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## Abstract:

This paper conducts a corpus-based cognitive-linguistic analysis of GAME-based conceptual metaphors in the political discourse addressing the Egyptian and Tunisian Revolutions, being the most prominent of all Arab Spring revolutions. In so doing, it seeks to reflect the role of conceptual metaphors in touching upon the ideologies which governed the progress of such revolutions. The general data set comprised 150.000 words collected from the electronic archives of two Egyptian (Al-Ahram and Ash-Shrouk) and Two Tunisian (Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah and As-Sabbahnews) newspapers covering three years from January 25, 2011 to January 25, 2014. The corpus analyzed in the current study is limited to 68 linguistic expressions. The procedures of MIP (Pragglejaz Group, 2007) in line with the tenets of Conceptual Metaphor Theory (Lakoff & Johnson, 1999, 2003) as well as Conceptual Blending Theory (Fauconnier & Turner, 1998, 2002) are used to identify conceptual metaphors based on the source domain GAME. Concordance lines for lexical items with metaphorical potential as well as dictionaries helped to provide clear-cut distinction between metaphorical and nonmetaphorical usages. Findings showed similar conceptual metaphors in the Egyptian and Tunisian press, emanating from the source domain of GAME. Such similarity is ascribed to mutual culture and mutual linguistic repertoire. political ideologies in both countries were identified.

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Key Words: Conceptual metaphor, political discourse, Arab Sh

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In line with the Aristotelian concept of metaphor, it could be unimportant, deviant and parasitic....fuzzy and vague, inessential fill that are mostly used by poets and rhetoricians" (Ortony, 1979, 2) Also, Rebhorn (2004: 102) cites Puttenham (1970: 189) as declared "for pleasure and ornament and that metaphors are often used "for pleasure and ornament of our Chilton and Lakoff (1080. 5) speech". Conversely, Chilton and Lakoff (1989: 5) stress that metaphors are not mere words or fanciful notions. Al Jumah (2007) stresses that "In most of the Arabic-speaking world, metaphors are still seen as mere literary adornments, unlike in the West, where the cognitive and linguistic underpinnings of figurative language are being actively discussed" (p 51).

Within the framework of cognitive linguistics, a metaphor is defined as "the cognitive mechanism whereby one experiental domain is partially 'mapped', i.e. projected, onto a different experiential domain, so that the second domain is partially understood in terms of the first one" (Barcelona & Valenzuela, 2005: 209, as cited in Valenzuela & Soriano, 2005). Metaphor is defined by Lakoff and Nunez (2000) as "the mechanism by which the abstract is comprehended in terms of the concrete" (p.5). In this manner,

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conceptual metaphors link two conceptual domains, the 'source' conceptual mouse domain. The conceptual approach does not domain and the 'target' domain. The conceptual approach does not domain and the domain regard metaphological transportation of language devices that may be easily replaced by other means. Instead, they are ubiquitous may be easily neople think just demonstrated the may be easily appeared think just demonstrated through linguistic signs of the ways people think just demonstrated through linguistic signs of the Major 1, 2006: 37). Conceptual metaphors are absolutely means (McElhanon, 2006: 1002). The means (ividinary language (Lakoff, 1993). The cognitive process of central to ordinary refers to the case of civilcentral to organize process of central to organize process of "conceptualization" refers to the case of giving abstract notions (target "conceptualistical and tangible essence (source domain). On the one domain) a physical and tangible essence (source domain). On the one domain, a product domain' refers to the conceptual domain from which we hand, 'source domain' refers to the conceptual domain from which we hand, some metaphorical expressions (e.g., JOURNEY in LOVE IS A draw moderate in Love is A Journey). It consists of a set of literal entities, attributes, processes and relationships, linked semantically and apparently stored together in the mind. 'Target domain', on the other hand, refers to the conceptual domain that we try to understand (e.g., LOVE IN LOVE IS A JOURNEY); It tends to be abstract, and takes its structure from the source domain, through the metaphorical link, or 'conceptual metaphor'. Target domains are therefore believed to have relationships between entities, attributes and processes which mirror those found in the source domain.

The current paper claims that politics shapes language to communicate specific political views about the Egyptian and Tunisian Revolutions, being the most prominent models of the Arab Spring Revolutions. Hence, it is geared to conduct a corpus-based qualitative study of conceptual metaphors related to the source domain of GAME in press published in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). The source domain of GAME is particularly selected since relating serious concepts such as POLITICS and REVOLUTION to soft semantic frame such as GAME would create a semantic tension in light of which different ideologies characteristic of the Egyptian and Tunisian Revolutions would be clarified. To figure out such relation between language and politics, particularly the use of conceptual metaphor, the current study seeks to answer the following questions:

- o How has the political discourse of the Egyptian and Tunisian Revolutions been represented in Arabic press in terms of GAME-based conceptual metaphors?
- o To what extent do constructs of GAME-based conceptual metaphors in Arabic press help better understanding of the

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2. Literature review:

