## After the Spring



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#### **Objectives**



ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller commissioned Penn Schoen Berland (PSB) to carry out the survey among Arab national youth aged 18-24 in 12 Middle East countries: the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait), Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq and, for the first time, Libya and Tunisia.

The research was designed to uncover country differences and common trends, looking at concerns and priorities such as:

- Views of the impact of the Arab Spring
- Economic and social concerns
- Attitudes towards democracy
- Views of foreign nations
- Personal and social values
- Media consumption trends
- Social media habits

#### Methodology



The study was commissioned to explore attitudes among Arab national youth in 12 Middle East countries.

PSB conducted 2,500 face-to-face interviews among respondents aged 18-24 from December 2011-January 2012. Sample details are given below:

New in **2011** 

New in 2012

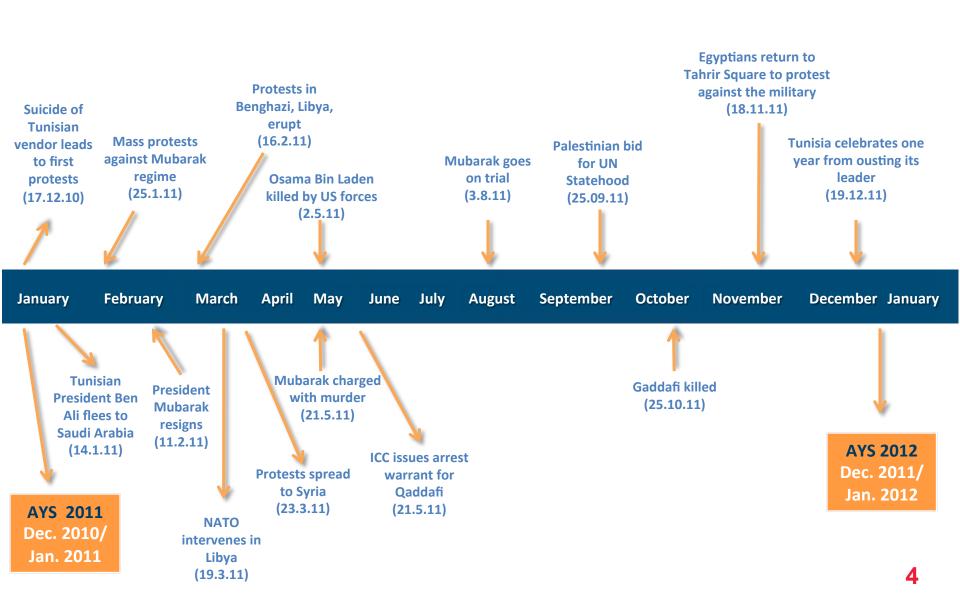
UAE	Oman	Qatar	Bahrain	KSA	Kuwait	Egypt	Jordan	Lebanon	Iraq	Tunisia	Libya
N=250	N=150	N=200	N=200	N=250	N=200	N=250	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200
Dubai – 40%	Muscat – 50%	Doha – 55%		Jeddah – 40%	Kuwait City -20%	Cairo – 50%	Amman – 50%	East Beirut – 40%	Baghdad (50%)	Tunis (50%)	Tripoli (50%)
Sharjah – 20%				Riyadh – 40%	Al Hawalli – 30th	Alexandria – 25%	Irbid – 25%	West Beirut – 40%	Irbil (25%)	Safaqis (25%)	Benghazi (25%)
Abu Dhabi –	Batinah – 50%	Al Rayyan – 45%		Dammam – 20%	Al Ahmadi – 20%	Mansoura – 25%	Zarqa – 25%	Tripoli – 20%	Basrah (25%)	Susah (25%)	Misrata (25%)
40%					Al Farwaniya – 30%						

- 2008/09 research was conducted using an online methodology
- 2009/10 and 2010/11 research was completed face-to-face
- 2012 data was weighted by market to ensure equal representation within the sample



#### **Timeline**





#### Top 10 findings



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FAIR PAY AND HOME OWNERSHIP DISPLACE DESIRE FOR DEMOCRACY AS TOP PRIORITY 2

HIGH COST OF LIVING REMAINS THE GREATEST CONCERN AMONG ARAB YOUTH 3

ARAB YOUTH SAY THAT LACK OF DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL UNREST ARE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLES FACING THEM & THE REGION 4

REGIONAL YOUTH SEE
THE ARAB SPRING AS A
POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENT AND
NOW FEEL GREATER
OPTIMISM ABOUT THE
FUTURE

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ARAB YOUTH FEEL AN INCREASED SENSE OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT BUT HAVE HEIGHTENED CONCERNS ABOUT CORRUPTION

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THE ARAB SPRING WILL NOT SPREAD FURTHER, ACCORDING TO THE REGION'S YOUTH 7

TRADITIONAL VALUES ARE BEING INCREASINGLY CHALLENGED BY A MODERN OUTLOOK 8

THE UAE IS SEEN AS A MODEL NATION BY MIDDLE EAST YOUTH

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ARAB YOUTH SEE FRANCE MOST FAVOURABLY AMONG ALL FOREIGN COUNTRIES; VIEWS OF CHINA AND INDIA ARE ALSO INCREASINGLY POSITIVE 10

