The role of Facebook and other social networking websites in Arab Spring events

The study discusses the part played by social networking websites in hastening the outbreak of Arab Spring events that engulfed the Middle East from early 2011, and their role in the planning of the demonstrations and protests that led to the toppling of several regimes in this region (Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Yemen).

The study also seeks to determine the point at which online activists lost their influential position, while political Islamic movements gained power and took control of the wave of protest, and even of the government.