

**Globalism and its impact on the process of democratic reformation in the
Arab World since 1990**

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ABSTRACT

This study aims at examining the impact extent of globalism in its wider significance on the process of democratic reformation in the Arab Homeland. It does not restrict, as well, to the effort of understanding the essence of globalism throughout exposing several approaches to bring the concept nearer. The study probes it by exposing various supporting and opposing views towards globalism taking into consideration that globalism is one of the most controversial concepts to the extent that it can't be viewed from one angle alone. And we can't point out to joined factors so as to say that this is globalism simply because it pierces through the daily life of the individual in the same extent that it pierces through the economies, policies & cultures of the countries. Globalism is spreading in a horizontal way backed by the technical development which facilitates the task of information flowing and the dissemination of policies around the world.

The Arab Homeland has a big share in the interactions of globalism. Yet, the negative ones which deepening the subordination of the Arab Homeland to the west; and aggravating its fierce political & economic crises; leaving it, more than any time before, vulnerable to the external intervention; a thing that the USA has acted quite well, under the pretext of democratizing the Arab World. The USA has demanded the Arab world; and is still, to carry out reforms concerning its economic, political & cultural structure. We can't ignore the extent of the Arab World's chronic

need for an operation of fundamental reformation. Yet, the thing that causes suspicion is the American wish to insert reforms under its auspices & provisions. The promised democracy is one in American eyes looking at the Arab Homeland as a penetrable political, economical target; a dilemma the associations have put themselves in throughout their frigidity and lack of response to the popular demands in making real reforms in which the Arab citizen feels safe on himself, his family and future of his children. The formal ignore to the demands of Arab peoples as well as the perpetrations of Arab repressive apparatuses have created oppressed masses already isolated from practicing the public act. The culture of intimidation has overwhelmed the largest number of the Arab peoples' sons in return for guaranteeing a life that is impossible to be called honorable. The Arab countries have occupied their distinguished locations among the lagging countries which are impotent to follow the procession of development creating a new reality that the Arab countries could not coexist with, except outwardly.

In the shade of this deteriorated Arab situation, the USA alternative is its intervention to guarantee the realization of its benefits on the long run throughout causing essential changes perpetrating first the distinguished Arab cultural identity to facilitate control on the Arab nation. The task was impossible for two reasons: First, the feebleness of the Arab popular affiliation due to the technical & informative revolution that made it quite easy even on the normal Arab individual to grasp any piece of information; and watch the American, cultural product imposed on the Arab peoples in their dwellings. The marketing of American values is completed throughout TV programs & cinema films. And the pattern of daily life includes the culture of food, drink and costume, ... etc.

The events of September 11th. came as a fatal blow to USA, causing a change on the American strategy so as to perpetrate schemes that were long dreamt of by those called "New Conservatives" there. The USA then, from the outset of being the supreme power in the world, has dominated it, from the viewpoint of those "New Conservatives", stressing that it owns the upper word in forming & determining the fate of countries and the extent of their dominance as well as stabilizing regimes or changing them according to the American interest, being the interest of the world at the end. The USA, in other words, is the world; and this is what assures the correctness of intimidations felt by a few Americans that their country might turn into an empire practicing oppression around the world. The events of September 11th. were a real opportunity for the fanatic "New Conservatives" to prove;, to the American society & world at large, that there is necessity to uproot terrorism wherever it exists throughout preemptive wars violating lands and sanctities as well as constructing detention camps crowded with political detainees. Lastly, their mind has devised an old-new project fro the Middle East.

The large Middle East project is a new series from those of American dominance on the Arab Homeland where reformation projects are imposed on the region to realize American aims. The USA is using an old expression fro the region that might extend to include non-Arab countries in it; or it might tighten to eliminate Arab ones from its framework. It talks consequently about the Arab region in its quality of being every thing except being an Arab Homeland having its historically rooted components. It is a project that contradicts outwardly with the American orientations. A true democracy in the Arab world leads to new regimes that harmonize with their peoples. In the consequence, they will

reject the American dominance on their lands. The USA is concerned in the existence of loyal Arab regimes. Yet, it likes make semi-reformations that would busy the Arab people against demanding for real reformation.

Last, but not least, we should illustrate that democracy can't be imported from abroad. Democracy is a discipline that is manufactured inside the Arab Homeland. It is in need for a long historical epoch to cast several factors for creating a special, singular pattern of democracy different from other democracies existing in the world. Democracy is the wide, broad title for several principles; the most important of which is the guaranty of citizens' freedom, the peoples' right in selecting their rulers and realizing the values of justice & human rights. All those principles might be realized by a new edition of a distinguished Arab democracy. The outcome of globalism, in its objective section of informative, technological revolution, has made, form the operation of democratization or change, more hurrying in the Arab countries, by witness of the communal & political motion in the Arab countries. This proves clearly that the matter of reformation or change is a matter of time, not else; and the stoppage in the face of change is a waste of time that might lead to the shed of blood and the destruction of properties; and in the end, the change will come.