NEWS CONSUMPTION SKYROCKETS, TV VIEWERSHIP DECLINES & BLOGS ARE BOOMING

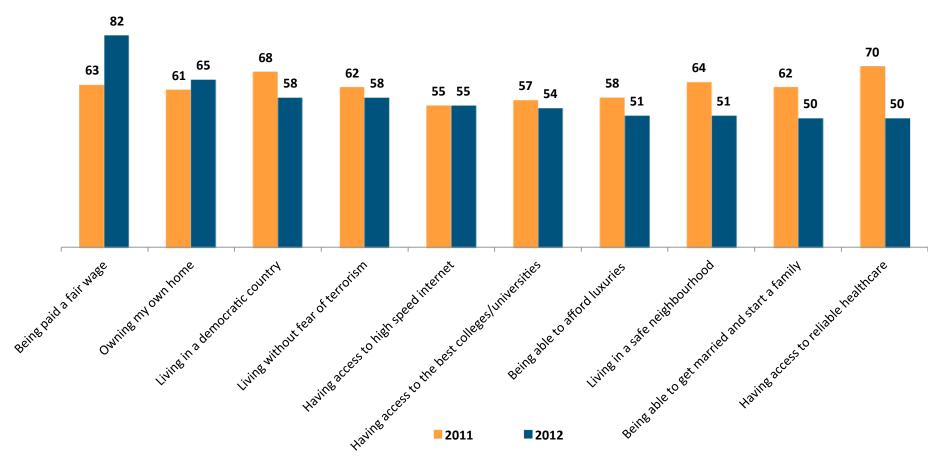


## Fair pay and home ownership displace desire for democracy as top priority

#### Top priorities



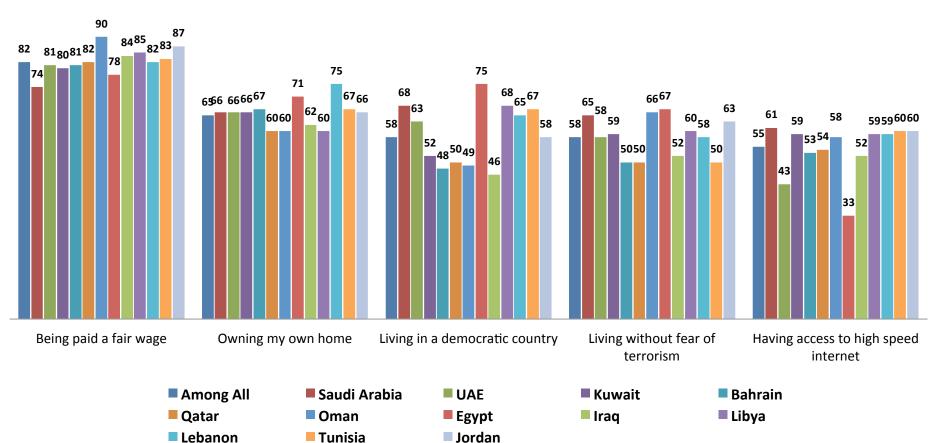
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### Top priorities



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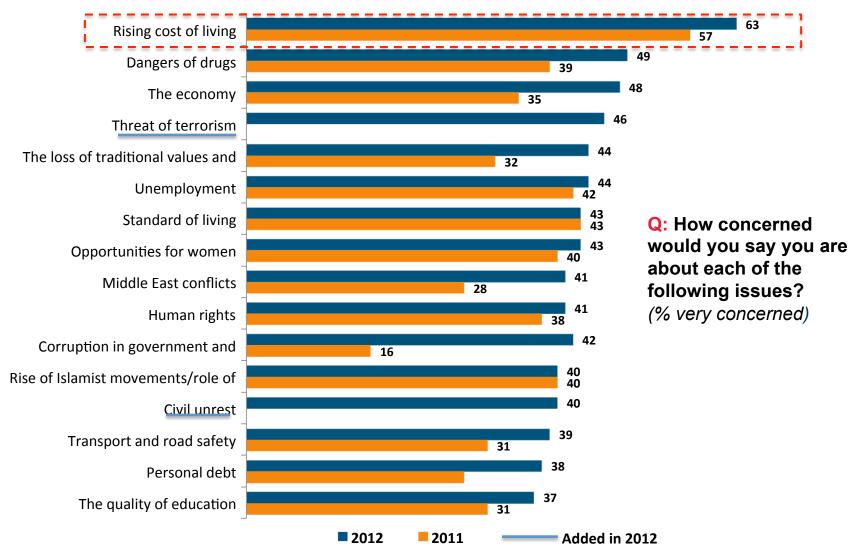




# High cost of living remains the greatest concern among Arab youth

#### Key concerns



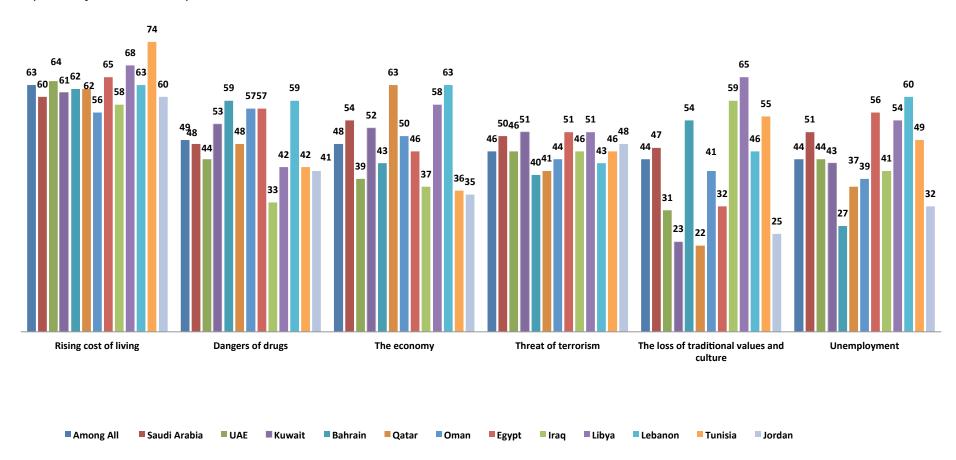


#### Key concerns



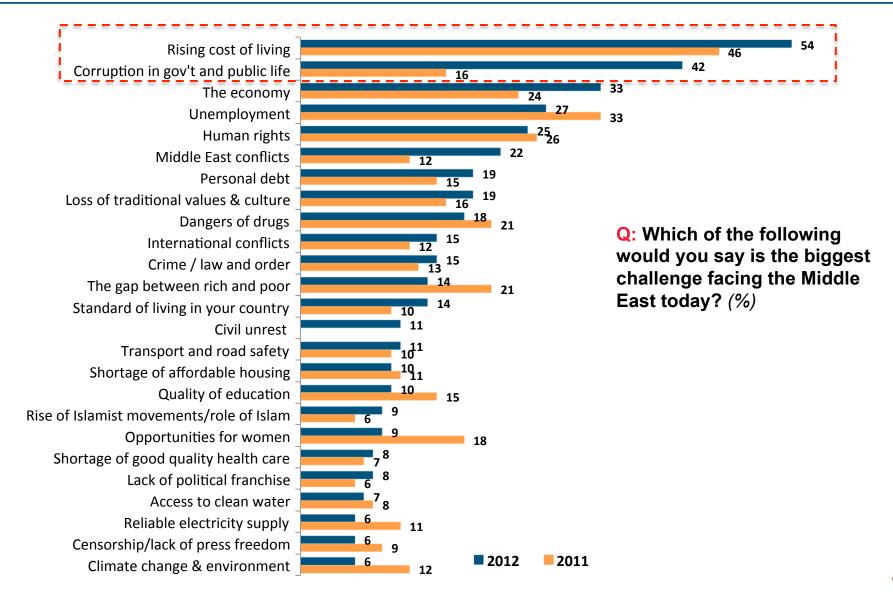
#### Q: How concerned would you say you are about each of the following issues?

