A View of Arab-American relation during the era of USA president Trump

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to distinguish the view of Arab-American relations during the era of US President -Trump from the point of view of Jordanian journalists, descriptive survey method is used in this study. Data were collected from the sample by using a questionnaire distributed over a sample of 300 individuals, and the study revealed several results which are: The view of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump is characterized as averagerelationship, and the most prominent influences that characterized Arab-American relations are that the Trump's administration encouraged the increase in American military armament, and the most prominent issues that emerged during the era of US President Trump were a focus on trade deals and politics in the Arab world and that the administration The American government formed pressure on Jordan on several issues, such as the deal of the century, the Hashemite commandments on Islamic sanctities, and resolving Palestinian issues at Jordan's expense.

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relations went through multiple stages, from quasiconfrontation to the stage of consensus and establishing a balanced relationship based on common interests, with the Arab regimes maintaining disagreements about some Regional issues in the region, with the presence of Arab-American relations and the assertion of those Arab regimes on the great human and economic strategy they possess, which Western citizens and Western political administrations are aware of, yet they lack a unified Arab leadership, which requires Arab unity and a unified Arab opinion on various international and regional issues (Al-Solh, 2003, p. 15), The Arab world was not prepared for the arrival of Donald Trump to rule in the United States of America, and most of the American elites were not as well, because of his arrival in a sensitive period for the Middle East, whether in relation to the relationship of the United States of America with the Arab world or in relation to rebuilding some regional alliances in the region as a result of the political developments in the Arab world after the Arab Spring (Al-Fikr Center for Strategic Studies for Studies, 2016, p. 3),

1. Introduction

The United States of America was interested in the Arab region until almost the seventies of the last century, but this interest was limited and governed by the general view of the international conflict between the American and Soviet poles during the Cold War, and then the American interest in the region quickly developed over time, so that it took the center stage of its international concerns. Based on that, the general and internal conditions of the United States of America have become directly influenced and affected by Arab-American relations, and one of the characteristics of the international system is that the United States of America was and still have the most powerful dominance in the world, and that Arab-American relations have been stabilized for a long time on the agenda,

This relationship did not go in a straight line and did not develop in one direction only, but rather it ranged between improvement and deterioration according to the general conditions that governed it. Arab-American tangible effects that have occurred in the Arab world since he granted to power and knowledge of the images of difference and conflict between the Arab world and the United States of America during his reign and contributes to increasing the understanding of those interested in Arab-American relations. An aspect of the Arab issues and its relationship with the West represented by the United States of America.

Study Limitations

The Limitations of the study were as follows: Time Limitations: from 10/11/2020 to 01/28/2021. Spatial Limitations: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Human Limitations: Includes Jordanian journalists.

Determinants of the study

The most prominent obstacles and difficulties that researchers encountered in dealing with such a topic is the difficulty of accessing many studies and information that have been classified as confidential and have not been announced or circulated because they affect the American and Arab side alike.

Terminology of study

International relations: the study of interactions between specific types of social entities including the study of conditions surrounding interactions (McClelland, 1971, p. 10).

Procedural definition

International Relations: It is the linkages that arise between states to direct specific policies and interests, and it is the basis for forming the general orientations of states according to specific interests that ultimately lead them to friendship or hostility.

Image: The concept of the image and its production is based on a set of symbols and connotations that put us in front of the problematic of the film language and its analysis, (Lutman, 2001)), which is a visual language developed through the mechanisms of reading and its diversity, and while we consider that the structure of our language is linear and continuous, so that the information reaches us orally or in writing. One by one along the timeline, our perception of the image is comprehensive and synchronous, so the information is revealed in front of us at the same time, as the reading results from the path of the eye that moves between the symbols to establish the axis of vision. (Reputationlaunderers 2017)

Influence: It is the ability that a particular person, group, or situation can influence on, in the event that its consequences, a large majority of people, to exercise a specific power over a person or other people. (Kirsch, 2017)

This provokes inquires about the policies that Trump might follow during his rule in light of the burning Arab issues, Trump's personality and the global sovereignty of America that may impose different policies on Arab countries with different trends and policies from America's, so we find that in some aspects the relations between Arab-American are strong and sometimes with other countries areweak, and the most important manifestations of Arab-American relations is the denial of entry to nationals from seven Muslim countries, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, as well as the Palestinian issue, oil and the Arab Gulf.

