

# THE ARAB SPRING & SOCIAL MEDIA: REGIME CHANGE CHALLENGES

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# TUNISIA

- \* [World Revolution 2011 - The Arabian Spring! – YouTube](#)
- \* [A Twitter Snapshot Of The Tunisian Revolution: Over 196K Mentions Of Tunisia, Reaching Over 26M Users | TechCrunch](#)



# EGYPT



[@jonjensen](#)

Jon Jensen

Tahrir looks like a war zone - at least 4 vehicles burned out. Parliament under challenge by people; police firing tear gas still. [#Egypt](#)



[@jrug](#)

Jonathan Rugman

[/v](#) I am watching the Mubarak party headquarters on fire with thousands of Egyptians still running around the streets after dark.



[@nolanjazeera](#)

Dan Nolan

Armoured personnel carriers surround NDP party headquarters which is engulfed in flames [#egypt](#)

# LIBYA

- \* [Nato uses its own Twitter revolution to track Gaddafi's forces – Telegraph](#)
- \* [NATO's Newest Bombing Tool: Twitter | Danger Room | Wired.com](#)
- \* [Rebellion 3.0: How Libyan rebels use Twitter to help NATO air strikes · citizenside · Storify](#)
- \* ['Muammar Gaddafi' The Last Moments Before Death... Bashar Assad, You Will Be Next! – YouTube](#)
- \* [NATO chief recommends end of Libyan ops via social media - Technology - GMA News Online - Latest Philippine News](#)

# SYRIA

- \* [Syrian protests on video - YouTube](#)
- \* [US Ambassador Robert Ford Greeted with Roses in Hama Syria - July 8, 2011 – YouTube](#)
- \* [Arab Spring - Syrian Uprising | Facebook](#)
- \* [Video: Syrian protesters call on Nato as security forces raid a university - Telegraph](#)



# BAHRAIN & YEMEN

- \* <http://abcnews.go.com/International/social-media-fuels-protests-iran-bahrain-yemen/story?id=12926081>

# BAHRAIN

- \* [Bahrain protests: Bahrain government battles social media revolution | Crikey](#)
- \* [Pre-dawn Raid Destroys Bahrain Protest Camp - YouTube](#)
- \* <http://twitter.com/BahrainFeb14>

# YEMEN

- \* [Yemeni youth use social media for change – YouTube](#)
- \* <http://twitter.com/yousefkaid/yemen-revolution>
- \* [2011 Yemen Revolution | Facebook](#)



# TUNISIA ELECTIONS

- \* [Voting begins in historic election in Tunisia – YouTube](#)
- \* [Tunisian election results spark angry protests](#)
- \* [Tunisian town hit by post-election violence – YouTube](#)

# MONTANA VOICES

- \* <http://www.cas.umt.edu/casweb/faculty/FacultyDetails.cfm?id=1166>
- \* <http://www.pbs.org/pov/regardingwar/conversations/blog-1/qa-with-holly-pickett.php>
- \* <http://hollypickett.blogspot.com/>
- \* <http://mtlowdown.blogspot.com/2011/02/libyan-protester-griz-fan.html>

# SOME DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

- \* How does the digital divide apply to the Arab Spring and similar future events?
- \* How can countries effectively conduct diplomacy when social media shapes and helps decide outcomes in a matter of days?
- \* How can hard fact be separated from social media fantasy and misinformation?
- \* How do the laws of war affect social media use by civilians to guide military air strikes?

# SUGGESTED SOURCE MATERIAL

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- \* Amir Hatem Ali, The Power of Social Media in Developing Nations: New Tools for Closing the Global Digital Divide and Beyond, 24 Harvard Human Rights Journal 185 (2011).