(% very concerned)



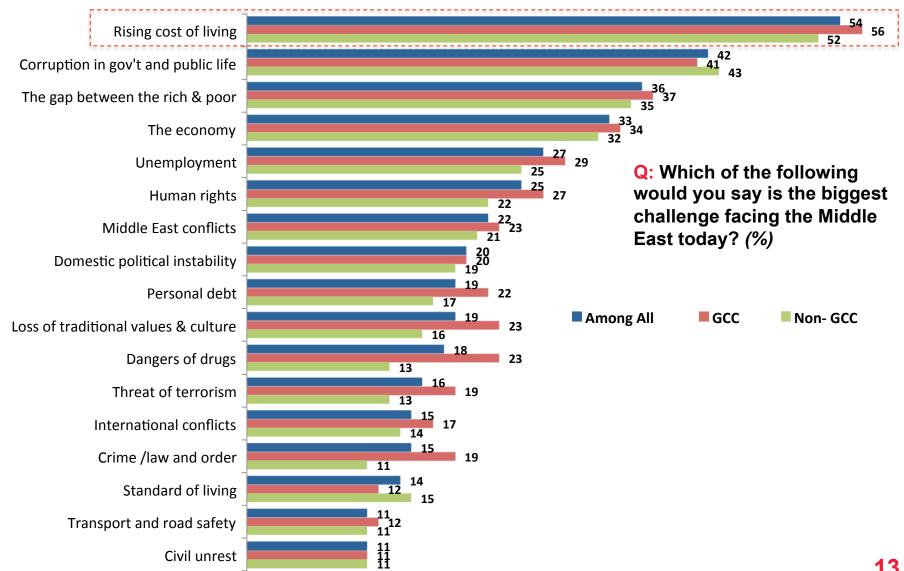






### Biggest challenges





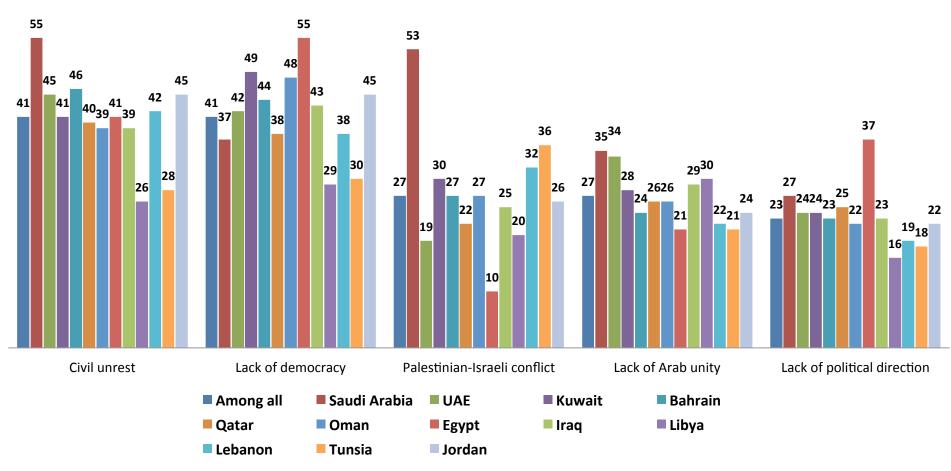


# Arab youth say that lack of democracy and civil unrest are the biggest obstacles facing them & the region

#### Biggest obstacles



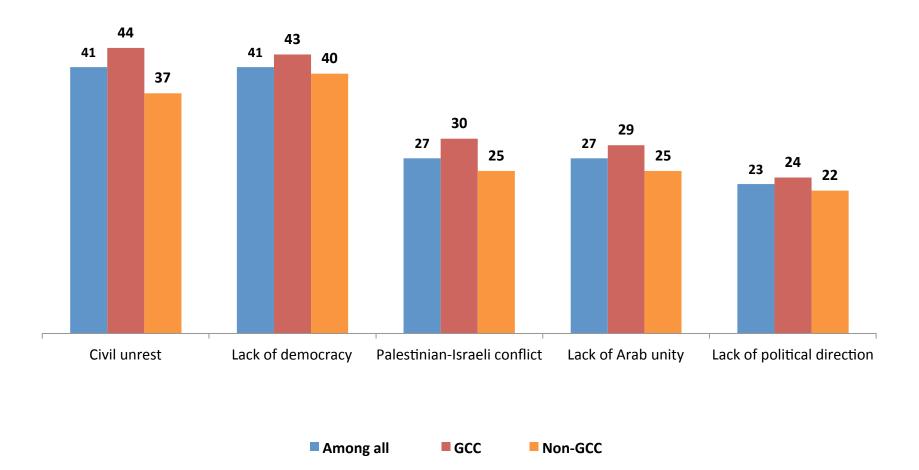
Q: What do you believe is the biggest obstacle facing the Middle East? (%)







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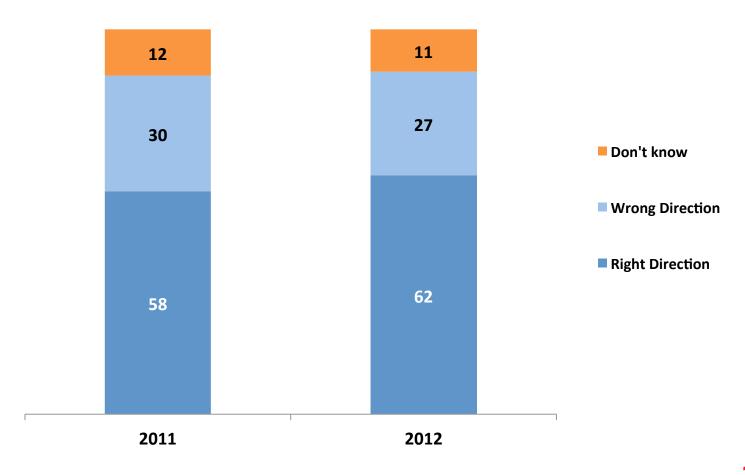


