How Do Arab Citizens Perceive Their Freedoms?

Perceived Freedoms in the Arab World

Access to Information

When you want to get newspapers, magazines, foreign books, or view sites on the internet, do you sometimes find it is forbidden by the government and/or its agencies?

- % Found Information was blocked by government
- % Have not tried to access blocked information

Freedom of Press

- Kuwait: 82%
- Jordan: 74%
- Lebanon: 72%
- Tunisia: 70%
- Libya: 65%
- Morocco: 62%
- Algeria: 60%
- Iraq: 59%
- Egypt: 56%
- Yemen: 54%
- Saudi Arabia: 52%
- Sudan: 43%
- Palestine: 40%

Freedom of Expression

- Kuwait: 84%
- Jordan: 77%
- Lebanon: 69%
- Tunisia: 72%
- Libya: 68%
- Morocco: 67%
- Algeria: 60%
- Iraq: 67%
- Egypt: 55%
- Yemen: 55%
- Saudi Arabia: 46%
- Sudan: 41%
- Palestine: 40%

Access to Information

- 2016: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine & Tunisia
- 2013: Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Sudan & Yemen
- 2011: Saudi Arabia

Source: Arab Barometer Waves II-IV

"Many citizens across MENA believe that the freedom of expression and freedom of the press is guaranteed. However, widespread disengagement from politics means that relatively few have direct experience with such barriers or potential red lines in their countries."

Michael Robbins, Director, Arab Barometer