

The Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration studies center at Yarmouk University conducted an opinion poll on "the impact of rumors on Jordanian society in light of the Corona crisis" on a sample of the community that included most of the Kingdom's governorates.

The director of the center showed the performance of 80% of the community. The community is concerned with this, which affects the community with what it supports, which leads to it being interested in its real friends. 4% of them start trading with it through social media with their friends, without regard to its credibility or its true source.

With regard to the global epidemic "Corona", the results revealed that 33.9% of individuals rely on information related to this epidemic through the media and social media, while 72.1% do not start working with it until it is issued or approved by the relevant authorities. that 45% of individuals are controlled by anxiety and panic when they hear rumors related to the Corona epidemic; Therefore, the results showed that 40% of them find rumors guiding their behavior and marketing style.

He added that the results showed that 32.3% of the respondents believe that rumors reduce their confidence in the information issued by the official authorities, which leads them - as an excuse - to break the ban and infringe the official decisions issued by the official authorities, compared to 67.7% of them who violate this percentage. They find that the transparency of the official authorities makes them not pay attention to rumors, and urges them to abide by government decisions despite the increase in rumors.

Al-Sobh pointed out that the poll showed that 86.4% of the sample agreed to tougher penalties against rumor mongers, and those who contribute to publishing or sharing the news that is being promoted without verifying the relevant sources.

And he indicated that conducting this survey came in light of the exceptional circumstances that Jordan and the whole world are experiencing, as many rumors spread through various social media, and the media that some people, unfortunately, began to take seriously, and circulated on a large scale, and became frequent in our daily conversations. Without realizing its credibility or influence in guiding public opinion, and its role in changing the behavior of the individual and society.

Al-Sobh stressed that transmitting and repeating rumors without verifying the source, or even referring to reliable government sources, as they alone are authorized to declare the most prominent emerging data, contribute to burdening the government and security services in controlling matters and tracking rumors, especially those that lead to dire consequences that cause damage. The state and its members in general, pointing out that the common in our time are strategic plans used by some countries or individuals to implement long-term plans or personal agendas to serve their interests and aspirations, such as destroying the economy of a state or dismantling its system, or undermining the confidence of its citizens, creating fallacies, and stirring up Often horror.

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