

Young people in Morocco: profiles, waitings and perceptions

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To understand the perceptions of young Moroccans, their needs, their priorities, their worries and their relationship with the institutions, a study was conducted in 2011 by the High Commission of Planning. It concerned a sample of 5.000 young people. This paper presents the principal insights issued from this study. High levels of celibacy are registered among these young people, in spite of their perceptions regarding the marriage as being a value of family stability. Generally devoid of sources of income, they are numerous to seek help and cover from their families, as two out of three young people are still living under the wing of their parents and have rather good relationships with them. When there is disagreement with parents, it is due to the schooling, the leaving home, the choice of friends and the respect of the religion and the traditions. Regarding their civic implications and commitments, the young Moroccans have a lack of interest for the public affairs. Even if their participation in the elections registered the mean levels as voters, their adhesion and activism within the political or social organizations remain low even insignificant. The needs priorities of the young Moroccans are employment, education, housing and health. The high cost of living, unemployment and dwindling resources constitute the principal worries in the future. About leisure, watching television or listening to the radio are the most important activities of the young Moroccans. The internet constitutes, for them, a support of communication solicited more and more in particular to communicate via the social networks. Concerning the access to the information and national news, these young use at first the national audio-visual means. The reading and practice of sport are slightly present in their daily life.

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