

Youth in MENA

Findings from the Fifth Wave of the Arab Barometer

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About Arab Barometer

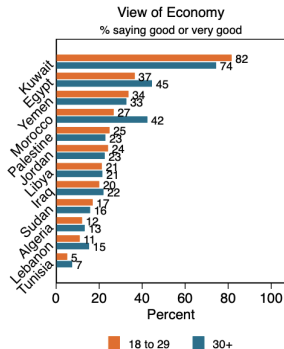
- ▶ **5** waves, **15** countries, **50** nationally representative surveys, over **70,000** interviews
- ▶ Multi-topic surveys developed in close collaboration with our steering committee & regional partners
- ▶ Face-to-face interviews implemented on area probability samples of adults aged 18 and above
- ▶ Data allow for demographic comparisons and trend analysis
- ▶ Local partners in each country carry out fieldwork
- ▶ All data are publicly available for download (Sept 30 for wave 5) and free of charge at www.arabbarometer.org

Key findings

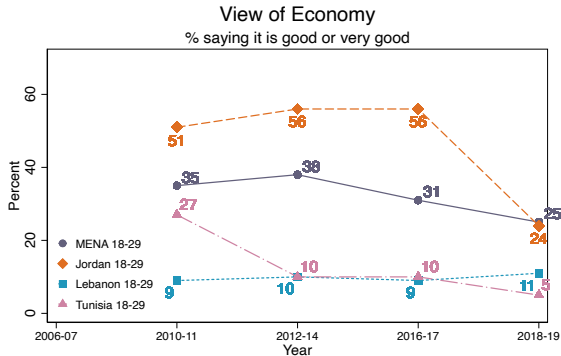
- ▶ Youth economic frustration across MENA is increasing
- ▶ Youth have little trust in governments, which are widely viewed as being corrupt, leading to a potential crisis of legitimacy in the region
- ▶ However, views of youth differ relatively little from older generations in this regard
- ▶ Youth are more likely to want to emigrate and to participate in informal politics
- ▶ Arab publics, including youth, generally affirm women's equal rights but less accepting of their equal roles in society

Economic Challenges in MENA

Views of the economy

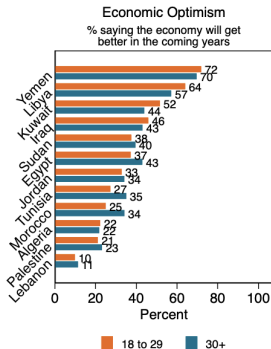


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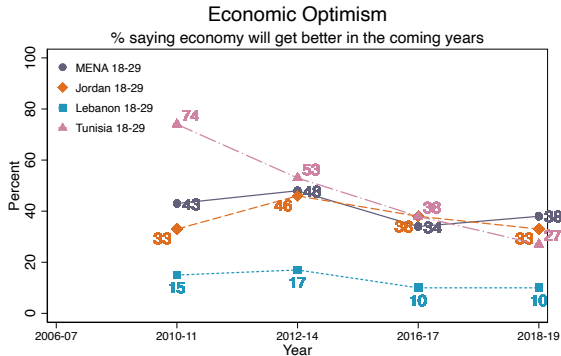


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Falling economic optimism

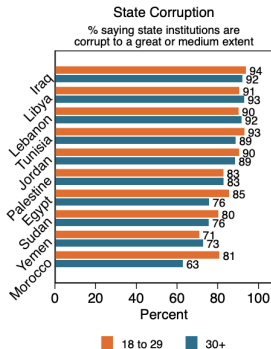


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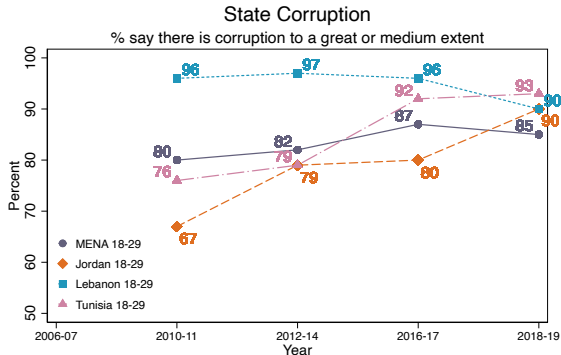


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Widespread concern about corruption

