

Syria Video Collection

Egypt & Syria '94

Roos-Eefsting Productions (1994)

17 minutes, color

This video is made of footage shot and narrated by one of GVSU's professors, Barbara Roos. The video serves to give the viewer a very brief and simple introduction to the types of lives people in the Middle East live each day. Islamic fundamentalism is briefly discussed and the narrator tells the viewer that it is not a common thing to find in Egypt or Syria. Next is footage shot in the Egyptian Coptic Christian monastery of St. Bishoy. One monk explains what the monks do on a day-to-day basis and what it takes for a person to become a monk. Also shown is a ceremony taking place in the monastery to honor the founding saint. The video then shows a variety of women in Egypt and Syria, in both traditional and modern dress. The video explains the reasons for the resurgence of Islam and other changes, especially in women's dress. The demographic and environmental problems of Egypt and Syria are also briefly discussed. This video has excellent footage of the modern Middle East and gives the viewer a good introduction to life in this region.
