

Paper: “Politics and Mass Communication: Rethinking the Interplay of Global Media and Democracy in Post Arab-Spring Morocco”

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The title is inviting for those interested in Moroccan studies.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

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The overall abstract promises a discussion of participatory citizenship in Morocco; however, the thesis statement seems to be more generic than specific to democracy in Morocco. The abstract would benefit from a more direct statement that this piece

is primarily about Morocco, rather than a study on media technologies' affect on democracy in general.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

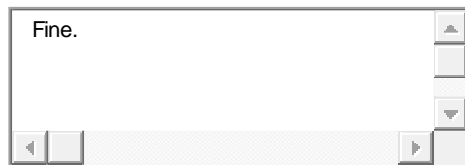
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See page 9, first full paragraph, line two: "...digital material, media pundits should male responsible..." 'Male' should be 'make'

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

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The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

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Transition sentences could be improved for continuity and fluidity, but that is a personal preference. Overall the paper reads well.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

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The conclusion reflects the arguments and research presented in the paper.

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- Accepted, minor revision needed
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- Reject

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I hoped for more direct discussion on Morocco specifically, as the title suggests. Perhaps the paper would benefit from specific examples of Moroccan political society and how it is either helped or hindered by information technology and 'new media technologies.' For example, on page 6, second paragraph, the writer alludes to "the socio-political challenges that the country has faced." What specifically are these challenges? A sentence or two of explanation would suffice and benefit the discussion. Other, similar examples of Moroccan society would also help the reader to come to a better understanding of how now media technologies are unique to Morocco. In essence, the title begs the question, "How is Morocco affected differently than other nations in terms of cyberspace and democracy consolidation?" Overall, the topic is scholastically interesting and appropriate for the times, especially given the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the overall political instability engulfing the MENA region. This paper is beneficial and dovetails nicely into an overall discussion concerning the nexus of democracy and cyberspace, particularly in North Africa and the Levant.

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The Abstract is a synthesis of the work.

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The English used is fluent, acceptable.

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The working method is adapted to the subject.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

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The manuscript has no glaring errors.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

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All appreciation for this serious, thorough, verifiable research.

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