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### Abstract

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**Keywords:** national branding, country brand building, communication, influence, marketing, tourism, economy, culture, heritage.

## ملخص الدراسة

أدى التنافس الشديد في القرن الحادي والعشرين إلى دفع العلامة التجارية الوطنية إلى صدارة مقومات التميز للدول. هذه الصورة الذهنية، التي تشمل قيم الأمة وثقافتها وتطلعاتها، تتجاوز مفهوم التسويق التقليدي. فهي تعمل كمغناطيس قوي، يجذب الاستثمار الأجنبي والسياحة والكفاءات الماهرة، مؤثرةً في نهاية المطاف على ازدهار الدولة الاقتصادي ومكانتها العالمية وتبادلها الثقافي. تتطلب بناء علامة وطنية ناجحة منهجًا متعدد الجوانب. يشمل ذلك التواصل الاستراتيجي لنقل الرواية الفريدة للدولة بفعالية، والدبلوماسية الثقافية لتعزيز التفاهم الدولي، والاستثمار المستمر في التنمية المحلية لضمان مطابقة العلامة للواقع. من خلال تبني نقاط القوة، والاعتراف بالقصور، ونقل القيم بصدق، تستطيع الدول تحقيق مكانة متميزة ومؤثرة في المشهد العالمي سريع التطور.

**الكلمات المفتاحية:** العلامة التجارية الوطنية، بناء العلامة التجارية للدولة، التواصل، النفوذ، التسويق، السياحة، الاقتصاد، الثقافة، التراث.

## **Introduction**

In the face of fierce global competition, national branding has emerged as a critical tool for shaping international perceptions and influencing a nation's standing. This carefully crafted image, encompassing a country's values, history, culture, and economic potential, plays a multifaceted role in shaping its future.

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However, building and maintaining a successful national brand is a complex and continuous process. It requires a multifaceted approach, encompassing:

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**Cultural diplomacy:** Building bridges with other nations through cultural exchange programs, artistic collaborations, and educational initiatives.

**Investment in domestic development:** Addressing internal challenges, investing in infrastructure and social development, and ensuring the national brand reflects reality.

By embracing its strengths, acknowledging its shortcomings, and communicating its values with authenticity, a nation can leverage the power of national branding to carve out a distinct and influential position in the ever-evolving global landscape.

This research delves deeper into the various aspects of national branding, exploring its impact on various aspects of a nation's development, the strategies employed for successful brand building, and the challenges and opportunities associated with this critical endeavor in the 21st century.

### **Objective of the Research:**

The purpose of undertaking this research is to determine the role of graphic design in building the national brand by using all components and

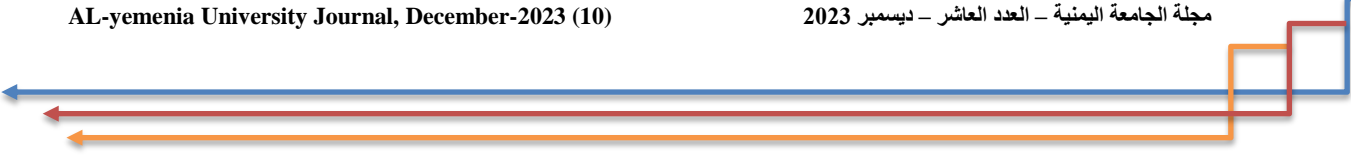
capabilities of the state, including poets, writers, artists, geographical nature, livestock, industrial, and tourism wealth, and history

### **Research Problem**

While national branding has gained significant traction in recent years, several key issues warrant further exploration:

