



Dishing Democracy

VOCABULARY

cultural diffusion: a process in which one culture's ideas and values are adopted by another

freedom of speech: the right to express opinions and ideas without the fear of punishment

government oversight: supervision by a country's official authorities

media: mass communications including television, radio, and the Web

social reform: attempts to achieve positive change in society

taboo: a religious, social or cultural ban on doing or discussing something seen as immoral or disruptive

RESOURCES

Web Sites

Abu Ardvark, a Blog by Marc Lynch
abuaardvark.typepad.com

Mosaic-Link TV: World News from the Middle East
www.linktv.org/mosaic/streamsArchive/

Middle East Newsline
www.menewsline.com

Middle East Online
www.middle-east-online.com/english/

Arab Advisors Meeting
www.arabadvisors.com

Books and Articles

Rubin, Barry. *The Long War for Freedom: The Arab Struggle for Democracy in the Middle East*. New York: Wiley, 2005.

Anderson, Jon W., Dale F. Eickelman, Editors. *New Media in the Muslim World: The Emerging Public Sphere (Middle East Studies)*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2003.

Fandy, Mamoun. *(Un)Civil War of Words: Media and Politics in the Arab World*. New York: Praeger Security International General Interest, 2007.