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Studies conducting on Arabic (Farag, 2000; Al-Harrasi, 2010; Abu Libdeh, 2011; Alogany, 2013; Torlakov. 2010; Abu Libdeh, 2011; Alogany, 2013; Torlakov. studies conducting on Alasia, 2010; Abu Libdeh, 2011; Alogany, 2013; Torlakova, 2014) Such scarcity of studies on conceptual management Omodan, 2010; Abu Libuch, 2014, 2018 Such scarcity of studies on conceptual metaphologomolov, 2014). Such scarcity of studies on conceptual metaphologomolog Bogomolov, 2014). Such scarcing and metaphin Arabic political discourse can be ascribed to linguistic and political discourse can be ascribed to linguistic reasons. In respect of the linguistic reasons, the phenomenon conceptual metaphors is recently tackled in Arabic studies conceptual metaphors have not yet been considered as a distinct and all of these studies are category of metaphors in Arabic and all of these studies are recent published. Equally important, lack of translated books (from Englished) into Arabic) on cognitive linguistics in general and concept metaphors in particular is a key reason behind such scarce Moreover, all of these studies are based on Conceptual Metaph Theory (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980) with clear negligence to me advanced cognitive theories of metaphor interpretation. In regard the political reasons, the Arab political systems did not allow the trend in linguistic research, and this is clear in the political topic covered in these studies. By the same token, contrastive linguist studies of conceptual metaphors comparing Arabic to other language are markedly rare (Al-Harrasi, 2001; Regier & Khalidi, 2009; Hassan 2010; Abdulwahid, 2011) and most of them were based on translation perspectives. Still, very few studies addressed the use of GAME-base conceptual metaphors in the area of politics. Also, they claimed the effectiveness of such metaphors relying on very few lines from different sources. Furthermore, the source domain GAME was never used solely to account for political issues; rather, it was usually use as being hyponym of WAR.

3. Metaphor and Political Discourse:

Fairclough (1989) defines political discourse as "the whole process of interaction of which a text is just a part" (p. 24). Lenar (1994) envisages media as one of two sources of political knowledge Journalists writing about politics are generally keen on spreading and circulating certain political views. Expressing such political view

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A Corpus-based Study of GAME-Based Conceptual Metaphors directly may be largely opposed. Tannen (1994) states that "indirectness is] one of the elements that varies the communication....[Indirectness is] one that can cause communication....[and one culture to another, and one that can cause confusion most from one culture to another, and one that can cause confusion most misunderstanding" (p. 79). Hence, journalists most from one training (p. 79). Hence, journalists, writers and and misunderstanding to indirect linguistic strategies by which it and misunational and misunation and misunation indirect linguistic strategies by which they could politicians resort to indirect linguistic strategies by which they could politicians resort to indirect linguistic strategies by which they could be public view, including metaphor as the many politicians resolt to a politicians resolution and resolution reso strategy of indirectness.

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Conceptual metaphors acquire a special value in political discourse. Kövecses (2002: 33) states that CM is one of the linguistic strategies which help audience to understand, support and agree the content of the speeches. Jeffery and Katz (1996: 131) argue that metaphor can make the abstract political view, politics and events more concrete that human can easily comprehend and accept them. Goatly (1997) deposits that metaphors created in the domain of politics reflect 'latent ideologies'. Lakoff (2002) maintains that metaphors help people to have a better understanding of ideology and value in political speeches. Jeffery and Katz (1996: 131) propose different functions of metaphors in the domain of politics including offering solutions to political problems or events, offering a course of action, and persuading the public of certain views. Al-Zoubi and Al-Hasnawi (2006: 232) aver that because metaphors are associated with indirectness, they are common as a special mode of expression in politics and public speeches where direct expressions are censured.

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"The role of metaphor in political discourse is crucial as in helps to identify the hidden meanings of the various subsystems functioning within these systems (formation of mind, means of formation of the culture and the ideology of society, preservation of the cultural-historical experience) (p. 69).

4. Metaphor Theories:

Seitz (1998) posits that metaphors have been developed through three views: (a) the traditional language view, (b) the synesthetic view, and (c) the cognitive view. As concerns the traditional view, it is related to Aristotle's views on metaphor as he defined it as "the transference of a name from the object to which it has a natural application" and he regarded it as a mere rhetorical trope. Seitz (1998) argues that "metaphors do not depend on prior associative relations but actually create relations between concepts". That is, it creates an association between two quite dissimilar subjects. The synesthetic view argues that metaphors allow for the identification of parallels across different sensory domains. The cognitive view posits that metaphor implies a transfer between two objects. Traditional metaphor theories generally include three essential theories: the Substitution Theory, the Comparison Theory, and the Interaction Theory in addition to Ricoeur's Tension Theory.

The four theories (Substitution, Comparison, Interaction and Tension) approach metaphors as a matter of language contrary to literal language. Yet, the seminal book by Lakoff and Johnson Metaphors We Live By (1980) marked a genesis of new wave of metaphor theories, getting metaphor studies to be placed in various disciplines including linguistics, psychology, philosophy, culture studies, etc. The wave of new metaphor theories included Conceptual Metaphor Theory (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980), the Domain-interaction Theory (Tourangeau & Sternberg, 1982), Structure Mapping Theory

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Keysar, 1990, Turner, 1998, 2002), Lexical Concepts and Theory (Volucksberg & 2010), and Context-Limited Simulation Theory Turner, 1998, 2002), Lexical Concepts and Cognity (Fauconnies & Evans, 2006, 2007 & 2010), and Context-Limited Simulation Theory to the series are ornamental to the series are that, contrary to the series are that the series are the series a (Evans, 2006, 2007 & 2010), and Context-Limited Simulation Theory (Ritchie, 2006). All of these recent theories aver that, contrary to the assect of language and aspect of language and aspect of language. (Ritchie, 2006). All of incommentation theories aver that, contrary to the traditional view that metaphor is an ornamental aspect of language and cognition. metaphor is an essential aspect of language and cognition.

