

Context / Background Information

[Oxford Reference Online](#) Entries in many encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to Wikipedia

[Oxford Islamic Studies Online](#) articles, images, maps, and primary source documents from Oxford University Press; covers Islamic history, concepts, people, politics, and culture. Includes content from *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, *The Islamic World: Past and Present*, and *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*

[Cultural sociology of the Middle East, Asia, & Africa: an encyclopedia](#) / SAGE Publications, 2012

The Middle East : a guide to politics, economics, society, and culture / M.E. Sharpe, c2012

Main Reference DS44 .M497 2012 (2 vols.) LIBRARY USE ONLY

Encyclopedia of the modern Middle East & North Africa / Macmillan Reference USA, 2004

Main Reference DS43 .E53 2004 (4 vols.) LIBRARY USE ONLY

Databases for Scholarly Articles

[Academic Search Complete](#) large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study

[Anthropology Plus](#) scholarly articles in anthropology and related fields

[Historical Abstracts](#) index to articles in world history journals

[Index Islamicus](#) Includes scholarship from various disciplines written about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim populations across the globe

[Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies](#) (includes North Africa) political and economic affairs, law, international relations, business, the arts, society, anthropology, religion, and history

[Worldwide Political Science Abstracts](#) articles in politics journals

Research Tools Everyone Should Know About

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Primary Source Materials

American Univ. in Cairo: [University on the Square: Documenting Egypt's 21st Century Revolution](#) is a participatory archives initiative developed by the American University in Cairo in February 2011. The digital collection continues to grow as project contributors share their experiences through oral history interviews and donations.

[ArtStor](#) collection of art images with global coverage from prehistory to the present

[Digital National Security Archive](#) (DNSA) Declassified US government documents. Especially strong in coverage of Egypt in the 1970s, mainly via the Kissinger Telephone transcripts (US diplomat, Secretary of State under Nixon and Ford)

[National Security Archive](#) George Washington University site, scans of declassified US government docs 1985-present

[OAster](#) millions of open access digital images and texts from across the globe

[Polling the Nations](#) Public opinion polls from all over the world on a variety of subjects

[ProQuest Congressional](#) Bills, laws, reports, and documents of US congressional activities

News & Newspaper Sources

[FBIS Reports](#) (1941-1996) Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was a federal agency under the CIA that monitored and translated foreign media into English for the purposes of US Intelligence. FBIS Daily Reports include radio and television broadcasts, news transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, speeches, public notices and government statements

[World News Connection](#) (1995-2013) Translated global news sources, successor to FBIS reports

[Factiva](#) thousands of news feeds from all over the world, focusing on current news, 1980s-2015

To access sources FROM EGYPT:

Click on the arrow next to "All Sources"

Use the dropdown menu "Select Source Category"

Choose "By Region"

Expand the menu for "Africa" then "North Africa"

Click on Egypt and it will select media from Egypt

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Egyptian Gazette – longstanding English-language newspaper in Egypt

1952-1967 [Full text available](#) from Center for Research Libraries

and Saturday Edition 1952-1967 (titled *Egyptian Mail*) [Full text available](#)

2001-2013 [Full text available](#) in [Factiva](#)

[Al-Ahram](#) weekly English-language newspaper in Cairo. Search seems to get results back to 2012

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