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# The Arab Spring and its Aftershocks: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy

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A young Tunisian, Mohamed Bouazizi, set himself on fire in December, 2010. He did this to demonstrate his contempt for an unresponsive political system and his frustration with the rest of his world for doing nothing to help him and his people. His death ignited a sequence of uprisings that have become known as the Arab Spring.

Demonstrations and sometimes riots followed throughout the Arab world, in a few cases ending some of the world's most repressive regimes, in others provoking draconian crackdowns on such public expressions of discontent, but in every case setting in motion widespread popular demands for fundamental reforms. Many have paid the ultimate price, but the struggle is ongoing and its outcome is far from certain.

What can we learn from this regional popular uprising? Will those who have put so much at risk gain access to more democratic political systems? Is the end in sight? And ultimately, what are the foreign policy implications for America – and globally?

**Location:**

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**Santa Barbara City College - West Campus**

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