

DEMOCRACY IN POST REVOLUTION EGYPT, A STEP FORWARD: AN ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION

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ABSTRACT

Democracy is not an option but a necessity for reform. When people dream of Democracy; they aspire to liberal, participatory and contested democracy. After the 30th of June Revolution, which ended the rule of Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood's president in Egypt, which represents a continuation of autocratic regimes within a biased religious context, a new Road Map was identified for Democracy. This Road Map encompassed steps required for the establishment and consolidation of democracy. However, debates arose about whether Egypt is really moving forward or backward in the way to democracy. This research argues that, although Egypt is not moving swiftly towards democracy due to security and economic pressures; nevertheless, it is on its way to it. This argument is supported by an empirical study which tries to measure and analyze public opinion concerning the views about democratization process in Egypt.

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