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This study examines the coverage of the Egyptian revolution of 2011 in the Arabic-language Aljazeera and the CNN news releases. By analyzing the framing of their news stories, this study compares and contrasts the news coverage of Aljazeera and CNN on the topic of the protesters, democracy, the Egyptian government, and the International community's response to the events, and more specifically, the United States response. The results showed each media organization had its own framing and audience that it focused its news coverage based on that. Aljazeera focused its coverage on the protesters and their legitimate demands over the government. Aljazeera was optimistic for the revolution and the start of a new era for Egypt and the Middle East in general. CNN focused its coverage on the Egyptian government, the government of the United States and allies in the Middle East. CNN was more concerned through its coverage on the stability of the region.