

Political Islam Through Muslim Brotherhood

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Numerous studies have been conducted to investigate modern political Islam and its founders, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood. These studies aim to understand the nature of political Islam, its historic socio-political context, its impact on how Islam is understood by modern Muslims and how it evolves as an ideology. The major test of political Islam is how it manifests when it is in actual political power and what transformative effect time in office has on political Islam's ideology and viability. Muslim Brotherhood's brief time in office (June 2012 to July 2013) and the collapse of the Islamist government in Egypt through military coup grasped the attention of sociological, political and religious scholars to investigate the role of political Islam in Egypt and greater Middle East. This research will investigate questions, did Muslim Brotherhood use Islamism and Islamic arguments to raise to power after the Arab Spring revolution of 2011? To what extent did the government utilise the Islamic principles and implement the ideas and socio-political objectives of political Islam? Importantly, did the views of Muslim Brotherhood leaders change after the collapse of the government with respect to the viability of political Islam? The research will interview 20 middle and senior leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood to find answers to these questions. The leaders included in the research would have been politically involved before and during the Morsi government. The research is significant to understand the evolution of political Islam and to see if it is still a potent ideology or it is changing dramatically as a result of experience in power.

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