

The Jordanian View of America in the Middle East

This paper will argue for the continued strength of the America-Jordanian relationship and the value of the relationship to both nations. All participants agreed that the American-Jordanian relationship is resilient. One Jordanian stated that the United States will always view Jordan as a strategic ally. Therefore, Jordan's stability is important for the US. This paper will argue that the strength of that relationship is contingent on the stability of Jordan. Jordan is resource poor and the US provides financial support that Jordan needs to maintain that stability. In regards to the possible destabilization caused by the Arab Spring, participants said that the leadership in Jordan is important. More importantly, the people do not want to see themselves as refugees like their Syrian neighbors. One Jordanians explained that Jordan is still here when you have the stronger Arab partners collapsing. This shows that Jordan is very stable compared to the rest of the region, yet it does this with the help of the US. These results are found through interviews with Jordanians. These interviews are then analyzed and compared to the literature already written on this subject.