The role of modern information-communication technologies and social media

networks facilitated mass forms of sociopolitical protest, particularly about their

organizational and communication aspects, while contributing to reform demands and

- democracy since 2004 when the Egyptian Movement for Change "Kefaya", and April 6 Youth Movement, and others.
- 4. Bloggers have located their practice between threshold A and threshold B and strongly influenced the course of events.
- 5. Bloggers played an essential role before the revolution and during its various phases, and digital tools were an effective weapon against the blackout policy in many Arab countries.
- 6. Daawa is an Arabic word that generally means calling towards Allah, calling non-Muslims to enter the religion and Muslims to remain firmly in this religion.
- 7. Mohamed Bouazizi, whose name was associated with the Tunisian revolution in the winter of 2010, committed suicide, publicly and publicly, on the public street.
- 8. Tahrir Square was a symbolic place for the Egyptian revolution in 1919, the demonstrations against British colonialism, and the Bread Revolution on January 18-19, 1977.
- 9. Al Casaba represents a very symbolic place for Tunisian memory, it has been the central quarter of the central rule since the era of Hefssi throughout the Turkish period till the emergence of the Tunisian national state.

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