

Journalism education in Egypt: Politically hazed & socially confused

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Abstract

In many occasions, policy makers in the Higher Education Sector cause a brain drain of skilled educators on one hand, and foreign management of educational institutes on the other hand lack any understanding of the socio-political and economic context in Egypt subconsciously direct the whole journalism education arena into a real chaos. As both sides choose contacts with whom they feel comfortable working, and usually as culturally close to them as possible, also people sharing the same world views. As a result, many departments and schools of journalism education became a place for hopeless or desperate students who learn nothing, or just old fashioned approaches. And the rest of the get the licence to work in Egypt without working engaging with the local culture, language and country, causing the students to think that their degrees are enough to work, but when they face the sad reality, they realize very late that the money they have spent was not worth it. Of course, this is not the case all the time, yet it has become almost the case everywhere.

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