# Regional youth see the Arab Spring as a positive development and now feel greater optimism about the future





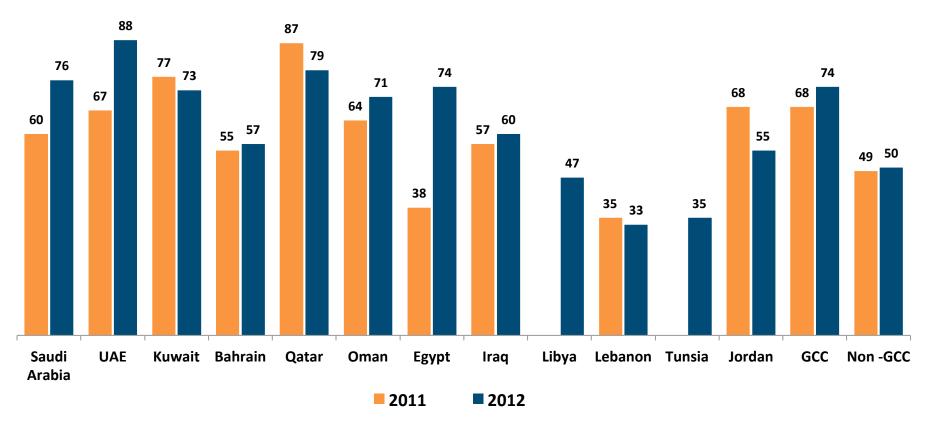
Q: Thinking about the last five years, do you think things in your country of residence are going in the right direction or are they going in the wrong direction? (%)



#### Increased optimism



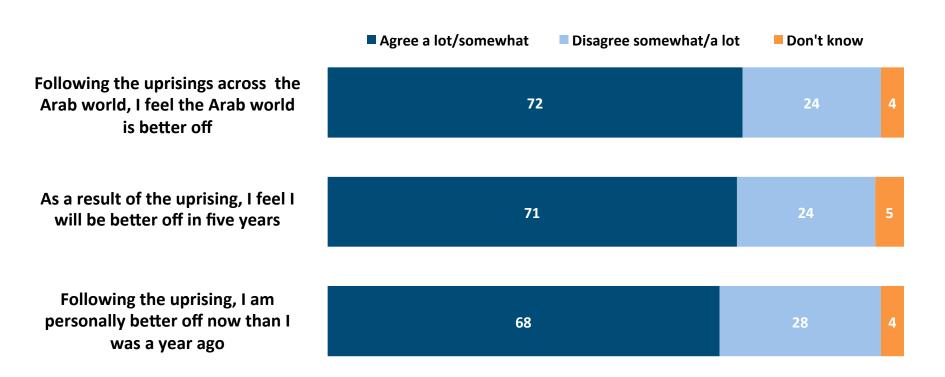
Q: Thinking about the last five years, do you think things in your country of residence are going in the right direction or are they going in the wrong direction? (% right direction)







Q: How far do you agree or disagree with the following? (%)

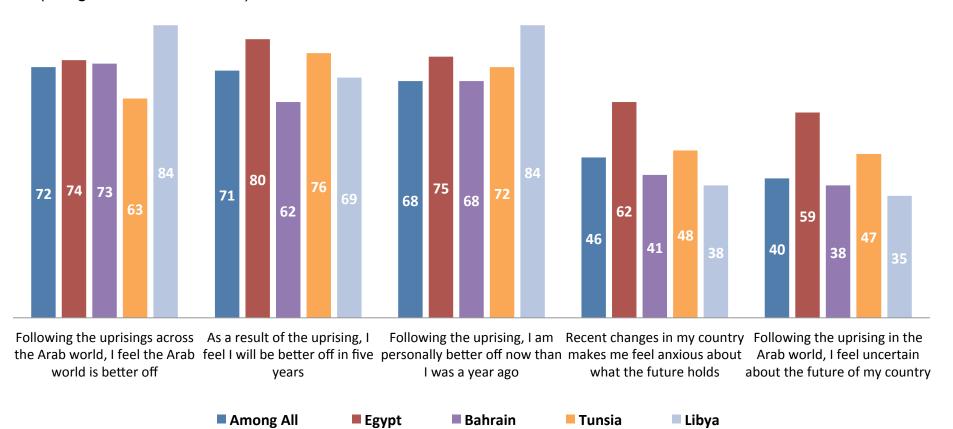


### Impact of the Arab Spring



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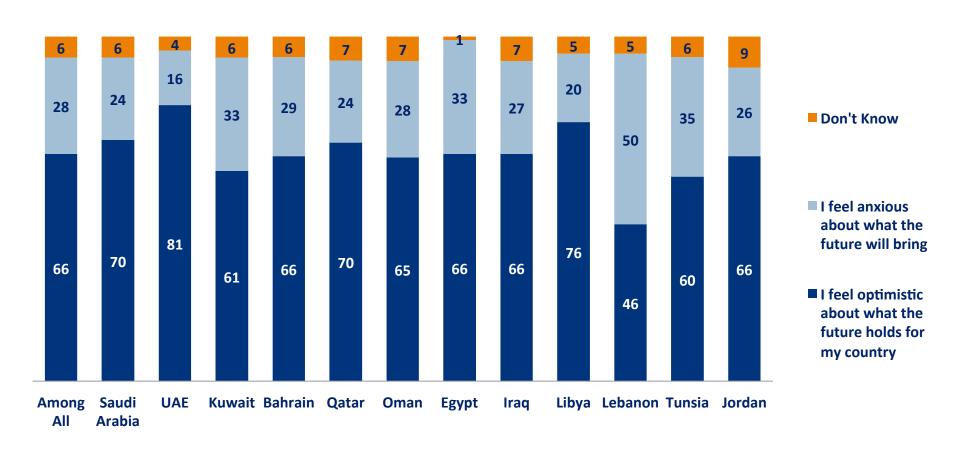
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#### Optimism about the future