1. **Limited Understanding of Long-Term Impacts:** Although the potential benefits of national branding are widely recognized, the long-term impact on various aspects of national development remains relatively unexplored and under-theorized. Quantifying the precise influence of branding efforts on economic growth, tourism, and talent attraction poses a significant challenge, requiring robust research methodologies and longitudinal studies.
2. **Scarcity of Arabic Resources:** The limited availability of academic and applied research on national branding in Arabic presents a significant barrier for scholars and practitioners in the region. This knowledge gap hinders effective implementation of branding strategies tailored to the specific cultural and socio-economic contexts of Arabic-speaking countries.
3. **Addressing Methodological Challenges:** Developing robust and reliable methodologies to measure the effectiveness of national branding initiatives remains a complex task. Traditional methods often struggle to isolate the specific impact of branding efforts from other influencing factors, necessitating the exploration of innovative approaches and metrics.
4. **Navigating the Evolving Global Landscape:** The dynamic nature of the global landscape presents ongoing challenges for national branding strategies. Rapid technological advancements, shifting geopolitical alliances, and emerging social trends necessitate continuous adaptation and innovation to maintain a relevant and impactful brand image.
5. **Balancing Authenticity and Strategic Communication:** Striking a balance between projecting a positive and aspirational image while maintaining authenticity is crucial for successful national branding. Overly idealized portrayals can undermine credibility and authenticity, while excessive focus on shortcomings can hinder attractiveness.

This research aims to address these critical gaps in knowledge by investigating the multifaceted impacts of national branding, exploring effective strategies for the Arabic context, and developing robust methodologies for evaluating



branding initiatives. By addressing these challenges, the research seeks to contribute to a deeper understanding and more effective implementation of national branding strategies in the 21st century.

### **Research Procedures**

This research employs a multi-pronged approach to comprehensively explore the complexities of national branding:

1. Literature Review: A comprehensive review of existing academic literature on national branding will be conducted. This includes scholarly articles, books, reports, and other relevant publications. The review will focus on:

Theoretical frameworks underpinning national branding concepts and practices.

Empirical studies examining the impact of national branding on various aspects of national development.

Emerging trends and challenges in the field of national branding.

2. Case Studies: In-depth analysis of successful national branding initiatives from diverse countries will be conducted. This will involve examining:

Branding strategies and communication campaigns employed by these countries.

Factors contributing to their success in achieving their branding objectives.

Challenges encountered and lessons learned from their experiences.

3. Expert Interviews: Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with scholars, practitioners, and policymakers involved in national branding initiatives. These interviews will provide valuable insights into:

Perceptions of the challenges and opportunities associated with national branding.

Best practices and recommendations for effective brand building strategies.

The specific considerations relevant to the Arabic context.

4. Content Analysis: An analysis of visual elements associated with national branding efforts will be conducted. This may involve examining:

National logos, slogans, and other branding materials.

Representation of cultural symbols and narratives in visual communication.

The alignment between visual elements and the overall brand message.

By combining these diverse methodologies, the research aims to gain a holistic understanding of national branding, its impact, and its effective implementation, particularly in the context of Arabic-speaking countries.

Specific references to previous studies and literature will be incorporated throughout the research to provide a strong foundation for the analysis and discussion. This will ensure transparency and allow readers to engage with the research findings in a meaningful way.

### **Literature Review:**

#### **I. The concept and importance of building a national brand**

##### **I.I Mental Image Mental image**

A mental image is defined as a set of ideas, feelings and values that people associate with something. Building a national brand and image refer to the way that people has perceived you. Al-Sadiq (2023), and Williams (2016).

##### **I.II Globalization**

Globalization is defined as the process of increasing integration of economies, cultures and societies around the world. It has increased competition between countries that has increased the importance of building a national brand.

##### **I.III Marketing**

Marketing is defined as a set of activities and processes aimed at creating demand for products or services. It can be used to enhance a country's image.

##### **I.IV Running Marks/Tag Brand**

A mark or trademark is defined as a name, symbol, design, trademark, or combination thereof, intended to distinguish a product or service from other products or services.

