

Tunisia - December 2010

Egypt - January 2011

Libya - February 2011

Syria - March 2011



Why is Egypt a Hot Mess too?

They're technically in the middle of a revolution that
been happening since January of 2011

Causes:

Police brutality

State of emergency laws

Electoral fraud

Political censorship

Widespread corruption

High unemployment

Food price inflation

Low minimum wages

Demographic structural factors

Inspiration from concurrent regional protests

All started with Tunisia

What's Happening There:

Civil disobedience

Civil resistance

Demonstrations

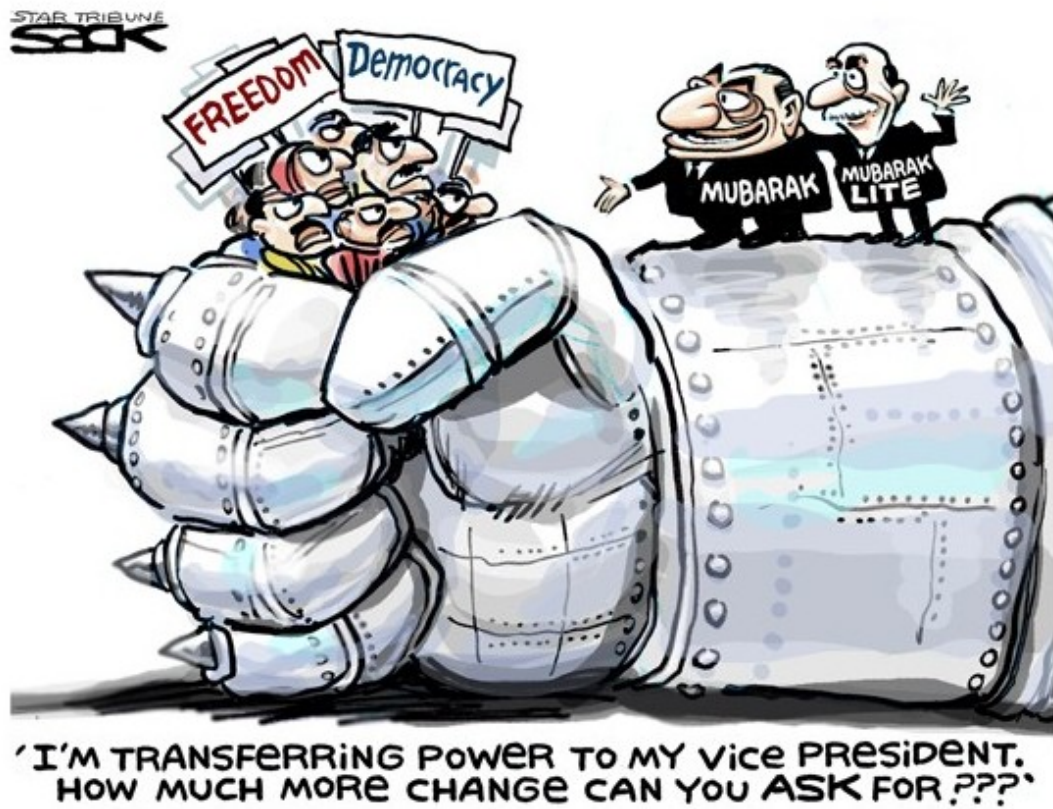
Riots

Strike actions

Self-immolation

Online activism

Military Coup



Who's this Mubarak guy?

- He took over in the 70s after Anwar Sadat was killed
- Not the kind of leader you want - civil & human rights violations
- Convicted of killing peaceful protestors during the revolution
- Currently in a Military Hospital in Cairo