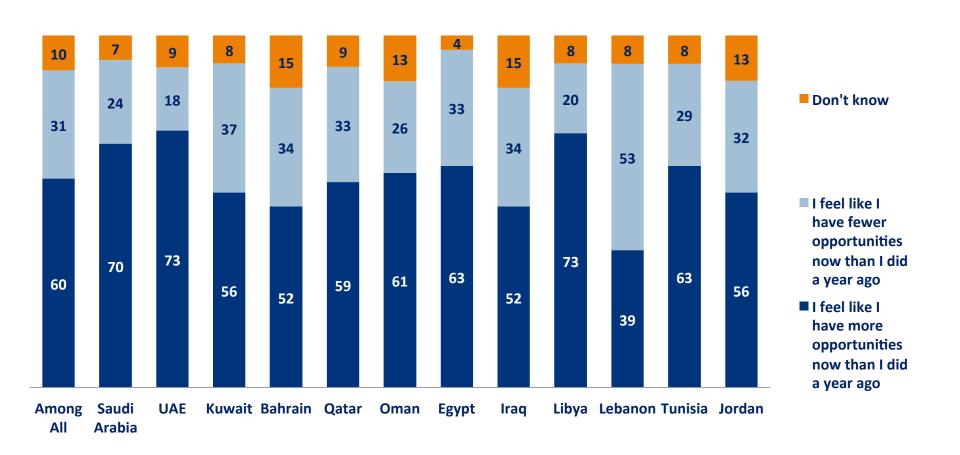
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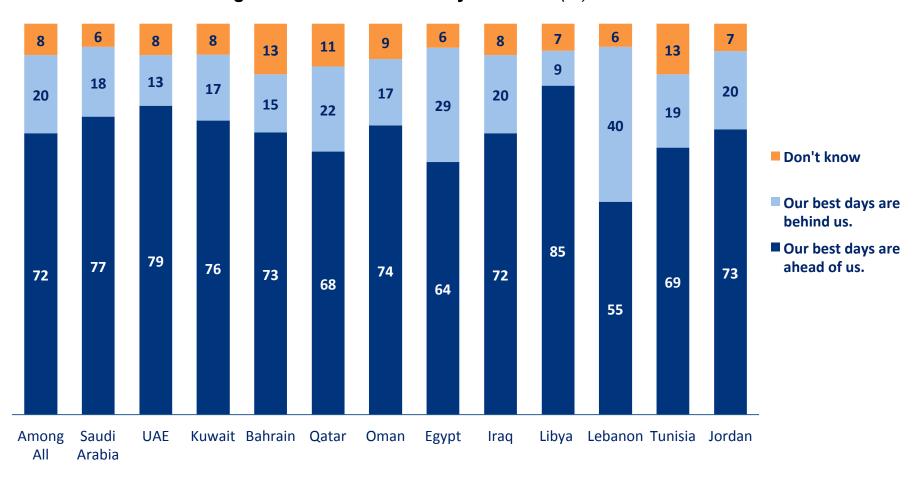
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# Arab youth feel an increased sense of trust in government but have heightened concerns about corruption

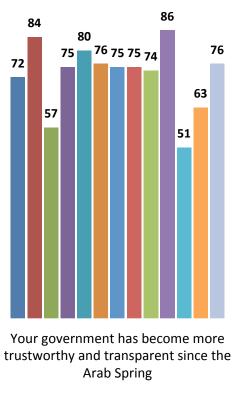
#### Trust in government



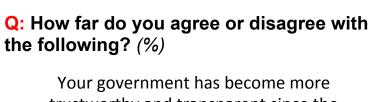
#### Q: How far do you agree or disagree with the following?

(% agree a lot/somewhat)

Lebanon



Tunisia



trustworthy and transparent since the

Arab Spring



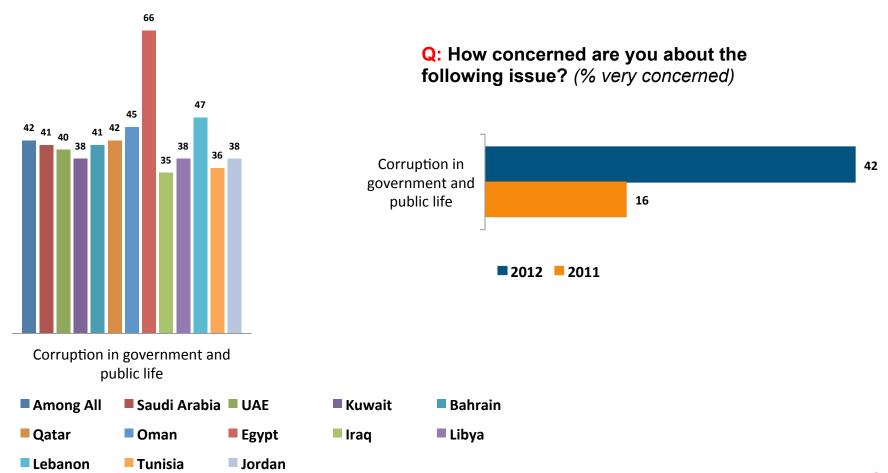


Jordan





#### Q: How concerned are you about the following issue? (% very concerned)



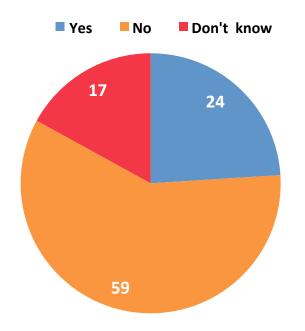


# The Arab Spring will not spread further, according to the region's youth





Q: Do you think the protests will spread to any new Arab countries? (%)



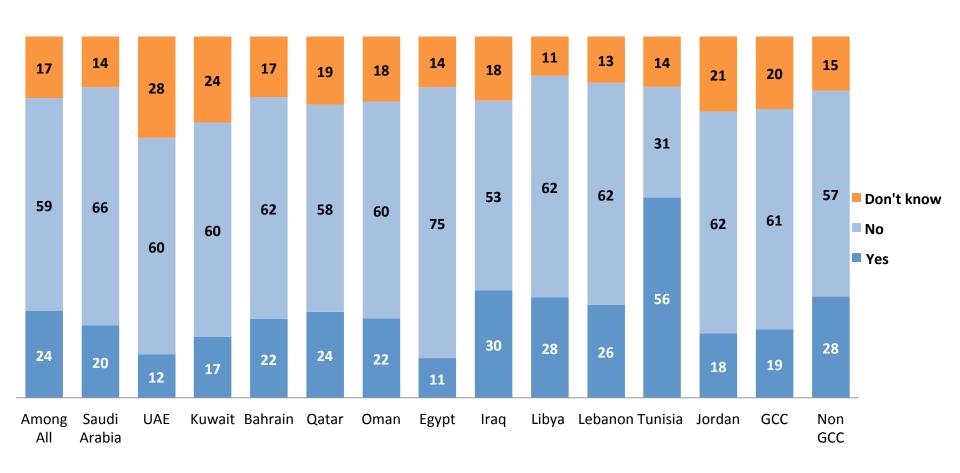
Q: If yes, which countries do you think the protests are most likely to spread to next?