##### **I.V Brand Building**

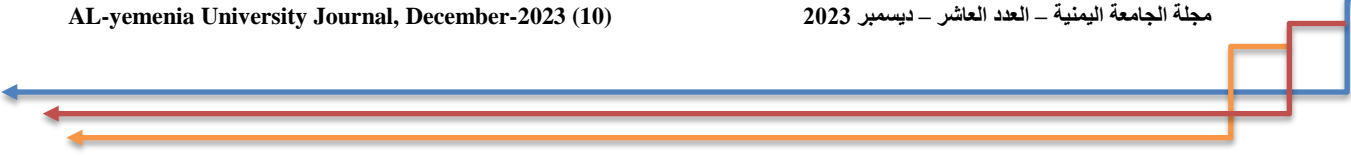
Brand building is the process that seeks to create a positive mental image of a product or service. It can be used to enhance the mental image of a country.

##### **I.VI Building the National Brand**

National branding is the process of creating a positive image of a country in the minds of individuals and communities around the world. It can be used to promote tourism, investment and international relations. [Anhalt, 2007; Balmer, 2017]

### **II. The development of the concept of the national brand:**

#### **II.I Concepts Related to the National Brand**



National branding transcends mere image-making. It's a strategic process of shaping a country's narrative in the global arena, influencing perceptions and fostering connections with international audiences. This carefully crafted narrative encompasses a country's values, culture, aspirations, and unique strengths.

#### II.I.I Associated concepts (Anhalt, 2007; Balmer, 2017)

The concept of national branding is linked to a group of other concepts such as the national image which is the way people view a country.

For example, France is known as a romantic country with a rich culture. Germany is known as a strong country with a prosperous economy. The United States of America is known as a cosmopolitan and highly diverse country.

#### II.I.II Marketing

Marketing creates demand for products or services by understanding consumer needs, developing products to meet those needs, communicating value to potential customers, distributing products, and pricing them competitively.

#### II.I.III Globalization

Globalization is the increasing integration of economies, cultures, and societies around the world, driven by technology, multinational corporations, and trade liberalization. It has both positive and negative impacts.

#### Relevance to National Branding

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### II.II The Development of the Concept of the National Brand

#### II.II.i Historical Beginnings

Countries have always branded themselves through their currency, stamps, names, archaeological sites, and so on. However, the contemporary concept of national brand building is emerged in the context of economic globalization and drive toward privacy and media power

**Example:**

In the sixteenth century, Britain used the slogan "Great Britain" to enhance its power and influence in the country. [Balmer, 2017].

**II.II.ii Main stations**

The development of the national brand concept can be divided into a number of main stations, which are:

The first stage (1940-1990): This stage was characterized by the emergence of a number of brand consulting companies such as Interbrand, wolf loins and Landor associates.

The second stage (1990-2000): This stage was characterized by increased interest in the concept of building a national brand as a result of economic globalization and the need to enhance the mental image of countries.

The third stage (2000-present): This stage was characterized by the development of the concept of building a national brand, as a result of the increased use of digital media and the need to build strong relationships with. Marketing creates demand for products or services by understanding consumer needs, developing products to meet those needs, communicating value to potential customers, distributing products, and pricing them competitively.

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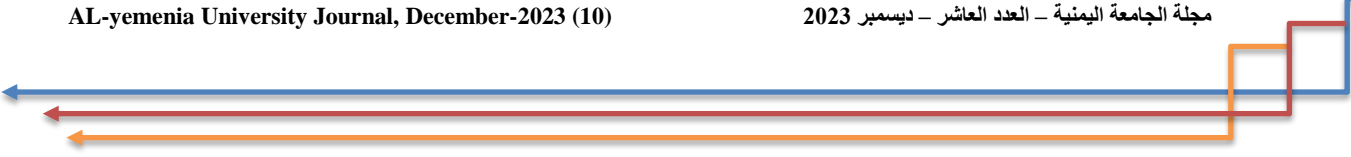
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**III. Building a Strong National Brand: Key Strategies**

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  7. Continuously improve: Regularly evaluate branding efforts and adapt strategies based on feedback and data analysis.