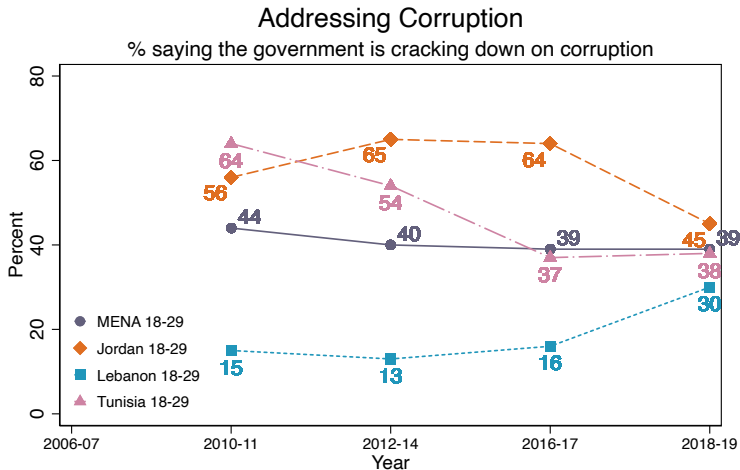


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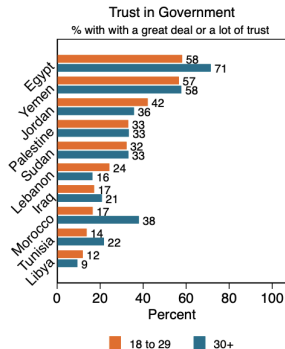
Few believe government is tackling corruption



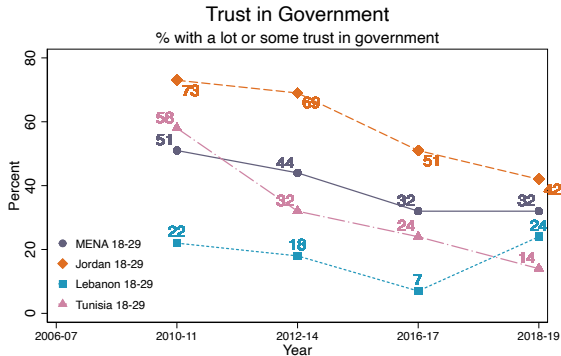
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Institutional Trust & Government Performance

Declining trust in government

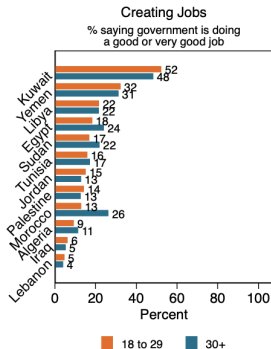


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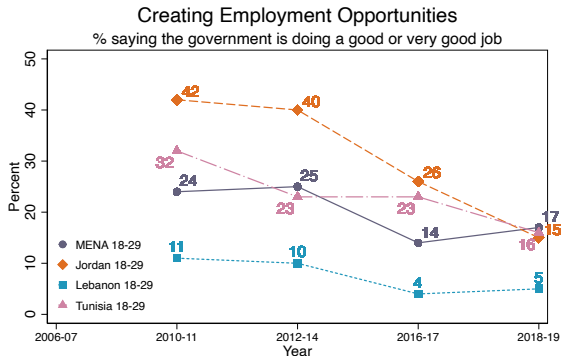


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Frustration over job creation

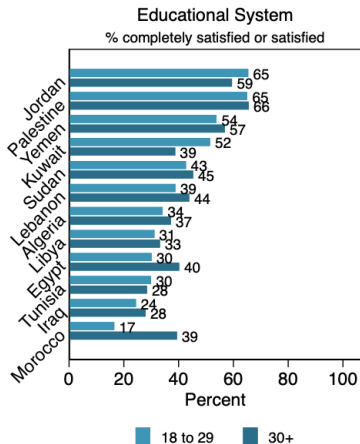


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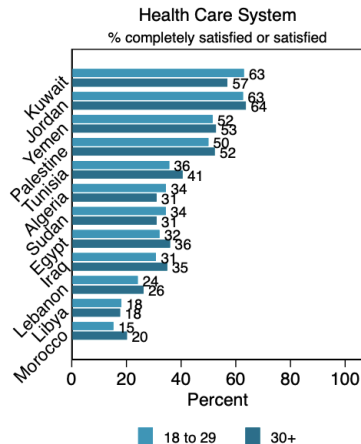


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Education and health services

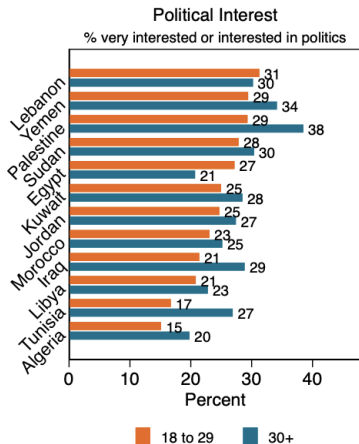


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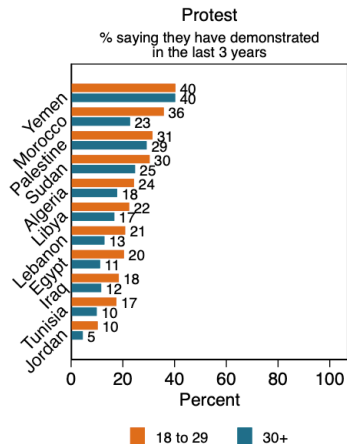


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Lower interest in politics but embrace of protest