#### Future protests



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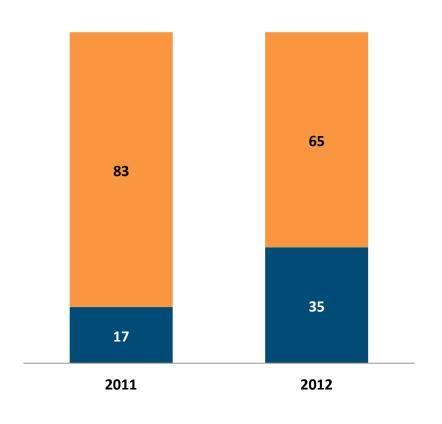


## Traditional values are being increasingly challenged by a modern outlook





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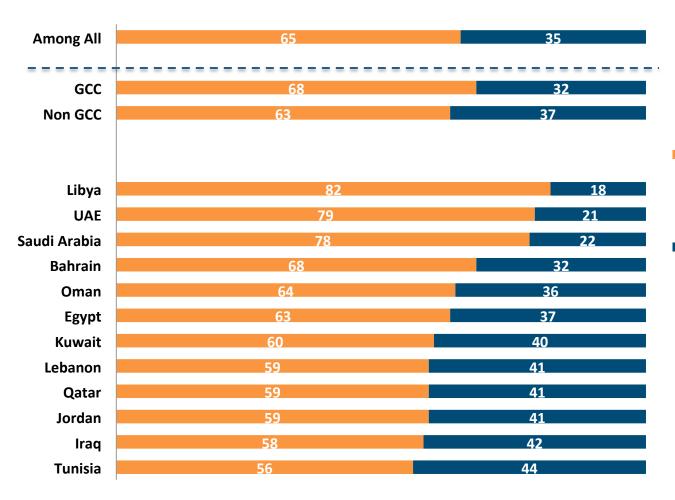


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#### Traditional vs. modern values

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## The UAE is seen as a model nation by Middle East youth

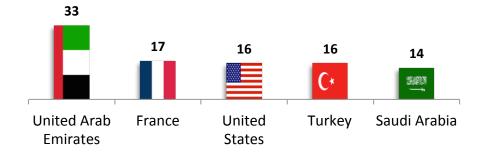
#### Model nations



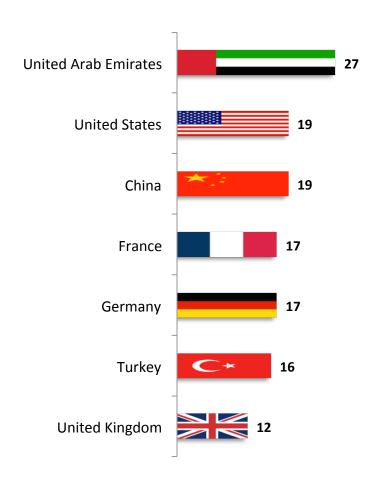
#### Q: Which country in the world would you most like your country to be like? (%)



#### Q: Which country in the world would you like to live in? (%)



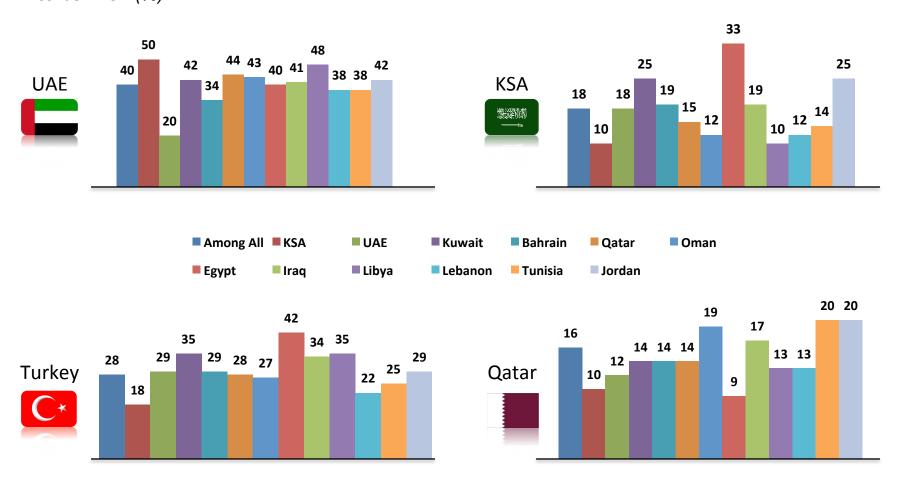
## Q: As your country develops, which country's model of growth and development would you like your country to follow? (%)



#### Model nations



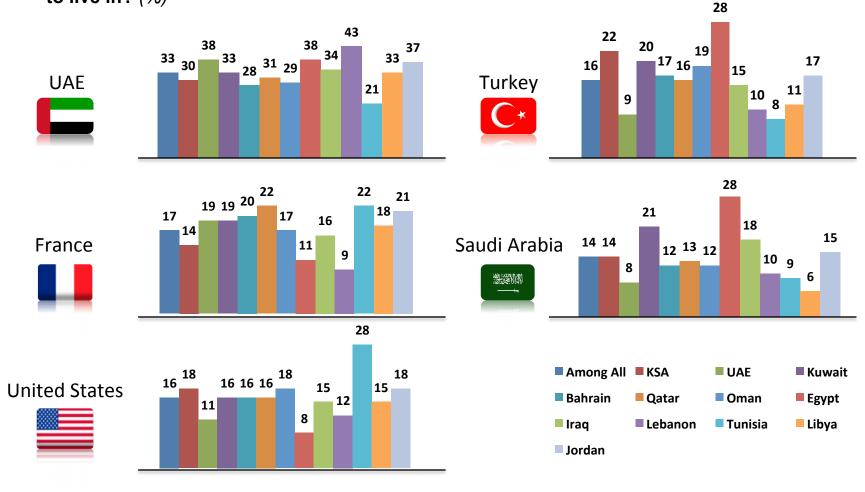
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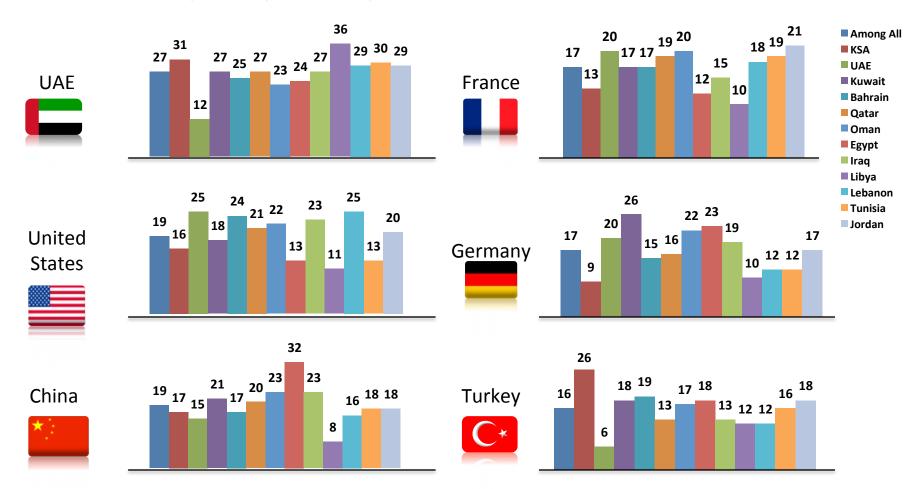
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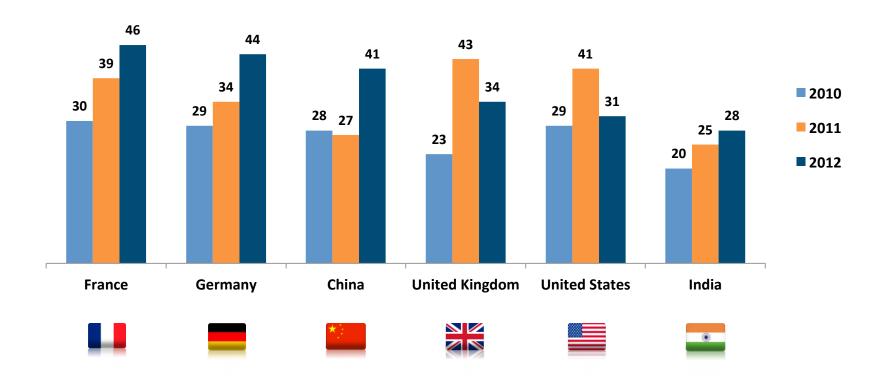
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Arab youth see France most favourably among all foreign countries; views of China and India are also increasingly positive





