

# TIMEP Monthly Briefs: April 2019

**April 2019:** At the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP), we strive to produce rigorous research, data-driven analysis, and policy tools that advance more effective policies toward the Middle East and Africa.

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TIMEP released the following briefs in April, all of which are found in this month's publication: 

- A law brief on **Egypt's 2019 Constitutional Amendments** describes the recently passed amendments to Egypt's constitution, which extend presidential term limits, establish the military as the protector of the constitution, and expand the authority of the president over the judicial branch. The brief also explores the context in which the referendum occurred and the crackdown around the amendments.
- An issue brief on **Egypt's 2019 Constitutional Referendum** describes the tactics used by authorities ahead of and during the vote to disenfranchise voters, quell the opposition, and inflate the voter participation rate.