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Conceptual Blending theory (CBT for short) (Fauconnier, 1994, 1994, 1994) Conceptual Dienains and Concep Grady et al., 1999) is also referred to as 'the theory of blending', and 'conceptual integration'. The theory day Grady et al., 1999, and 'conceptual integration'. The theory of blending', once proposed by Formal spaces' once proposed by Formal spaces'. back to the notion of "mental spaces" once proposed by Fauconnier back to the notion (1994). Mental spaces refer to "small conceptual packets constructed think and talk, for purposes of local understanding constructed as we think and talk, for purposes of local understanding and action" (Fauconnier & Turner, 2002: 40). In fact, CBT shares many aspects of the CMT. To Fauconnier and Turner (1996 & 1998), like the CMT, the CIVII. To a systematic projection of language, like the CMT, control of language, imagery and inferential structure between conceptual domains. Though CMT forms the basis and rationale of Belnding Theory, CMT neglects many

One major difference between CMT and CBT is that unlike the two-domain basis underlying CMT, in CBT multiple mental spaces can participate in concept mapping to form one bended space with a novel creative meaning. In other words, while CMT involves mapping between 'source domain' and 'target domain', CBT uses a four-space model: two input spaces, generic space and blend space. For instance, in the metaphor SURGEON IS A BUTCHER, the two input spaces are 'SURGERY' and 'BUTCHERY'. The generic space conjures a person using a sharp instrument to perform a procedure on some other being. In the blend space, the surgeon is associated with the butcher, and the patient is associated with cow. Yet the goal is different in both domains. The surgeon endeavors to heal the patient, while the butcher endeavors to kill the animal.

Based on the idea of "mental spaces", Fauconnier and Turner (2002) state that in CBT, the construction of "mental spaces" is

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governed by three basic processes: composition, completion and elaboration. Composition includes a projection from the "input space" to the "blended space"; completion refers to incorporation background knowledge in the blended space; and finally elaboration refers to the mental simulation of the metaphor's situation. According to the theory, the blended space "inherits partial structure from the input spaces, and has emergent structure of its own" (Fauconnier & Turner, 1996: 113). Both input spaces have a certain structure in common. Generic space is the space which highlights the commonalities and in which the possibility for a mapping becomes obvious. In the blended space, the two domains are fused into a new conceptualization, with a new understanding emerging (Turner & Fauconnier, 1995).

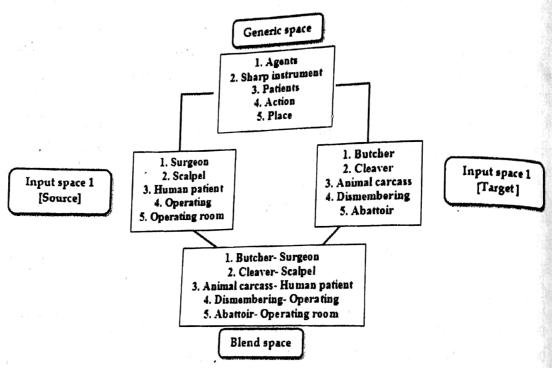


Figure (1) CBT-based conceptual mapping of BUTCHER IS A SURGEON

According to CBT, both literal and metaphoric expressions involve the construction of multiple cognitive models and establishment of mappings between the conceptual components in both target and source domains. Still, metaphor processing differs from literal sentence comprehension in that metaphor comprehension requires mapping between elements in two separate domains, while literal sentence processing involves mapping in the same domain (cf.

Fauconnier & Turner, 1998; Coulson & Van Petten, 2002). Tendahl Fauconnier & 12008) stress that CBT "is capable of explaining not only and Gibbs (2008) stress that CBT "is capable of explaining not only and Gibbs (2000) and other types of cognitive activity, including metaphor and emergence of many kinds of linguistic meaning. [It] inference and metaphor theory by allowing for mappings that are extends conceptual between multiple domains" (p. 1930) extends conceptual between multiple domains" (p. 1829). Furthermore, not unidirectional properties of the "context" of CMs. Coulson CBT ascribes much importance to the "context" of CMs. Coulson CBT ascribes "In conceptual metaphor theory, metaphors are seen (2001) posits that "In conceptual metaphor theory, metaphors are seen (2001) positions of entrenched mappings between cognitive domains, as instantiations as instantiation theory, the meaning of a metaphor is constructed while in blending theory, the meaning of a metaphor is constructed while in conceptual integration networks" (p. 178). Still, Ritchie on-line in criticizes CBT for unclear definitions of 'blended space" (2006: 72) criticizes CBT for unclear definitions of 'blended space" (2000. 12) of offended space" and "generic space", arguing that there is "no reason to think that and going such elements leads to the creation of a new representation that is totally independent of the discrete concepts (a "blended space")".

## 5. Methods and Data:

5.1. Data Sources:

Context plays a vital role in metaphor interpretation (Gibbs, 1980). The context of data collection in the current study is the coverage of political events related to the Arab Spring revolutions in press. Schrøder and Phillips (1999) argue that "the media are no longer merely social institutions alongside, or subservient to, political institutions, but may themselves be becoming the main political institution, i.e. a forum where the decisive discursive processes that engender consent about the public interest occur, crystallising a public opinion or public will" (p. 59). Wikberg (2008: 45) argues that by studying natural language data using corpus techniques we can learn more about metaphorical meaning in context, how it is expressed in authentic sentences or utterances, when metaphorical expressions tend to occur, and what functions they may have.

Instead of using articles from printed newspapers, the current study relies upon different texts from the electronic archives of four newspapers representing different political views on similar political events. The general data set comprised 150.000 words collected from the electronic archives of two Egyptian (Al-Ahram and Ash-Shrouk)

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and Two Tunisian (Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah and As-Sabbahnews) newspapers covering three years from January 25, 2011 to January 25 2014. The data set includes natural-occurring language (or metaphor in the wild; cf. Pragglejaz, 2007) rather than elicited material since elicited material in metaphor research result in somewhat erroneous identification of metaphorical expressions (Charteris-Black, 2004. Deignan, 2005; Pragglejaz Group, 2007; Semino, 2008; Wikberg 2008).