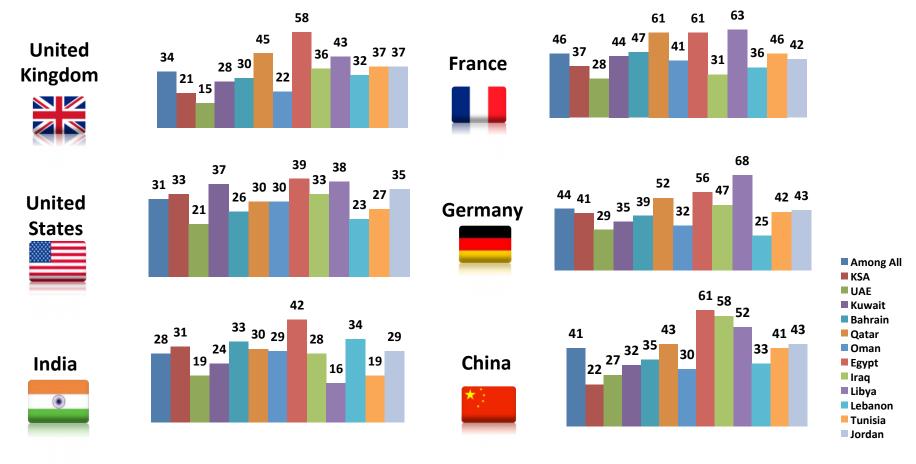
Q: How favourable are you to the following countries? (% very favourable)







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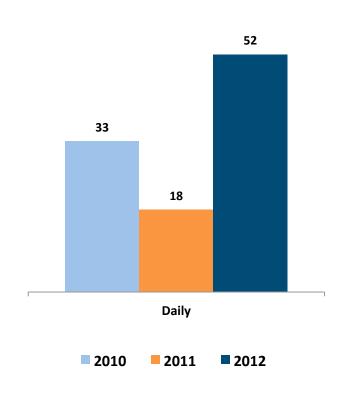
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# News consumption skyrockets, TV viewership declines & blogs are booming

# Media consumption



Q: How often do you update yourself on news and current affairs? (%)

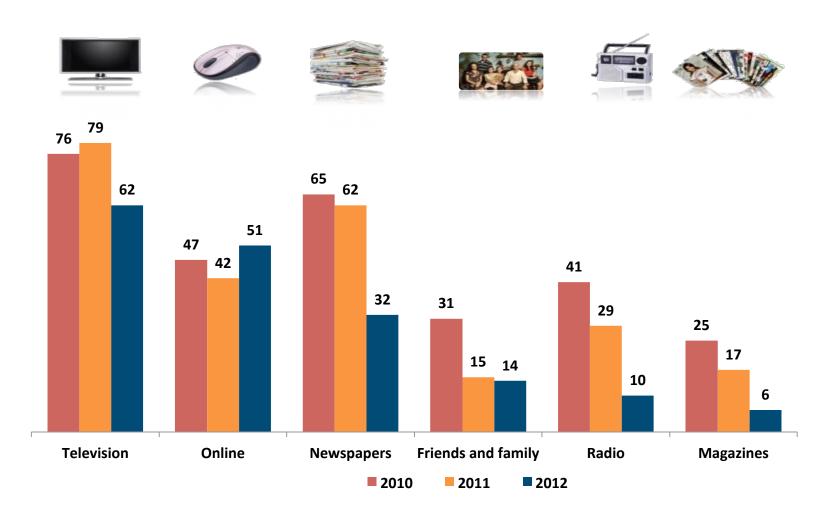


Country	Daily/nearly every day 2012	Daily/nearly every day 2011
GCC	72	48
Non-GCC	73	30
Tunisia	76	-
Oman	76	43
Kuwait	75	63
Bahrain	75	37
Saudi Arabia	75	36
Libya	74	-
Jordan	72	16
Qatar	71	81
Egypt	71	48
Lebanon	71	27
Iraq	70	34
UAE	63	31

#### News sources



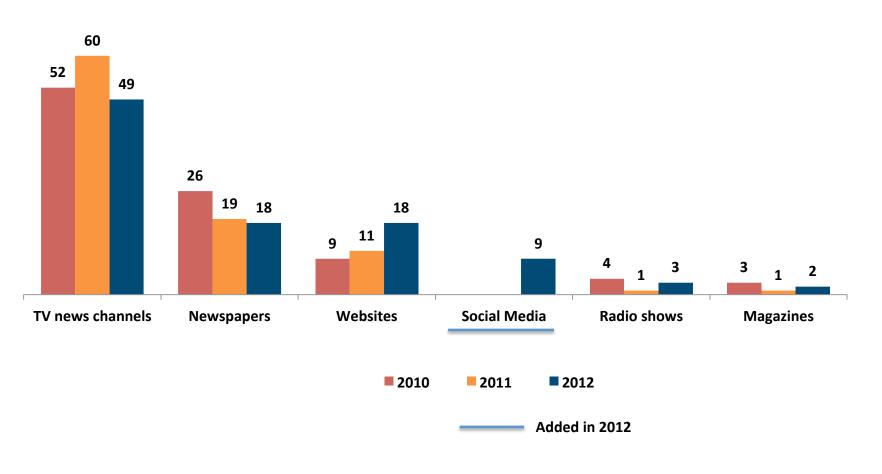
#### Q: Where do you get your news? (%)



