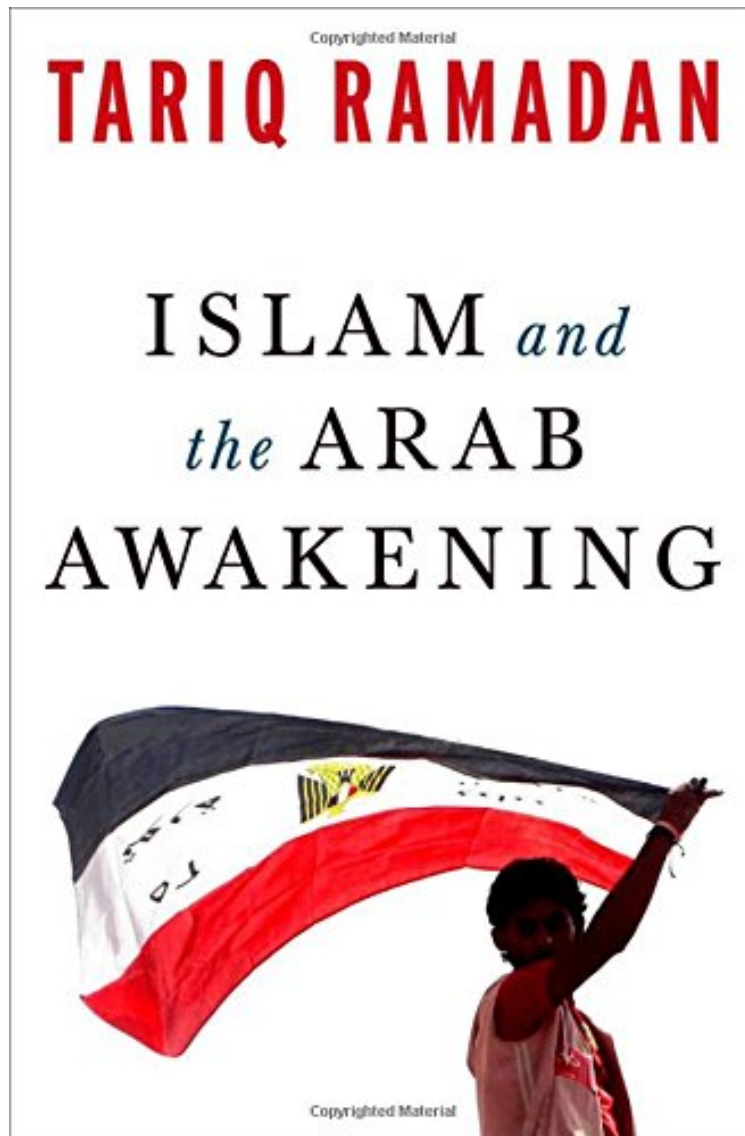


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such as Gene Sharp's Albert Einstein Institution, Freedom House and the International Republican Institute. Trainers emphasized how to use nonviolent tactics to shape mass psychology via the Internet with symbols and slogans spelled out by Gene Sharp. For example, the black clenched fist symbol used by Otpor was adopted in Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt and Syria and had no religious divisiveness between secular or Islamist viewpoints. Simple slogans like "Get out!" were repeated over and over to influence mass psychology. Instead of waging war that failed in Iraq, the US used mass movements to "undermine regional stability and bring about a Western-dependent transition under military and economic control." Ramadan points out the main motive of the Western powers isn't democracy, as shown in their support for repressive dictators and monarchs, but economic and military interests that require stability and access to oil and other resources. Western countries set up bases in Egypt, Tunisia, Bahrain, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar. Emerging economic power China is more popular than the US in the region, so real democracy would be fearful for the West. Since its formation in 2008, the Africom (United States Africa Command) bases in Africa have expanded. However, a conspiracy of foreign powers didn't start the uprisings nor did the Islamist organizations. Young women and men led them in a new form of nonviolent opposition with new models of democracy that Western powers tried to instigate and manipulate for economic gain. Ramadan noted the "very instrumental presence of powerful multinational corporations at every stage of the process that climaxed in the mass uprisings." Although youth ousted dictators, they weren't able to develop a vision for "a genuine mode of political organization," which opened the door to assumption of power by well-organized military or Islamists (Ennahda in Tunisia and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Libya and Syria).

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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A different perspective of ongoing changes in the region By nassir This was my first reading of any of Tareq Ramadan's books, and it left me very impressed. I thought of it as very very objective, he doesn't cater to any side and backs his conclusions with many facts. I think those on both sides of the debate whether be it the Islamists or the Liberals would find more common ground presented in this book than many would have ever thought. It is a must read for anyone who wants to get an understanding of the Arab Spring, and what led to it. However; it is too early to predict the outcome.

One of the most important developments in the modern history of the Middle East, the so-called Arab Spring began in Tunisia in December 2010, bringing down dictators, sparking a civil war in Libya, and igniting a bloody uprising in Syria. Its long-term repercussions in Egypt and elsewhere remain unclear. Now one of the world's leading Islamic thinkers examines and explains it, in this searching, provocative, and necessary book. Time Magazine named Tariq Ramadan one of the most important innovators of the twenty-first century. A Muslim intellectual and prolific author, he has won global renown for his reflections on Islam and the contemporary challenges in both the Muslim majority societies and the West. In *Islam and the Arab Awakening*, he explores the uprisings, offering rare insight into their origin, significance, and possible futures. As early as 2003, he writes, there had been talk of democratization in the Middle East and North Africa. The U.S. government and private organizations set up networks and provided training for young leaders, especially in the use of the Internet and social media, and the West abandoned its unconditional support of authoritarian governments. But the West did not create the uprisings. Indeed, one lesson Ramadan presents is that these mass movements and their consequences cannot be totally controlled. Something irreversible has taken place: dictators have been overthrown without weapons. But, he writes, democratic processes are only beginning to emerge, and unanswered questions remain. What role will religion play? How should Islamic principles and goals be rethought? Can a sterile, polarizing debate between Islamism and secularism be avoided? Avoiding both naive confidence and conspiratorial paranoia, Ramadan voices a tentative optimism. If a true civil society can be established, he argues, this moment's fragile hope will live.

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