5.2. Corpus Design:

A corpus is a collection of authentic machine-readable texts stored to be dealt with through different perspectives and by means of various software. Corpus linguistics is largely viewed as a methodology in which the analysis of language is based on contextualized, naturally-occurring data rather than made-up data (Meyer, 2002). The corpus analyzed in the current study is limited to 68 linguistic expressions. To collect representative corpus, three basic criteria were fulfilled. First, since the corpora analyzed cover a period of three years, the number of the articles retrieved from the electronic archives of the named newspapers was generally similar. Second, the writers of the selected articles are both males and females to avoid gender differences in language production. Third, the selected articles are not written by pre-selected writers so as to have a wide array of diverse language use. Finally, the selection of articles is not subjective, but it was conducted based on the most frequent lexical units in both corpora. Each sub-corpus comprised about 35.000 words from which metaphor tokens are analyzed.

5.3. Procedures of Analysis:

Metaphor Identification Procedures MIP is one authentic and empirical method of metaphor identification which captures the essence of contrastive analysis which is based on description, juxtaposition, comparison and interpretation. MIP was devised by Pragglejaz Group (2007) within the framework of the Metaphor in Discourse project (Steen, 2007). The Pragglejaz Group is a group of ten metaphor researchers, namely Peter Crisp, Ray Gibbs, Alan Cienki, Graham Low, Gerard Steen, Lynne Cameron, Elena Semino, Joe Grady, Alice Deignan, and Zoltán Kövecses, from a variety of

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## The original MIP paradigm goes as follows:

- 1. Read the entire text-discourse to establish a general understanding of the meaning.
- 2. Determine the lexical units in the text-discourse
- 3. a. For each lexical unit in the text, establish its meaning in context, that is, how it applies to an entity, relation, or attribute in the situation evoked by the text (contextual meaning). Take into account what comes before and after the lexical unit.
  - b. For each lexical unit, determine if it has a more basic contemporary meaning (dictionary meaning) in other contexts than the one in the given context. For our purposes, basic meanings tend to be
    - O More concrete [accessible to the senses, i.e. what they evoke is easier to imagine, see, hear, feel, smell, and tastel;
    - o Related to bodily action (i.e. motivated by the human body sensory motor apparatus);
    - More precise (as opposed to vague); and
    - Historically older
  - c. If the lexical unit has a more basic current contemporary meaning in other contexts than the given context, decide whether the contextual meaning contrasts with the basic meaning but can be understood in comparison with it. (For more details on how basic and contextual meanings of a lexical unit are identified see dictionaries below). Componential analysis is implemented to resolve much of the emerging problems of identifying basic and contextual meanings.

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The current paper integrates manual and automatic inspection of conceptual metaphors. After manual identification of nearly about 40% of data set to identify relevant metaphorical expressions AntConc 2.2.4, a software program, is used to find further instances and extensions of such expressions in the whole data set. AntConc 3.2.4 (2011) is a freeware toolkit devised in 2007 at Waseda University in Japan by Laurence Anthony. The toolkit is multipurpose as it contains various tools of analysis and serves different languages, including English and Arabic. The current study uses three main functions in the toolkit: word list, concordance, and collocates in order to have a list of all the lexical items in both corpora ordered alphabetically, a full concordance of the selected lexical units which have metaphorical potential, and most frequent collocates throughout the target corpora since MIP regards all lexical units stretching from a word to a whole sentence.

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la 'iba aṣṣabīy: amused himself/herself and had fun; la 'ib: entertaine; lu 'bah (plural: lu 'bāt): a game; mal 'ab: an open court for gaming and entertainment. (pp. 2014-2015)

The preceding definitions assure that a "game" has nothing to do with "policy". However, many lexical units reflect a conceptual with policy between both domains. The conceptual metaphors mapping between domain GANG mapping under the source domain GAME are based on ontological catalogues on official correspondences between POLITICS and REVOLUTION on the one hand and GAME on the other. Players/gamers correspond to political parties or ruling regimes); sports instruments and sets correspond to political mechanisms; matches and tournaments correspond to stages of political reform; and victory and defeat correspond to success and failure. In the main, all these correspondences tend to form one basic conceptual metaphor: POLITICS/REVOLUTION IS GAME. Figure (2) sums up these metaphorical correspondences.

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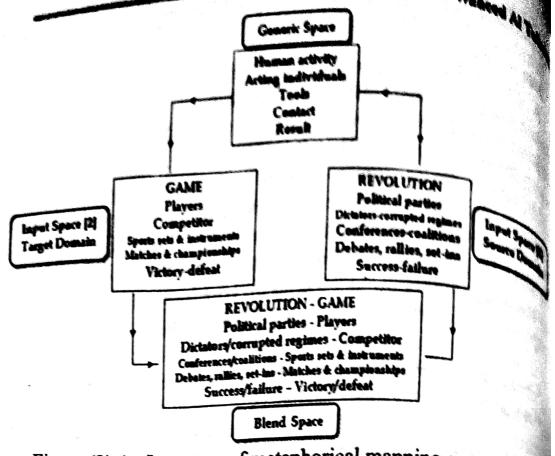


Figure (2) An Inventory of metaphorical mapping correlations between GAME and REVOLUTION

The four sub-corpora varied in the number of linguistic metaphocatalogued in each newspaper. The total number of linguistic metaphors is 68 distributed as follows:

Table (1) Number of linguistic metaphors catalogued in a

Al-Ahram	Ash-Shrouk	Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah As Sahl		
12	15	Al-Chourouk Af-Tunisiah As-Sabbahnews		
Total number of linguistic metaphors = 68				

The master conceptual metaphor POLITICS IS A GAME is markedly used in the following metaphorical instances based on one lexical unit "allu'bah (game) which conjures the image of two parties Mostly Represented by Islamists and liberals in instances [1] [3] and [4], and by revolutionary people and anti-revolution forces in instances [2] and [3].