Statement of the problem

The study problem is determined by the statement of the close relations between interests and differences between the Arab countries and the United States of America in light of the political and economic situation, the Arab instability, the Palestinian issue, and the classification of the Arab region into ethnic and sectarian classifications during the era of US President Trump.

Study questions

The study raises a key question which is "What is the normalcy of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump?"

From this main question, the following sub-questions are as follows;

1- What is the nature of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump according to several issues, namely (preventing entry of nationals from seven Muslim countries, the Palestinian issue, the crises of Syria, Iraq,& Yemen, and others)?

2- What are the most prominent tensions that occurred in Arab-American relations during the Trump era?

3- What are the influences that have characterized Arab-American relations during the Trump era?

4- What are the new issues that have emerged in the era of US President Trump?

5- What was the nature of Jordanian-American relations during theera of US President Trump?

The importance of the study

This study derives its importance from the fact that it deals with a topic related to Arab-American strategic relations during the era of US President Trump and the and interaction with the region was shaped by the relationship of the United States. This study concluded that redrawing the maps in the Middle East and returning to the method of direct confrontation and creating chaos in the region were achieved due to the policies of US President Trump and the focus on America's interests vis-à-vis other interests, which generates more wars and regional conflicts.

4- A study (Al-Thiabat, 2016) entitled: Arab-American Relations, a case study of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia The study aimed to analyze Saudi-American relations since its inception, and to clarify the historical development of Saudi-American relations, by shedding light on the main developments since World War II, and, the study concluded that the most important motives of the United States of America are to control the sources of oil. American Saudi Arabia is a contradiction in the visions of the two parties related to the Arab-Israeli conflict, the attacks of September 11, the war on Iraq and other issues, such as the Syrian and Iranian issue, despite the incitement of both countries in the end to contain the situation and to maintain the relationship between the two countries as a result of the exchange of interests of the two sides.

5- A study (American Enterprise Institute Studies in Foreign Policy) entitled: US Policy for The Middle East in 1980s (2009)

This study focused on the interest in the region after Camp David and the assassination of Sadat. America's vision from the inside about the conditions, relations, social and economic changes that occur in the Arab region and their implications for foreign policy, especially in the period of the spread of the Islamic movement, and it was not possible to predict what would happen in the region, and that the solution to the Palestinian issue is the basis to achieve security and stability in the region, and that it is the way to deter the soviet advance anthe region. It is the way to calm matters in relation to the existing conditions socially and economically and to preserve the existing regimes and keep pace with Western interests in one way or another, and the study showed the danger of this reflection on Egyptian-American relations.

6- A study (Ivon 2017) entitled: Syria and The superpowers. This study talked about Syria's relationship with the West, then its relationship with the Soviet Union, Syria's relationship with the United States of America, starting from the 1948 war, and the relationship between them, leading to the escalation of the crisis with Lebanon in the after of the civil war. The study indicated that Syria believes that achieving a

2. Previous studies

1- A study conducted by Amanientitled: Saudi-American relations during the period of US President Obama (2008-2016)

This study focused on the geostrategic and security dimensions in US-Saudi relations, the importance of the Kingdom and its geographical location, then on oil as a determining factor for those relations, and touched on the uprisings in the Arab region and their impact on US-Saudi relations.

The study moved from a major question, which is whether the Obama administration gave priority to aspects of continuity in the relationship with the Kingdom, or did the new interactions resulting from the Arab uprisings and other issues led to changes in the constants of US-Saudi relations during the Obama period? The answer to this question is that the constants of US-Saudi relations, and fixed interests govern the relationship, and that any new changes resulting from the Arab uprisings and other issues do not affect the relationship between them.