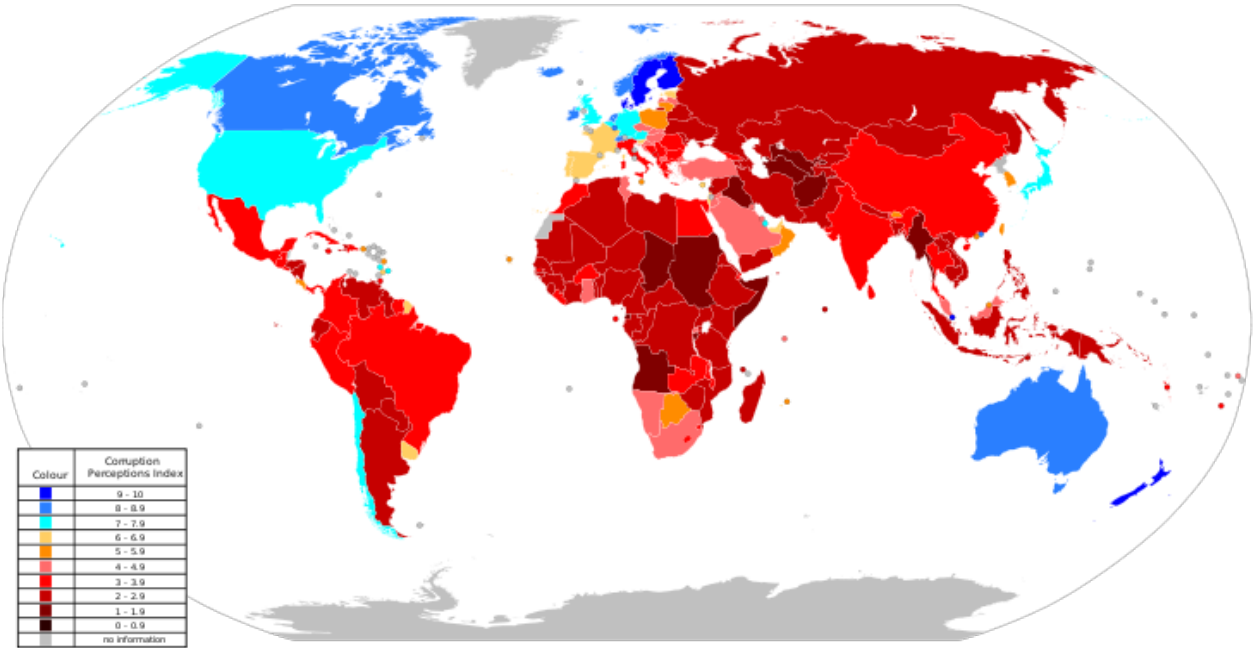
How Fast Things Change - 2009

Has all this protest done anything?

- Ousting of President Mubarak and Prime Ministers Nazif and Shafik
- Assumption of power by the Armed Forces
- Suspension of the Constitution
- Dissolution of the Parliament
- Disbanding of State Security Investigations Service
- Dissolution of the NDP, the former ruling party of Egypt and transfer of its assets to the state
- Prosecution of Mubarak and his family and his former ministers
- 2012 Elections: Muhammad Morsi
- Military Coup
- 2014 Elections: Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
Won with 97% of the vote?



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The Reign of Gaddafi

Seized power in a bloodless military coup in 1969

Gaddafi replaced the Libyan Constitution of 1951 with laws based on the political ideology

Helped Nelson Mandela get elected in 1994

2008 Meeting of traditional African rulers bestowed on him the title "King of Kings"

A leading advocate for a United States of Africa, he served as Chairperson of the African Union

Title: Brotherly Leader and Guide of the Revolution of Libya

How did we feel about Gaddafi?

Biggest Instigator of the 1970s Oil Crisis

Cut the production of Occidental Petroleum, an American company in Libya, from 800,000 to 500,000

Teamed with the Shah of Iran to raise oil prices

OPEC nations began a game of "leap frogging" to win further concessions from the oil companies after following Gaddafi's lead.



Other Interesting Foreign Policy Choices

Supported militant organizations that held anti-Western sympathies around the world

Supported the IRA in bombing Britain in 1984

Faced opposition from Islamic extremist groups during the 90s

Accused the US of blowing up Al-Qaeda camps that they had originally help build.

Allowed suspects in the War on Terror to be "held" in Libya

Offered to dismantle his nuclear weapons program

Supports Hugo Chavez and his anti-imperialist ideas

Gaddafi proposed the establishment of a South Atlantic Treaty Organization to rival NATO

Death of Gaddafi

We start bombing - he takes cover in drainage pipes
Eventually killed by militia men



<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/400293/october-20-2011/goodbye--muammar-al-gaddafi>

