

The Two- Headed Monster Facing Egypt:

Character and Leadership

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Abstract

The formidable obstacle on the road ahead for Egypt is a two-headed monster, **character** and **leadership**. Now, after two glorious revolutions, it is time to analyze this obstacle/monster. Egypt must deal with this obstacle, because success in development is simply not possible without first slaying this monster.

As Egypt embarks on its immediate future, targeting its immediate political, economic and social priorities, it must not overlook the crucial objective of determining the **character** of the nation, and the responsibility of its **leadership**. This is a prerequisite that if not met, progress and development will not come.

This working paper will first set the stage for what is meant worldwide by development. Then the paper will begin with an outline of the various institutions and factors needed to establish sustainable ongoing levels of economic prosperity, which in turn will usher in an era of development in Egypt. It is critically important to note that these institutions and factors are time-tested and proven elements of development all over the world, East to West, South to North. They are a necessity for a country's productivity and its ability to provide prosperity to its citizens; they allow a country to use available resources productively.

The analysis in this working paper will then turn its focus on the all-critical two-headed monster, the areas, issues and concerns around which the character of a nation is formed and the indispensable signs and characteristics of viable leadership, outlining that without a character overhaul and the emergence of a genuine and passionate leadership Egypt stands little chance of progressive and sustainable development.

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