

Egypt: activism, the 2011 uprising and the growth of the security state.

The three videos below highlight the extraordinary courage and commitment of Egyptians to try and counter state repression and authoritarian governance. The uprising in January 2011 was one of several in North Africa and elsewhere that toppled governments, promoted political liberalisation and greater popular participation in politics. However, the successes of the Egyptian uprising, which were many, were soon tempered by a return to brutal dictatorship supported and aided by collusion with western governments. Resistance has not stopped. Video 1 highlights the drama as it unfolded in toppling a dictatorship in January 2011. Video 2 and video 3 reveal some of the high cost of activism in 2019.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThvBJMzmSZI>
the 2011 uprising.
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po79pZQ-Vus>
protest 2019
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbH4EpZSyyk>
Sisi, protest and the US: persistent resistance

Questions

1. What were the causes of Egypt's 2011 uprising?
2. Who were the activists?
3. Why and how has there been a return to authoritarianism?
4. Have all the gains of the 2011 uprising been lost and if so how were activists defeated?

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Interview with Ray Bush and Habib Ayeb, discussing their book, *Food Insecurity and Revolution in the Middle East and North Africa*, London, Anthem Press 2019

And on the political economy of violence in Egypt see

<https://bulletin.ids.ac.uk/index.php/idsbo/article/view/2733/HTML>