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# Competitiveness of Monarchies and Republics in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region: A comparative Analysis

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has attracted global attention after the Arab Spring. However, the region's competitiveness in the international arena has not been studied as much as other regions. In this paper we study the pillars of social and economic development in order to compare the competitiveness of the region's monarchies to that of its republics. We select ten republics and eight monarchies that represent their respective groups and discuss their differences and similarities. The results show that monarchies outperform the republics.*

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