By implementing these focused and coordinated strategies, nations can build strong national brands that drive economic growth, global influence, and cultural exchange.

The first strategy: Building a National Brand

This strategy relies on government efforts and brand promotion that enhances the country's national image. This strategy includes four main steps:

Creating an overall positive brand image: This is done by informing the international audience about the country's characteristics and advantages, and implementing policies to manage social issues or corporate practices that may harm the country's brand image.

Creating links between brands: This is done by linking the country's different brands to each other to create a cohesive image.

Supporting the positive image of the brand: by providing high-quality products and services.

Brand experience management: by ensuring that the international audience has a positive experience with the country.

The second strategy: Building an Internal National Brand

This strategy aims to enhance the country's brand equity through developing human resources and infrastructure.

Third strategy: Building an external national brand

This strategy aims to encourage the export of national products and services. A successful country branding strategy depends on focusing on specific characteristics and benefits, and constantly enhancing them.

#### **IV. Positioning of National Branding**

Localization of the national brand aims to determine the type of value that meets the aspirations of a specific segment of audiences, by determining the position of the brand in the minds of the target audience.

##### **IV.I Definition of brand localization:**

Brand localization can be defined as “an organization owning its own space in the market that is not easy for competitors to overtake.” Similarities between building a corporate brand and building a country brand. The similarity between corporate brand building and national branding is evident in the complex and multidimensional nature of the corporate/state entity.

##### **IV.II The Emergence of the Term Brand Localization**

The term brand localization appeared in the book "The Struggle for Mind" in 1982, where he extended the concept of positioning from placing the product or service in front of customers' eyes to placing it inside Customer minds. (Roth & Romeo, 1992; Scioli, 2022)

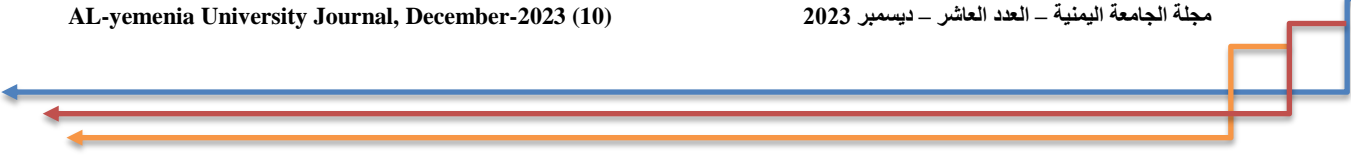
##### **Example of national brand localization**

The city of The Hague in the Netherlands can be seen as an example of national brand localization. The Hague was chosen in 1945 to be the seat of the International Court of Justice, which led to its association with peace and security. The city has exploited this connection to its advantage, hosting more than...135 conferences Internationally in 2016, an increase of 50% over the previous year.

Localizing the national brand is an important strategy to enhance the country's image among the target audience. This requires determining the brand's position in the minds of the audience, and developing an effective communication strategy to consolidate this position.

#### **V. Country of Origin: A Link to National Branding**

While national branding shapes a country's overall image, country of origin specifically refers to a product's production location. This seemingly simple label can significantly impact consumer decisions:



Product quality: Consumers often associate certain countries with specific quality standards.

Brand reputation: A strong national brand can positively influence the perception of products from that country.

Cultural preferences: Consumers may have preferences for products associated with specific cultures or regions.

Therefore, managing the national brand becomes crucial not just for attracting investment and tourism, but also for indirectly influencing consumer perception of products. A strong national brand can act as a positive endorsement for associated products, potentially increasing their appeal and competitiveness globally.

It's important to note that the consumer-oriented definition of "country of origin" differs from the legal/economic definition, focusing on perceptions rather than just production location.

By understanding this interplay between national branding and country of origin perception, nations can develop strategies to leverage their brand image and support the success of their domestic products and services in the global market.