A Corpus-based Study of GAME-Based Conceptual Metaphors: وهنا برزت معدودية ادراك الشعب المصرى الذي تجلى في الحلقة الاولى خلف الاعتماري الذي تجلى في الحلقة الاولى خلف الاكترية التي المعلم (٢٠١٣/٩/١٤)

It became clear that the Egyptian people are not fully aware of the political game and the cultural element reflected in the first stage disappeared behind the majority which lobbied for the stage of the Islamic current to power (14/9/2013)

[2] Ash-Shorouk: مازالت فلول الماضى تسعى لإجهاض ثورة ٢٥ يناير وللاسف الشديد أن هذه الغلول تعلىك الكثير من الطراف اللعبة العبار المساور (٢٠١١/١٠/٢٣)

The remnants of the former regime are still seeking to abort the 25 January revolution. Unfortunately, these remnants control a lot of the parties of political game. (23/10/2011)

[3] As-Sabbahnews: بعضهم (أعضاء حركة النهضة) تكتيكيون ولكن بعضهم استراتيجيون. الاذكياء بينهم يدركون ان لعبة الوصاية والإقصاء اصبحت مستحيلة الأن. وانهم إذا ارادوا ان يلعبوا لعبة الحزب الحاكم السابق فيقومون بالاستيلاء على الحكم (٢٠١٢/٧/١٧)

Some of the members of Al-Nahda Movement are tactical and some are strategic. The most intelligent of them realize that the game of guardianship and exclusion became impossible now, and if they want to play the game the former ruling party, they seize power (17/7/2012)

As-Sabbahnews [4]: ووصلوا (الإسلاميون المنفيون إلى الغرب) الي استنتاج As-Sabbahnews [4]: مفاده ان اللعبة الديمقراطية يمكن ان تدمجهم مع بقية المجتمع (٢٠١٢/٧/١٧)

They Islamists exiled to the west concluded that the democratic game can integrate them with the rest of society (17/7/2012)

Participation in political games requires professional players. During the Arab Spring revolutions, professional players who were ready to participate were the Islamists and the remnant powers of the ousted regimes both in Egypt and Tunisia. This idea is assured in the conceptual metaphor REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE/OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE PLAYERS as the following instances demonstrate.

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Waheed Al Tohen "Al-Ahram [5] فإن الوسائل الجديدة (وسائل الإعلام) هي وليدة هذا العصير، والمستع عالما جديدا تحول فيه المواطن العادى الى لاعب أساسي في عالم الإعلام ونقل المعلومات (۲۰۱۱/۲/۸)

The new media are the result of this era, and they create a new media are turned into a key nice The new media are the result of the new media are the result of the world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in which world in which ordinary people are turned into a key player in which world in which ordinary people are turned in the world in the w the world of media and information transfer (8/2/2011)

[6] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: تشكيل مجلس رناسي مدني: المعارضة المصرية «مسخن» لثورة ثانية في ٣٠ جوان (٢٠١٣/٦/١٣) The formation of a civilian presidential council: Egyptian opposition «warm up» for another revolution in June 30 (13/6/2013)

While instance [5] uses the direct lexical unit "لاعب" la 'ib (player) to actualize the idea of having effective parties, instance [6] goe further as it conjures the image of a player (the Egyptian opposition) who wrams up (سخن yusa*hin*) to join a match which corresponds tauwrah tānīyah (another revolution). In a similar vein presidents and government members are envisaged as players (PRESIDENTS/GOVERNMENT MEMBERS ARE PLAYERS). For more clarification, consider the following metaphorical instance: [7] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: وأضاف (الدكتور الهاشمي الحامدي) انه «على الحكومة الحالية أن تدرك أنها تلعب في الوقتُ بدل الضائع وصنافرة النّهاية منتظرة في اية لحظة (٢٠١٣/٧/٥)

Dr. Hamdi Al-Hashimi added that «the current government had be aware that they play in extra time waiting for the final whistle at any moment (5/7/2013)

Instance [7] renders lack of efficacy on the part of the Al-العب في " Nahddah-led government as playing in extra time in a match الرقت بدل الضائع (tal 'ab fi alwaqt badal aḍḍā 'i ') as the audience (Tunisian people) are the one who is expected to put an end to such game using a final whistle صافرة النهاية (sāfirat annihāvah).

In a game, certain players are not favored, and therefore they are deprived of participation. Similarly, in politics, revolution is the most effective way of forcing specific political parties and movements to end their participation. In instances [8] and [9], the conceptual

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metaphor POLITICAL ISOLATION IS A RED CARD, revolution (albitagah alhmra) metaphor POLITICAL (albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah albitagah by acts as a red continuage of the members (players violating revolution) revolution revolution revolution revolution revolutions.

Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah [8] لكن حدث ٣٠ جوان ٢٠١٢ في Al-Chourouk المعلمين وتم رقع البطاقة العمراء في وجه كار الد |8| At-Tunisiah الاخوان المسلمين وتم رقع البطاقة العمراء في وجه كل اللاعين والتي أونت بنظام الاخوان المسلمين وتم رقع البطاقة العمراء في وجه كل اللاعين في هذا المشهد المستجد. (٢٠١٤/١/٣)

But 30 June 2013 revolution took place in Egypt, thereby But 30 June Brotherhood, and accordingly the red card is raised in the face of all players in such emerging

[9] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: عندما قبع مرسي (الرئيس) في السجن، [9] At-Tunisiah نفي تركيا، الصائفة الماضية، أن ينتصر له، لكن واشنطن ما ولم مرتمر الاخوان في تركيا، الصائفة الماضية، أن ينذل السان في اذم له من المناطن المناط حاول مؤتمر الاحوال في الربيط المنظم المنظم

When President Morsi was imprisoned, the Muslim Brotherhood conference held last summer in Turkey attempted to render Morsi as a winner, but Washington has lifted the stick, and raised a red card, thereby ending the rule of the Muslim Brotherhood! (25/11/2013)

Common revolutionary people in both countries were not wellacquainted with the rules governing the political game, and therefore they were forced to join an 'incomplete game' لعبة ناقصة (lu'bah nāqisah), i.e. a game which follows no clear rules, has no clear objectives and includes uneven distribution of rights. All these ideas could be expressed through the conceptual metaphor INCOMPLETE REVOLUTION IS AN INCOMPLETE GAME. Consider the following instance.

[10] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: ويتجلى «وهم الثورة» في تكك اللعبة الناقصة التي نقع الشعب الى لعبها، حيث بات يدور في فراغ حلقة سرعان ما تغدر مفرغة (٢٠١٤/١/٤)

The delusion of the Revolution is manifested in this incomplete game that people were forced play as they quickly got trapped in a vicious circle (4/1/2014)

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Though the previous metaphorical instance approaches image schema of GAME in general, a good number of metaphorical instances approached distinct games through a series of interesting conceptual metaphors. These games include fencing, boxing wrestling, dominoes, racing, playing cards, and musical chain Fencing (lu bat assilāh) is referred to once in relation to bloody revolutions; thereby creating the conceptual metaphor BLOODY REVOLUTION IS FENCING:

[11] As-Sabbahnews: المشكلة في السياسة انه يجب عليك تقبل أقل الحلول سوءا، وأقلها كان يتمثل في استمرار سلمية الثورة وإظهار بشاعة النظام، لكن ان بجري جرك الي ساحة لعبة السلاح فقت الخامس (٢٠١٢/٧/١٧)

The problem in policy is that you must accept the least unpleasant represented by the continuity of peaceful revolution and the exposure of the ugliness of the ruling regime. Yet, if you were forced to use weapons, you will be the loser (17/7/2012)

Competing political parties are approached as boxers (POLLITICAL COMPETITION IS BOXING). Using the lexical unit addarbah alqādīyah (knockout) is intended to communicate the idea that no more rounds are expected and hence the game is ended. Consider the following instance:

[12] Ash-Shorouk: ولكن الضربة القاضية جاءت من الجيش، إذ هدد أو لا بانه إذا لم يصل النظام إلى حل يرضى الثوار خلال ٤٨ ساعة، سوف يتدخل الجيش لفرض إرادته (٢٠١٣/٧/١٣)

But the knockout (final blow) came from the army, as it first threatened that if the system did not reach a solution which satisfies the revolutionaries within 48 hours, it will intervene to impose his will (13/7/2013)

Instance [12] echoes the proceedings which accompanied 30 June Revolution in Egypt as Sisi, the Minister of Defense at that time, forced Morsi to step down and appointed Adly Mansour, the Head of Constitutional Court, as a president after Morsi failed to achieve the Egyptian people's aspirations. In a similar vein, during the different sessions of elections, election candidates are viewed as boxers (of wrestlers) through the conceptual metaphor ELECTIONS

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CANDIDATES ARE BOXERS/WRESTLERS. Consider the consider instances.

[13] Ash-Shorouk: هذاك الكثير مما يدعو للتفاؤل بما حدث فى المراه الأولى للانتخابات، إقبال كثيف، وسلوك فى مجمله بلا شوانب كبرى من المرحلة المرشحين، وصفعة انتخابية ساحقة تلقاها فلول الحزب الوطنى وأحزاب الوطنى وأحزاب أو طمحت لاستنساخ نموذجه (٢٠١١/١٢/٤)

عمدت لاستنساخ نموذجه (٢٠١١/١٢/٤)

There are many reasons for optimism about what happened in the first phase of elections due to the large number of electors and voters as well as candidates were disciplined in addition to an overwhelming electoral slap directed to the remnants of the National Democratic Party and other parties who aspired to clone it model (4/12/2011)

[14] Ash-Shorouk: بالمقابل، كان للنقاش حول «إسلامية» الدولة أو «منينها» حضور طاغ في الحملات الانتخابية، ولم يخل الأمر من ضريات «تعت العزام» تشكك في صدق تدين مرشح معين (٢٠١١/١٢/٤)

Contrarily, debates about having an Islamist or a civil state had an overwhelming presence in the electoral campaigns which also witnessed some strikes «under the belt» doubting the commitment of a particular candidate (4/12/2011)

In instance [13], the boxers are the election candidates of the dissolved National Democratic Party and the Egyptian people who refused them. In instance [14], boxers are Islamists and liberals. The boxing game is actualized through two lexical units: صفعة انتخابية ومنعة 'intiḥābīyah (electoral slap or wallop) which communicates an easy defeat, and ضربات تحت الحزام darabāt taḥt alḥizam (strikes under the belt) which implies unfair political competition. A boxing or a wrestling match does not go without a ring in which such match could be played. In the Egyptian and Tunisian revolutions, media proved to be the most powerful conflict ring (عبرات صراع) halabāt ṣirā ), and hence forming the conceptual metaphor MEDIA IS A (BOXING OR WRESTLING) RING. Consider the following instance.

