

as to explore the potential intergenerational changes on this subject. The results of our study confirm the observation that families in the Middle East and North Africa have been changing in recent decades and some transformations towards higher levels of equality between men and women can be found among the highly educated young Arab people.

However, more studies are necessary in order to confirm and explain the observed findings. As already mentioned, the characteristics of the sample: age, education and current residence are specific and do not permit generalization as to the rest of the population in their country of origin. The responses of those educated young people living predominantly abroad should tend to represent the leading edge of changes in terms of attitudes and values. In addition, the sample of this research has been relatively small and cannot be deemed representative for the entire MENA region.

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