



# FREEDOM BUS

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## SYNOPSIS

After nearly 5,000 years of autocratic rule the Egyptian people finally get the chance of a truly free election in 2011. But how can democratic thinking and acting be established in a country that has never experienced it before? Ashraf El Sharkawy, 39, knows Egypt only from his summer holidays. Born and raised in Germany to Egyptian parents he has become a successful manager for the largest insurance company in the world when the revolution on Tahrir-Square unfolds and Ashraf hears his call. Driven by the urge to give something back to his ancestor's country he returns to Egypt to start a democratization campaign called 'Freedom Bus'. His goal is to reach one million people in six months prior to the elections. Will the bus hold and will the people listen to a foreigner?

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Fatima Abdollahyan · PRODUCER Ingo Fliess

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90 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Conflicts,  
War/Peace, Politics, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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