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"We are Determined"

Instructions: Read the description below on the censorship of graffiti in Egypt and then fill in the chart about the YouTube video. Be prepared to share your answers with the class.

Censorship of Graffiti

The Egyptian government regularly whitewashes the graffiti on Mohamed Mahmoud Street with paint. The government is currently considering a new law that would ban “abusive” graffiti and sentence the author of the graffiti to up to four years in prison. But many activists refuse to be silenced. Activists have responded to the whitewashing by redocumenting the revolution and challenging the government’s authority through graffiti. They continue their work in spite of the risk of severe punishment and the use of excessive force by the military and security officials.

YouTube Video

Who is the author of the video?	<i>The Mosireen Collective is a group of Egyptian activists who document the events of the revolution. “Mosireen” is a play on the Arabic words for “Egypt” and “determined.” In English, the group translates its name as “We are Determined.” Mosireen creates short documentaries about the revolution that use video footage from cellphones of people engaged in protests and demonstrations.</i>	
Where was the video shot?		
What is the videographer protesting against?		
Explain the meaning of these slogans:	<i>“MAY YOU LIVE AND PAINT”</i>	<i>“ERASE IT AGAIN, YOU COWARDLY REGIME”</i>
What images are put on the walls after they have been whitewashed?		
Why do you think these images were chosen?		