2. A study of (Aldadar, 2018) entitled: Trump's administration of US foreign policy in the Middle East,

This study focused on understanding the behaviors and actions of the stronger international unit in dealing with developments, which compel it to develop a new strategy or amend existing strategies, with the aim of analyzing the US administration's policy towards the most important files and issues in the Middle East, in light of the President Trump administration that surrounded it with frameworks of announcements , attitudes and decisions, which the study considers that it was based on the desire to overcome the period of decline and retreat, leading to the restoration of the global hegemony and leadership of the United States, in light of Russia's regional ambitions. It revolves around Trump's vision of a balance between the opportunities and options available for intervention on the one hand, and the cost ,benefit resulting and the size of the risks on the other hand, and the contradictory attitudes of the US president during the period of his candidacy for the elections showed that he does not have a stable strategy with a clear vision towards some of the Middle East issues.

3. A study (Babush 2017) entitled: Arab and Middle East issues in light of American foreign policy. This study focused on analyzing President Trump's foreign policy in the Middle East, identifying the most prominent issues in the Middle East, especially after Trump's recent visit to the Middle East, and learning about Trump's attitudes with the various regional powers, because the pattern of American intervention was used to assess the image of Arab-American relations in the Trump era from the point of view of the respondents by giving each of its statements one score out of its three degrees (agree, neutral, disagree), which is represented numerically (3, 2, 1), respectively. Adopting the following scale for the purposes of analyzing the results:

Table No (1)

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trends
Low
Medium
large

Study theory

The study of Arab-American relations needs to study real theory, because the basic concepts of realism are power and interest, and these two concepts are the basis for studying international relations in general and Arab-American-Arab relations in particular.

The realist school is the oldest school of political thought, and it became dominant in international relations after the Second World War, when realist theory emerged as a new vision and then as a competing theory of idealism, reaching its prominence and dominance in the field of international studies. ((Stephen, 2004, p. 414))

So the realists consider that the primary goal that countries seek is survival, which is what led countries to focus on the continuous establishment of security institutions specialized in intelligence, information gathering and analysis, and building a military force. ((Al-Amry, 2007-2008, p. 21)).

Study population and sample

The study population was determined by Jordanian journalists, given that the study population is characterized by its large size, and to avoid time constraints, the available sample was used to reach the largest possible number of the sample membe**rs**. comprehensive settlement will only take place through the United States of America and not through the Soviet Union, and that Washington's problem in dealing with foreign relations in the Middle East region is not governed by the laws of international relations as much as it is governed by the role of domestic pressure groups and the internal political situation.

7. A study (Meyr, 2011) entitled: Egypt and the United States the formative years

This study deals with the period from 1952 AD to the declaration of the Eisenhower Doctrine, a period that witnessed clear changes, both for the United States and Egypt, and this study is characterized by understanding and analysis of internal developments and linking them to issues of foreign relations, which is America's view of regional issues that does not differ from the view of other American researchers from the vision of relations. From the perspective of the conflict between East and West and highlighting the mistakes of American policy, the work lacks unpublished documents, and the publication is sufficient for it and has accumulated many foreign references and periodicals that greatly benefited from it and is blamed for the lack of Arab references and sources.

3. Methodology

This study is considered a descriptive research that depends on the survey method. The concept of descriptive research is related to studying the reality of events, phenomena, attitudes and opinions, analyzing and interpreting them with the aim of finding useful conclusions to correct, update, complete or develop this reality so that these conclusions represent a present understanding aimed at directing the future.