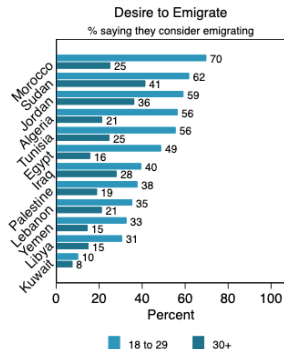
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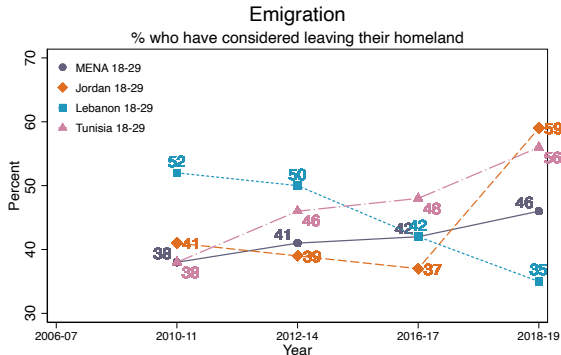
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Emigration

Youth increasingly likely to want to emigrate

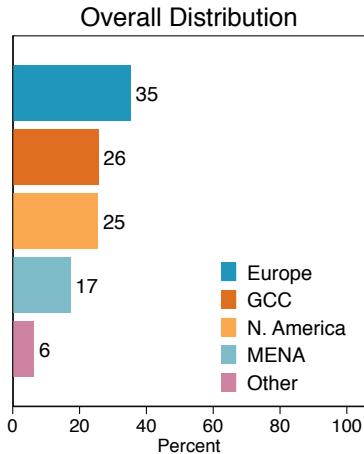


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Preferred destination & reasons vary

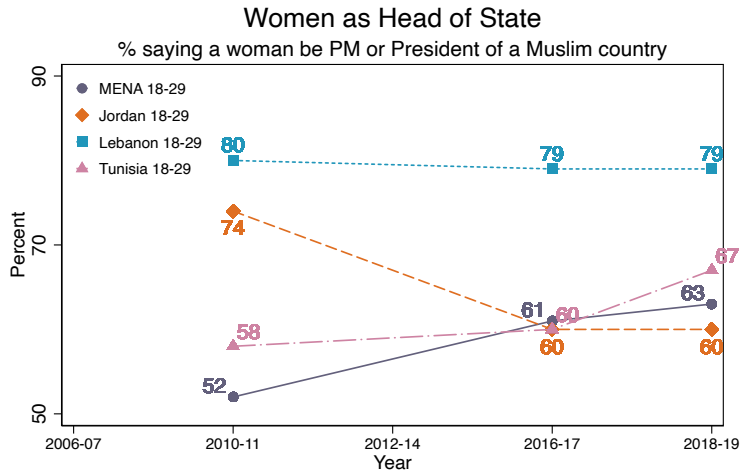


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- ▶ 58% want to emigrate for economic reasons
- ▶ 13% want to emigrate due to corruption
- ▶ A third are willing to leave even without the necessary papers.

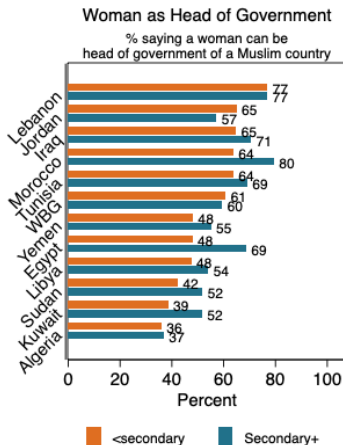
Women's Rights and Roles

Most say women can be head of state

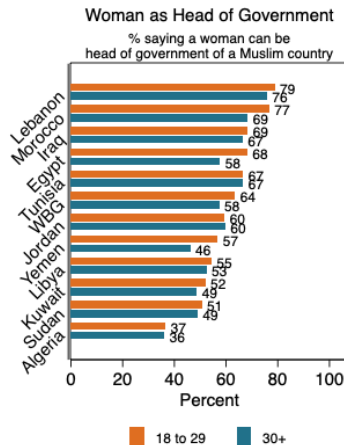


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Difference by education but not age

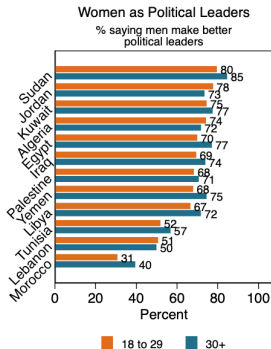


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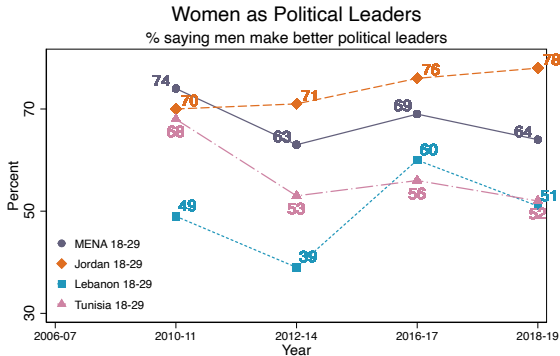


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Most say men make better political leaders



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