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### **Abstract**

This study sought to identify the role of infographic in covering the repercussions of the Corona virus, by revealing the extent to which Arab newspapers employ this in the press coverage of the Corona pandemic, and analyzing the quality of the contents covered by the infographic, and the objectives of the infographic used in Arab newspaper websites, and the researcher analyzed the infographics employed in the websites of Arab press institutions, namely (Akhbar Elyom website, the Saudi newspaper Al-Riyadh website, and Albayan newspaper website), during the period from March 1, 2020 AD to May 31, 2020 AD, using a comprehensive inventory of the analytical contents related to the topic of the study. The study concluded to a number of results, including:

- The interest of the study newspapers in employing the infographics to cover the repercussions of the Corona virus, as the percentage of infographics related to the implications of the Corona virus reached (67.21%) of the total infographics that were analyzed during the study period.
- The government's decisions to combat the epidemic came at the top of the list of those topics included in the infographic, then the topics related to the statistics of infection with the second order virus, then the infographic on the methods of transmission and symptoms of infection.
- The goals of the infographic used in Arab electronic newspaper websites were preventive awareness, then informing and briefing, then advocating and supporting decisions, and then providing information about the virus.

**Keywords:** Infographic - Corona 2019 - Health awareness - Arab electronic newspapers.