#### **V.I The impact of the phrase “country of origin” on consumer decisions**

Research indicates that the phrase “country of origin” influence consumer **decisions in several ways, including:**

Quality: Consumers tend to believe that products and services made in certain countries are of higher quality than products and services made in other countries. For example, products made in Germany are generally perceived as being of high quality.

##### **Relevance:**

The phrase “country of origin” can affect Romeo (f) 1992 RothOn suitability the product or service to the consumer's needs. For example, a consumer may be more likely to buy clothing made in his or her country of origin because he or she believes it suits his or her needs better.

Value: The term “country of origin” can affect how valuable a product or service is to the consumer. For example, a consumer may be willing to pay

more for a product made in a country good reputation (Roth & Romeo, 1992, p. 267)".

#### **V.II use of the phrase "country of origin" in marketing**

Companies use the phrase "country of origin" Scioli (2022 Increasingly in their marketing campaigns. usually the phrase "country of origin" is included on labels, packaging, or advertisements for the product.

#### **V.III Example of use of the phrase "country of origin Marketing "Romeo and 1992 Ruin**

1- A group of the French brand's cheese products is shown "ILE De The French flag appears in the brand logo itself. The France Elephant Tower symbol also appears. The famous one is below along with the phrase "French product." (Scioli, 2022, p. 119)

2- A group of logos of some famous Swiss watchmaking and military equipment brands appear. These emblems bear the national flag "Swiss Military for Switzerland (Scioli, 2022, p. 119).

#### **V.IV Example of the use of the phrase "country of origin" in Yemen**

The phrase "Made in Yemen" is a marketing phrase that can be used to enhance the country's image as a commercial and industrial destination. This phrase can be used on Yemeni products, whether they are made in Yemen or abroad. There are several reasons for the increased use of this phrase in Yemen, including:

##### **The need to strengthen the Yemeni economy:**

Yemen is going through a severe economic crisis, which has prompted the Yemeni government to search for ways to boost the economy. Using the phrase "Made in Yemen" is one of these ways, as it can help attract foreign investments and tourism.

##### **The desire to strengthen Yemeni industry:**

Yemen has a long history in industry, but this industry has declined in recent years. Using the phrase "Made in Yemen" is one way to promote Yemeni industry, as it can help increase demand for Yemeni products.

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are increasingly using the phrase “country of origin” in their marketing campaigns to promote a positive brand image.

## **Vi. Global standards for the national brand**

The concept of nation brand refers to the mental image that a country has among the international public. Building a national brand is one of the important strategies that countries seek to achieve, because of its positive effects on many areas, such as attracting foreign investments, increasing tourism, and enhancing exports.

### **VI.I National brand metrics**

There are many global metrics that are used to evaluate a country's national brand. The most prominent of these metrics are the following:

Brand index: This indicator provides a rating of Roper Naitons Ahnolt-Gkf Annually for 50 countries around the world, based on a set of criteria, such as: individuals, governments, exports, tourism, culture and heritage, as well as investment and immigration.

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## VII. National Brand Metrics

Two prominent national brand rankings were released in 2023:

The 2023 Anhalt-Ipsos Nation Brands Index (NBI) ranked Germany first, followed by Switzerland, Japan, Sweden, and Canada. This index measures a nation's overall image and reputation across various dimensions, including governance, culture, and investment potential.

The 2023 Country Brand Index (CBI), by [source name], ranked Switzerland first, followed by Germany, Canada, Sweden, and the United States of America. This index focuses specifically on a country's attractiveness for tourism and investment.

### **VII.I The Arab situation:**

Arab countries occupy lagging positions in the ranking of national brand metrics. In the rankings for the year 2023, the ranking of some Arab countries was as follows: The United Arab Emirates ranked 45. Pons ranked 55. Saudi Arabia 60. Egypt 65. Qatar 70. Kuwait 70. Lebanon Jordan 85 (Pons,2023).

Arab countries need to make more efforts to strengthen their national brand.