#### Trusted news sources



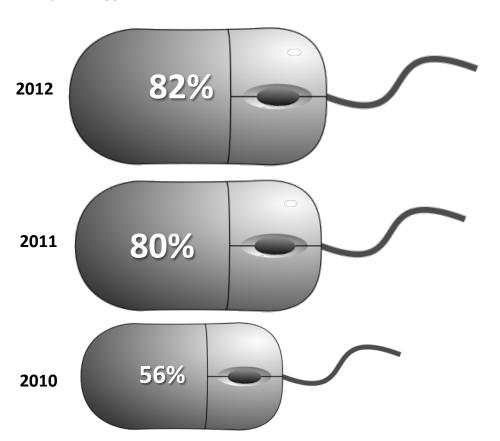
#### Q: In your opinion what is the most trusted source of news? (%)



### Internet usage



# Q: How often do you generally use the Internet? (% daily)

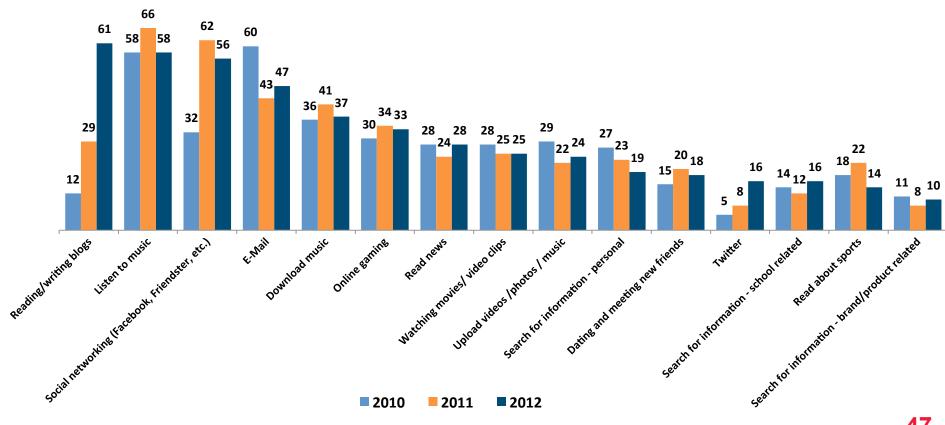


Country	Daily 2012	Daily 2011
GCC	82	81
Non-GCC	81	78
Saudi Arabia	91	78
UAE	87	77
Libya	86	-
Jordan	85	82
Lebanon	85	86
Bahrain	82	82
Qatar	81	92
Iraq	80	79
Egypt	79	68
Tunisia	79	-
Kuwait	78	79
Oman	77	82

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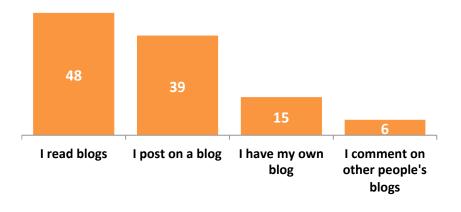
#### Q: What do you do when you are online? (%)



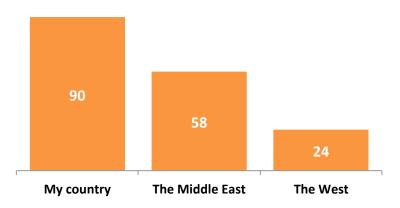
### Blogs



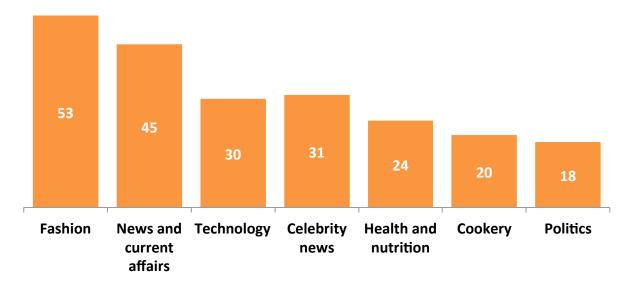
Q: What do you do on blogs? (%)



Q: Where do the blogs that you read come from? (%)



Q: What kinds of blogs do you read? (%)



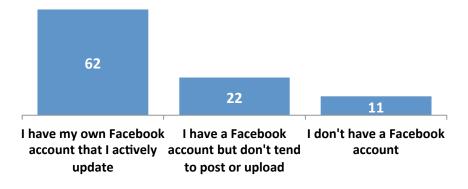


Base: All who blog

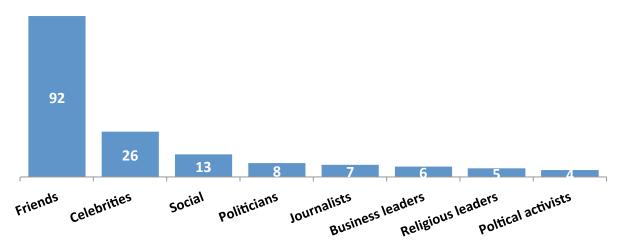
#### Facebook



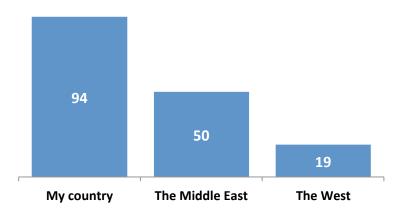
### Q: Thinking about social networking, which of the following applies to you? (%)



## Q: Who are the types of people that you are friends with on Facebook?(%)



### Q: Where do the people you are friends with come from?(%)



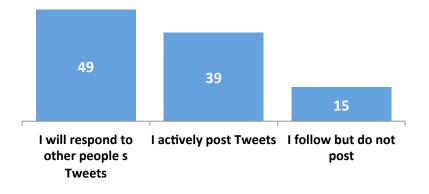


Base: All who use Facebook

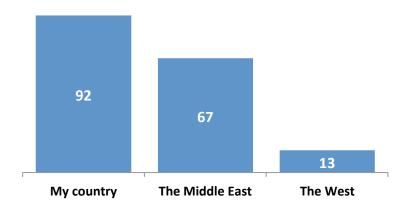
#### **Twitter**



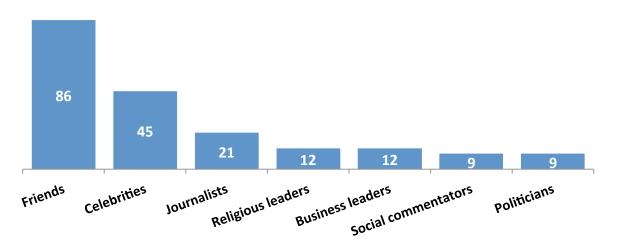
Q: Thinking about Twitter, which of the following applies to you? (%)



Q: Where do the people you follow on Twitter come from? (%)



Q: Who are the types of people that you tend to follow? (%)





Base: All who use Twitter

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