Study insrument

Based on the research problem and its topic, the questionnaire form was used, and the data collection tool was consistent with the research problem and its questions. The questionnaire included main questions in addition to the demographic data of the study sample. The researcher designed and developed the questionnaire after using the theoretical framework of previous studies so that it answers the study questions, its hypotheses and its variables. A three Likert scale

 Table (2) demographic information of the characteristics of the sample members

 Frequencies and percentages according to the variables of the study

	Categories	Frequency	Percentage	
Gender:	Male	135	45.0	
	Female	165	55.0%	
Academic	Secondary school	17	5.7%	

achievement	Bachelor's Degree	141	47.0%
	Master	91	30.3%
	PhD	51	17.0%
Major	Humanities	231	77.0%
	Scientific	69	23.0%
Number of years	1.2	111	37.0
of experience in	3-5	62	20.7%
journalistic work	6-8	50	16.7%
	9 or more	77	25.7%
	Total	300	100.0%

To ensure the reliability of the tool, the internal consistency was calculated according to the Cronbach Alpha equation, and the table below shows these parameters, and these ratios were considered appropriate for the purposes of this study. Reliability and reliability of the tool

The researcher made sure of the validity of the questionnaire as a study tool by presenting it to a group of referees who work in the academic field in the media, and the researchers took these observations and opinions to make the questionnaire suitable for field application, and the researcher also conducted statistical tests on the statements of the questionnaire to ensure the consistency and reliability of the tool.

Table No (3) Cronbach-alpha internal consistency for dimensions and the tool as a whole

Dimension	Internal Consistency
The nature and form of Arab-American relations in the	0.88
era of Trump	
The impact of Arab-American relations in the era of	0.70
Trump	
Tensions that characterize Arab-American relations	0.68
New cases emerging during US President Trump era	0.75
The Jordanian-American relationship in the era of	0.88
Trump	
Tool as a whole	0.91

The first question: What is the nature of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump according to several issues (the Palestinian issue, the Syrian crisis, Iraq ...)?

Table No (4)

Means and standard deviations of the statements related to the nature of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump according to several issues (the Palestinian issue, the Syrian crisis, Iraq ...) Arranged in descending order according to the means Table (3) shows the reliability values for the study variables, and the reliability coefficient for the overall degree was (0.91) and ranged for the ranges between (0.70-0.88). The Cronbach-Alpha indicators above indicated that the study instrument generally has a high stability factor and its ability to achieve the study objectives.

Statistical methods used:

For the purpose of data processing and statistical analysis, the Statistical Program for Social Sciences (SPSS) was used to use statistical methods and indicators that fit the study questions.

Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
1	4	The Trump administration has deepened political and military support for Israel.	2.31	759	medium

Discussion

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Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
2	10	American positions during the Trump era contributed to the instability of Iraq and the increase in terrorist organizations.	2.28	.802	medium
3	2	The administration under Trump put pressure on Arab countries on several issues such as Arab normalization with Israel, the deal of the century, and the solution of the Palestinian issue.	2.26	781.	medium
4	3	Arab-American relations have gone through major problems and shakes during the US President Trump's era.	2.25	785.	medium
4	14	The stopping of the United States of America to support the UNRWA for the Palestinian refugees and the cutoff of aid to the Palestinian Authority contributed to the weakness of the Palestinian position.	2.25	.777	medium
6	6	The American attitudes during the Trump era regarding the Syrian crisis contributed to its prolongation and complication.	2.24	.789	medium
7	5	American attitudes contributed to the isolation of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza district.	2.23	.832	medium
7	8	The United States of America was a major party in the Yemeni crisis and its prolongation.	2.23	.812	medium
7	12	The American attiude during Trump era contributed to the prolongation of the Gulf crisis and the increase in its political, economic and social repercussions.	2.23	.803	medium
10	13	The Gulf-American relations aimed at supplying weapons in exchange for providing protection for the Gulf lands from the Iranian threat.	2.15	.809	medium
11	11	American attitudes during Trump era contributed to the Gulf divisions	2.14	.779	medium
12	1	American policy during the Trump era has tended to solve the Palestinian issue according to the regional perspective and not according to international legitimacy decisions	2.13	.855	medium
13	9	American-Egyptian relations during the era of US President Trump were marked by harmony in many situations in the Middle East	2.09	.792	medium
14	7	The Syrian crisis has demonstrated the ability and strategy of the United States of America to play a pivotal role in solving crises in the region and Trump's seriousness in fighting terrorism.	1.98	.790	medium
		The nature and form of Arab-American relations during the era Trump.	2.20	.399	medium

States of America to perform A pivotal role in solving the region's crises and Trump's seriousness in fighting terrorism "ranked last, with a mean of (1.98). The mean average of the nature and form of Arab-American relations in the era of Trump as a whole was (2.20)this finding is in same line with the study of Amani (2016)

The second question: What are the influences that characterized Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump?