[15] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: بعد سنتين من الثورة التونسية نقف على طغيان واضح للسياسي على الثقافي ويتمثل ذلك في تحويل جل الفضاءات العمومية والمساحات الإعلامية السمعية والبصرية الى حلبات صراع بين الفرقاء لتبائل الأفكار وتوجيه الاتهامات وللتجريح المؤلم (٢٠١٣/٥/٢٣)

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After two years of the Tunisian revolution, we notice supremacy of policy over culture as almost all public media well as audio and visual media spaces are turned into "confit rings" between struggling parties to exchange ideas and accusations and to slander one another (23/5/2013)

The same idea of political conflict is approached through the conceptual metaphor POLITICAL RIVALRY/COMPETITION IS A RACE. Yet, racers differed along three years from 2011 to 2014 a highlighted by the following instances.

[16] Al-Ahram: فجرت الثورة المصرية ومن قبلها الانتفاضه الشعبية التى الطاحت بالرئيس التونسى زين العابدين بن على سباقا بين القادة العرب لارضاء شعوبهم عبر زيادة المرتبات والحوافز وتقديم وعود بتحسين مستوى المعيشة. (٢٠١١/٢/١١)

the Egyptian revolution as well the preceding popular uprising that ousted President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali sparked a race between the Arab leaders to please their people by increasing salaries and incentives and promising to improve the standard of living. (11/2/2011)

[17] Al-Ahram: أننا نريد دولة فاعلة ناجزة ذات كفاءة ليس فقط في إنجاز ما هو بديهي ... ولكن دولة قادرة على أن تدخل السباق العالمي كما جرى لغيرها من الدول القريبة والبعيدة (٢٠١١/٧/٤)

What we want is an effective and energetic state which is not only qualified to achieve what is self-evident, but also qualified to **join the global race** as happened to other near and far countries. (4/7/2011)

[18] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: وبعد مرور ثلاث سنوات على اندلاع الشرارة الاولى لانتفاضة اهالي الجهة ضد الطاغية بن علي نجد انفسنا امام انماط جديدة من الطغاة بدءا بالحكومة الى المعارضة الكل يتسابق نحو كرسى السلطة (٢٠١٣/١٢/١٦)

Three years after the outbreak of the first spark of the uprising of the Tunisian people against the tyrant Ben Ali, we find ourselves in front of new styles of tyrants including the government and the opposition. All are racing towards authority (16/12/2013)

Ash-Shorouk [19] يس ما يحدث في عديد من البلدان العربية الآن ببعيد الله المالية الآن ببعيد عن المبلدان في سبباتي محموم من اجل إثبان السابق، فقد انخرطت نظم هذه البلدان في سبباتي محموم من اجل إثبان التعليل السابق، فقد انخرطت نظم هذه المواطنين (٢٠١١/١/٢٥)
المتعامها برفع معيشة العواطنين (٢٠١١/١/٢٥)
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What is happening nowadays in many Arab countries is not far from the above analysis; the systems of these countries have been engaged in a frantic race in order to prove their interest in raising the living standard of citizens (25/1/2011)

Instances [16] and [19] stress the idea that since the outbreak of the wave of the Arab Spring revolutions in Tunisia, most of the Arab presidents and kings joined a 'race' (sibāq) to provide better living standards for their people so as to avoid similar revolutions in their countries. In instance [17], race is no longer regional as it, by the course of time, became international since most of the Arab peoples have already started to compare their revolutions to other previous revolutions which guaranteed better life and higher standards of freedom. In instance [18], race is maintained in a negative frame, supported by the use of itself and higher standards of itself and higher standards of the standards of t

It is taken for granted that the Arab Spring revolutions did not start simultaneously. Rather, they followed each other like a chain reaction. Arab rulers were ousted in a similar manner. Such idea of consecution the through conceptual is actualized metaphor OUSTED PRESIDENTS/UNSUCCESSFUL **PARTIES** ARE FALLING DOMINOES in which dominoes قطع الدومنيو (qita adduminū) represent falling political powers in instance [20] and [22] and deteriorating economic status in instance [21].

[20] Al-Chourouk At-Tunisiah: فإذا نجمت حركة تمرد المصرية وأنصارها وداعموها من المنظمات والجمعيات والأحزاب المعارضة في الإطاحة بحكم الاخوان في مصر، فإن قطع الدومينو لامحالة ستتهاوى وربما تتغير الخارطة السياسية في الشرق الاوسط وشمال افريقيا. (٢٠١٣/٦/٢١)

If the Egyptian Tamarud Movement and its backers, including opposing organizations, associations and parties, succeeded in overthrowing the rule of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the

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dominoes would inevitably fall, and perhaps the political map change (21/6/2013) the Middle East and North Africa may change (21/6/2013)

Ash-Shorouk [21]: تستند فكرة تعاقب الأحداث بالنمط نفسه من حالة إلى [21] المالات مالات المحدد في تعاقب سريع إلى انخفاض مماثل في قيم أسهم أخرى حتى البورصة قد يفضى في تعاقب سريع إلى انخفاض مماثل في قيم أسهم أخرى حتى سور تغلق البورصة ابوابها (٢٠١١/١/٢٥)

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Ash-Shorouk [22]: في اللحظة التي بدا فيها أن نظام بن على قد سقط، قفز السؤال: هل يتكرر الأمر في باقى المنطقة العربية، على أساس نظرية "تاثير قطع الدومينو"؟ (۱۱/۱/۸)

