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Egypt's Revolution



A conversation with the founders of the April 6 Youth Movement

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Ahmed Maher, co-founder of the April 6 Youth Movement, is a civil engineer and a prominent participant in the anti-Mubarak demonstrations in Egypt in 2011. Maher is now one of Egypt's best known youth activists, leading politically mobilized young Egyptians to develop their political consciousness through the skillful deployment of new technologies and social networking platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Flickr and Twitter.



Waleed Rashed, co-founder of the April 6 Youth Movement, has a degree in commerce and is continuing his studies in political science. He is the spokesperson for the April 6 Movement and the organizer of the April 6, 2008, Youth Movement protest in Alexandria where he and 14 members of the movement were arrested. He has traveled to Algeria, UAE, Turkey, Bahrain, Qatar and Lebanon as a member of the Kafaya movement, aka the Egyptian Movement for Change.

The April 6 Movement is among the most important organizers of the peaceful uprising that culminated in President Mubarak's departure on February 11, 2011.

Moderating the event is Jason Pontin.

Pontin is editor in chief of the award-winning magazine, *Technology Review* and *TechnologyReview.com*, published by MIT. Pontin also serves as the publisher of *Technology Review*, overseeing all aspects of the company's business. He has written for many national and international magazines and newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, and *Wired*, and is a frequent guest on broadcast, public, and cable television news.

