

Beside its positive role, will arab spring have a negative impact on the middle e...

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I. Introduction - The Arab Spring and the changes of government that followed in certain Middle Eastern countries brought with it many positive outcomes. The most important of these is that it has brought about, for the first time in many decades, an opportunity for real democracy in many Arab states (Mansour). Not only has it done this, but it has also brought a new confidence in the power of the people to change their own destinies. Despite these positive outcomes, negative impacts should also be expected because of the Arab Spring.

II. One of these is the fact that the restoration of stability in the countries, which were affected, might take an extraordinarily long time.

The situation in Libya where the new government is not strong enough to disarm the various militia groups still carrying out their activities in the country (Bellal and Doswald-Beck 3)

The situation in Yemen where Al Qaeda has gained more power since the Arab Spring in that country

The restoration of stability in Syria might be very difficult

III. The Arab Spring has led to a lot of bloodshed between those people who have lived side by side for many generations

This bloodshed is going on today, and it is likely to affect the lives of those people involved for a long time

People from different sides of the conflict have lost friends and relatives

There has been an upsurge of violence in places which were previously peaceful

IV. The likelihood of revenge attacks

Revenge on those people suspected of killing relatives during the Arab

Spring might lead to the prolonging of the conflict

Groups which wronged each other during the Arab Spring might create vendettas against each other

Those groups, which supported the authoritarian regimes, might become victims.

V. The security of the ethnic and religious minorities might be in jeopardy

As the majority groups take power, minority groups might be left out of any political activity (Banerjee)

They might become targets of discrimination as well as violence

VI. Conclusion

The Arab Spring is a very important event in Middle Eastern history

It has created many opportunities for change

People should be careful about the decisions they make in the aftermath

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