The moment it has been actualized that Bin Ali's regime had fallen, the following question is aroused: can this issue be repeated in the rest of the Arab region based on the theory of the "domino effect"? (8/1/2011)

#### 9. Summary and Conclusion:

POLITICS/REVOLUTION IS GAME assumed the role of the master conceptual metaphor in light of which other ancillary subconceptual metaphors are formed. Based on the image schema of ontological various COMPETITION, and epistemological metaphorical mappings were drawn. Such mapping helped to touch upon issues related to political opposition, ideological discrepancies political strategies, black propaganda, new methods of protesting anti-revolutionary forces, the role of media as well as political alliances. The most efficient conceptual metaphors based on the source domain GAME are formed through the following metaphorical mappings:

Table (2) Summary of metaphorical mappings based on the source domain GAME

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POLICY/REVOLUTION	GAME
n-volutionary people/opposition	Players
Presidents/government members	Players
political principles	Gaming rules
Political isolation	Red card
Incomplete revolution	Incomplete game
Bloody revolution	Fencing
Political competition	Boxing
Elections candidates	Boxers/wrestlers
Media	A (boxing or wrestling)
	ring
Political rivalry/competition	Race
Ousted presidents/unsuccessful parties	Falling dominoes
Policy	Playing cards
Elections	Tournaments
Successful political parties	Winners in game
Failing political parties	Losers in game

All conceptual metaphor analyzed in the current paper are structural metaphors formed through the fame TARGET DOMAIN is SOURCE DOMAIN. The Egyptian and Tunisian newspapers showed few differences with regard to the ideologies reflected through conceptual metaphors due to similar political situations in both countries. The lexical items clustering around the concept of GAME are suggestive of negative connotations.

As regards the metaphorical correspondences generated through the master conceptual metaphor POLICY/REVOLUTION IS GAME, a number of the sub-conceptual metaphors proved to be similar. Games, in general, mirrored political competition. The conventional conceptual metaphors SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE WINNERS IN A GAME and FAILING POLITICAL PARTIES ARE LOSERS IN A GAME are used to reflect the changing political scene across time since losers and winners replaced each other more than once. Though both corpora regarded elections candidates as players, players differed as long as the political process deteriorates. Players are revolutionists, opposition parties, presidents, and government officials who were viewed as fencers, boxers, wrestlers, athletes and

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Waheed Al Toham runners. Games involved in the corpus reflected ideological parties both in Egyptical runners. Games involved in deological parties both in Egypt and differences between the competing political parties both in Egypt and differences between the composing in Egypt and an in Tunisia. Fencing is used solely to reflect bloody revolutions an in Tunisia of a man holding a sword is deeply rooted in the Analysis of a man holding a sword is deeply and a man holding a sword is deeply a man holding a sw an in Tunisia. Fencing is used as a sword is deeply rooted in the Arab since the image of a man holding a sword is deeply rooted in the Arab since the image of a man normal since in the Arab culture as a symbol of courage and power. Boxing and wrestling wrestling individual since in the Arab culture as a symbol of courage and power. Boxing and wrestling individual since in the Arab culture as a symbol of courage and power. Boxing and wrestling in the Arab culture as a symbol of courage and power. culture as a symbol of course implemented to highlight individual being individual games, were implemented to highlight individual being individual among presidential candidates. Surprisingly being individual games, were an individual individual conflicts especially among presidential candidates. Surprisingly, team conflicts especially and basketball, more popular in most of conflicts especially among products and basketball, more popular in most of Arab games such as football and bubble of Arab countries, are referred to once, but in the context of PUNISHMENT in countries, are referred to once, such that conceptual metaphor POLITICAL ISOLATION IS A RED the conceptual metaphor is a RED CARD. The red card, corresponding to the law of political isolation, was used to get rid of all members of corrupted ousted regimes.

Though the current study provided in-depth analysis of conceptual metaphors related to the source domain GAME, more insights into psycholinguistic justifications for using and implementing such games in political discourse are needed. Also, translating such metaphors requires similar effort.

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دراسة تحليلية للاستعارات المفاهيمة القائمة على مفهوم اللعبة في الخطاب السياسي للثورتين المصرية والتونسية في الربيع العربي: دراسة مفارنة

## الملخص العربي

تطبق هذه الدراسة تحليلا لغوياً تقاربياً للاستعارات المفاهيمية القائمة على مفهوم "اللعبة" في الخطاب الإعلامي السياسي الذي يتناول الثورتين المصرية والتونسية كاشهر نموذجين لثورات الربيع العربي. والدراسة الحالية تحاول أن تعكس دور الاستعارات المفاهيمية في تسليط الضوء على الأيديولوجيات التي سيطرت على مسار هاتين الثورتين. ضمت مجموعة النصوص ٢٠٠٠٠٠ كلمة تم جمعها من عدد من الجرائد المصرية والتونسية في الفترة من ٢٥ يناير ١٢٠١٠ حتى ٢٥ يناير ٢٠١٤. وطبقت الدراسة الحالية خطوات تحليل الاستعارات (MIP) (Pragglejaz Group, 2007) في ضوء نظرية الاستعارات المفاهيمية للاكوف وجونسون، ونظرية المزج الاستعاري لفوكنر وتيرنر. توصلت النتائج إلى استعارات عقلية تتشابه في اعتمادها على المجالات الدلالية الخاصة بمفهوم اللعبة ولكنها اختلفت في تكررات استخدامها. كما اظهرت الدراسة تشابها في الأيديولوجيات الحاكمة للثورتين المصرية والتونسية.