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Competing Governing Models in the Arab Region

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ABSTRACT

The issue of the Arab Spring has become one of the main political issues at the regional and international levels. This thesis was motivated by a pursuit to gain a better understanding about the causes and the prospect future of the Arab Spring. In order to achieve my objective, this thesis conducted an assessment study of researches made in this topic and used data from a research survey done by the Lebanese American University about this topic. This thesis aims to find out the nature of these crises in the Arab states undergoing transition and to know the prospect future of the governing models in the Arab world. In other words, the causes vary from a state to state between identity and institutional natures. During this historical turning point in the MENA region's political life, some governing models which share important aspects with democracy will take advantage and have more influence on the overcoming replacing governments.

Keywords: Arab, Spring, Causes, Future, Crises, States, Models, MENA, Democracy, Government.

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Chapter One

Introduction to Revolutions

Throughout history, demonstrations and revolutions have played important roles in changing the political, economical, and social lives of many countries. The duration of a revolution varies from state to state depending on different circumstances and Conditions. The revolution varies from one state to another in terms of methods applied, durations taken for implementation and preparation, and reasons for their occurrence. In terms of duration, revolutions can vary from few days to many years. Revolutions occur violently with the use weapons or peacefully without the use of force. Each revolution has its own reasons, and it differs between states with respect to causes, events, and consequences.

Since late 2010, the world has been shocked with the start of a series of unexpected demonstrations and protests occurring in different states of the Arab World, and this has been known as “The Arab Spring” or “The Arab Awakening”. It was initiated by the people of Tunisia and then spread to include other Arabian states, like Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, Yemen, and Syria. Some revolutions achieved their objectives in a small period of time, but others are going on.