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Less than three years after the popular uprising that led to President Hosni Mubarak's ouster, and just one year after Egypt's first free and fair elections, the democratically elected government has been overthrown and the Egyptian military is running the state.

And the Muslim Brotherhood—the secretive, long-outlawed Islamist group that came out of the shadows to win the presidency in June 2012—is once again being driven underground, its members killed and arrested in an army-led campaign to wipe it off the map.

Were the Brothers ever really in charge? Or was the Egyptian “deep state”—embedded remnants of Mubarak's police force, Supreme Court and, most of all, military—in control all along?

In *Egypt in Crisis*, FRONTLINE and GlobalPost's Charles M. Sennott go inside the Egyptian revolution, tracing how what began as a youth movement to topple a dictator evolved into an opportunity for the Muslim Brotherhood to seemingly find the political foothold it had sought for decades—and then why it all fell apart.

In January of 2011, the Muslim Brotherhood had aligned itself with secular youth activists and was essentially holding the revolution's infrastructure together. But, as FRONTLINE reveals, the Brotherhood soon turned on its former allies, aligning itself instead with the Egyptian army and tolerating violent repression. Under the short-lived presidency of Mohammed Morsi, the military tortured high-ranking members of the opposition, subjected women to public “virginity tests”, and conducted mass arrests of revolutionaries.

In *Egypt in Crisis*, FRONTLINE goes behind the scenes to find out how Morsi's rule became increasingly unpopular, and explores the days and decisions leading up to his ouster at the hands of the military and his arrest on charges of inciting murder. With Egypt's hopes for democracy in tatters, and the military-led government violently cracking down on the Brothers, what will happen next?

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