Table (4) shows that the means ranged between (1.98-2.31), where statement No. (4) which states that "the US administration in the Trump era deepened political and military support for Israel" came first, with a mean of (2.31). statement No. (10), which states that "American positions during the Trump era contributed to the instability of Iraq and the increase in terrorist organizations" in second place, with a mean of (2.28), while statement No. (7) which states: "The Syrian crisis has proven the ability and strategy of the United

Table No(5)

Means and standard deviations of the statemnst related to the effects that characterized Arab-American relations during the era of the American President Trump, in descending order according to the means

Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
1	5	The Trump administration encouraged an increase in the US military armament in the region.	2.22	.782	medium
2	3	The administration of US President Trump has accelerated the pace of the normalization of Arab-Israeli relations.	2.20	.769	medium
3	6	The Trump administration opposed democratic change in the Arab region and tended to support stability and impede any radical transformations in the region.	2.15	.822	medium
4	2	The Trump administration changed the values of democracy and human rights in the Arab world.	2.05	.822	medium
5	4	The Iranian-American crisis paved the way for rearranging the political situation in the Arab region.	2.01	.820	medium
6 1	The Trump administration has been more assertive in fighting terrorism and terrorist groups than previous administrations.	1.87	.822	medium	
		The impact of Arab-American relations in the era of Trump	2.08	.398	medium

No. 1 states , "Trump's administration has been more assertive in fighting terrorism and terrorist groups. From the previous administrations "ranked last, with a mean of (1.87). The mean average of the effects of Arab-American relations in the era of Trump as a whole was (2.08). which in consistence with the stdyof Musa (2018). Table (5) shows that the means ranged between (1.87-2.22), where statement No. (5) Which states "Trump's administration encouraged the increase in the US military armament in the region" came first, with an average of (2.22). No. (3) which states that "the US President Trump's administration has accelerated the pace of the normalization of Arab-Israeli relations" in second place, with an average of 2.20, while statement

The third question: What are the most prominent tensions that occurred in Arab-American relations during the Trump era?

Rank	No	Statements	mean	St.D	level
1	2	The Arab-American relationship was affected by the American decision.	2.28	.789	medium
2	5	The recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel increased the tension in Arab-American relations.	2.25	.789	medium
3	1	Arab-American relations during the era of the American President were affected by the religious civilization conflict.	2.24	.810	medium
4	4	Arab-American relations have been affected by the Gulf crisis.	2.12	.788	medium
5	3	The issue of preventing Muslims from entering the United States has affected Arab-American relations.	2.00	.801	medium
		Tensions that characterize Arab-American relations	2.18	.438	medium

Means and standard deviations of the statements related to the most prominent tensions that occurred in Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump, arranged in descending order according to the means

affected Arab-American relations." ranked the last, with a mean of (2.00). The mean of the tensions that characterize the Arab relations the American as a whole was (2.18) which is same vein of the study of Bebush(2017)

.The fourth question: What are the new issues that have emerged in the era of US President Trump?

Table (6) shows that the means ranged between (2.00-2.28). Statement No (2) which states "The Arab-American relationship was affected by the American decision" came first, with a mean of (2.28). Statement No. (5) which states that "The recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel increased the tension in Arab-American relations" came in second rank, with mean of (2.25), while Statement No. (3) states, "The issue of preventing Muslims from entering the United States has

Table number (7)

Means and standard deviations of the statements related to the new issues that emerged in the era of US President Trump, in descending order according to the means

Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
1	1	Trump's policies have contributed to bringing about a change in US foreign policy on many issues of the Arab world.	2.27	.800	medium
2	2	The Trump administration has focused on commercial and political deals with Arab countries.	2.24	.794	medium
3	6	The Trump administration's recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan has increased instability in the region.	2.21	.800	medium
4	3	The American administration contributed to disposing of the Palestinian issue of the right of return, settlements, Jerusalem, and others	2.19	.747	medium
5	5	The Trump administration has relied on Gulf oil because of its low prices.	2.11	.783	medium
6	4	The Trump administration's withdrawal from the nuclear deal has	2.09	.797	medium

Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
		contributed to increasing instability in the Middle East.			
		New cases emerging during US President Trump era	2.19	.384	medium

while statement No. (4) states: "The Trump administration's withdrawal from the nuclear deal has contributed to increasing instability in the Middle East" ranked last, with a mean of (2.09). The mean of the new cases emerging under the US President Trump as a whole was (2.19). which is in the same lime with the study of (Al-Dhiyabat(2016).

Table (7) shows that the means ranged between (2.09-2.27), where statement No (1), which states "Trump's policies have contributed to bringing about a change in US foreign policy on many issues of the Arab world.," came first with a mean of (2.27). Statement No (2) which states that "The Trump administration has focused on commercial and political deals with Arab countries." came in second rank , with a mean of (2.24),

The fifth question: What was the nature of Jordanian-American relations during the era of US President Trump?

 Table No (8)

 Means and standard deviations of the statements related to Jordanian-American relations during the era of US President

 Trump, termed in descending order according to the means

Rank	No	statements	mean	St.D	level
1	1	The US administration under Trump put pressure on Jordan on several issues, such as the deal of the century, the Hashemite commandments on Islamic sanctities, and the solution of the Palestinian issue on Jordan's expense.	2.32	.779	medium
2	2	The lack of US economic aid to Jordan, compared to its geopolitical role in the region, contributed to the political, economic and security pressures on it.	2.23	.765	medium
3	5	Jordan's strong relationship with the US Congress has contributed to countering Trump's decisions to press on Jordan.	2.20	.745	medium
4	4	The recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel deepened the rift and threatened the legitimacy of the Hashemite commandments over Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem.	2.18	.769	medium
5	6	President Trump's focus in his speeches and visits to certain countries in the region has contributed to leaving Jordan without an ally.	2.10	.810	medium
6	3	The delay in the arrival of the US ambassador to Jordan denote to the cooling of relations between the two countries	2.06	.760	medium
		The Jordanian-American relationship in the era of Trump	2.18	.451	medium

Hashemite commandments on Islamic sanctities, and the solution of the Palestinian issue on Jordan's expense", came in first place, with a mean of (2.32). Statement No. (2), which states:" The lack of US Table (8) shows that the means ranged between (2.06-2.32), where statement (1) which states: "The US administration under Trump put pressure on Jordan on several issues, such as the deal of the century, the

The recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel increased Arab-American tension.

- Respondents believed that the Trump administration relied on trade and political deals with Arab countries in a moderate way.

_ The respondents believed that the Jordanian-American relations during the Trump era were moderate.

_ The most prominent issue that has emerged in the Trump era is the reliance on political trade deals

- Respondents believed that the Trump administration had accelerated the file of normalization of Arab-Israeli relations.

The American administration during the Trump era formed pressure on Jordan on several issues, such as the deal of the century, the Hashemite commandments on Islamic sanctities, and the solution of the Palestinian issue.

_ The image of Arab-American relations is characterized by a moderate average of the sample members

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economic aid to Jordan, compared to its geopolitical role in the region, contributed to the political, economic and security pressures on it"came in second place with a mean of (2.23 While Statement No. (3), which states, "The delay in the arrival of the US ambassador to Jordan denote to the cooling of relations between the two countries," came in a last rank, with a mean of (2.06). The mean average of the Jordanian-American relationship in the era of Trump as a whole was (2.18) which is in similar line of the study of the US Policy (2016).

4. Results

_ Respondents believed that the image of Arab-American relations during the era of US President Trump was moderate.

The American administration deepened its political and military support for Israel during the Trump era.

The Trump administration has not been more assertive than previous administrations in fighting terrorist groups.

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