This can be achieved through a set of actions, such as:

Develop a comprehensive strategy to build the national brand.

Investing in cultural, sports and media activities.

Strengthening international cooperation in the economic, political and cultural fields.

### **VII.II The role of graphic design in building the national brand:**

Graphic design plays an important role in building a national brand. It can help create a positive image of the country among the international public, and promote tourism and foreign investments.

Uses of graphic design in building a national brand

Graphic design can be used to build a national brand in several ways, including:

Creating a logo or visual identity: A logo or visual identity can be an effective tool for creating a distinctive image for the country.

Producing promotional materials: Graphic design can be used to produce promotional materials for the country, such as brochures, advertisements, and documentaries.

Organizing events and exhibitions: Graphic design can be used to organize events and exhibitions that promote the state "Purvis (and) 2016 Meggs for "Meggs' history of graphic design"

### VII.III Examples of using graphic design to build a national brand:

There are many examples of using graphic design to build a national brand, **including:** Germany's coat of arms: Germany's coat of arms uses a green circle surrounded by a blue circle. The green circle symbolizes forests and nature, while the blue circle symbolizes the sky and the soul.

Japan's emblem: Japan's emblem uses a red circle surrounded by white cherry blossoms. The red circle symbolizes the sun, while cherry blossoms symbolize beauty and prosperity.

initiative: In the year Cool Japan, Japan launched the Cool Japan initiative 2015, an initiative aimed at promoting Japan's creative and cultural industries. The initiative has used graphic design effectively in promoting these industries.

Graphic design can be an effective tool in building a national brand. By using graphic design correctly, countries can create a positive image with international audiences, enhancing their attractiveness for investments and tourism.

### VIII. Model Analysis: The National Brand of Argentina (Brand Argentina)

#### A. Logo Analysis

The official logo of Brand Argentina, launched in 2022, incorporates elements that represent the country's national identity and diversity.

Central Symbol: The logo features a blue circle, signifying the sun present in the Argentine flag.

Open Design: The letter "A" is displayed in the center, but the design intentionally avoids a defined boundary. This open structure symbolizes Argentina's inclusivity and diverse offerings.

Representation of Diversity: This open and non-restrictive design effectively communicates the vast and varied experiences that Argentina has to offer, encompassing its rich cultural tapestry, diverse landscapes, and dynamic population.

### IX. Campaign Analysis: Rebuilding Argentina's Image

Following the nation's economic collapse, Argentina launched a national branding campaign in an effort to restore its global image. This campaign emphasized the country's rich tapestry of diversity, showcasing its multifaceted nature as a central theme. Utilizing its diverse cultural heritage, landscapes,

and population, the campaign aimed to shift perceptions and challenge any negative stereotypes associated with Argentina.

The campaign proved highly successful, propelling Argentina up the ranks in the Global Brand Index, where it reached the 33rd position.

This revised version provides a clearer context and narrative for the analysis. It also avoids ambiguity by specifying that the campaign aimed to change impressions rather than simply sticking to existing ones. Additionally, it replaces "huge success" with a more specific statement of achievement by mentioning the final ranking achieved.

The second model: A campaign to support the national brand of the State of Palestine (Why do I see you in everything?)

Logo analysis. "Skolnik (for 1965) "The effect of country of origin on product evaluations."

Rooted in heritage, reaching the future. (This emphasizes both tradition and progress)

Palestinian: A legacy of resilience, a promise of potential. (Highlights the nation's history and future aspirations)

Experience the warmth of Palestine, shared globally. (Focuses on both cultural richness and global reach)

Evocative and Inspiring Options:

Where ancient traditions meet modern innovation. (Connects the brand to both cultural heritage and contemporary advancements)

A land of passion, a story waiting to be shared. (Emphasizes the emotional connection to Palestine and its narrative)

Carrying the hopes of generations, inspiring the world. (Connects the brand to the aspirations of the Palestinian people and their desire for a positive impact)

Option Based on Logo Analysis:

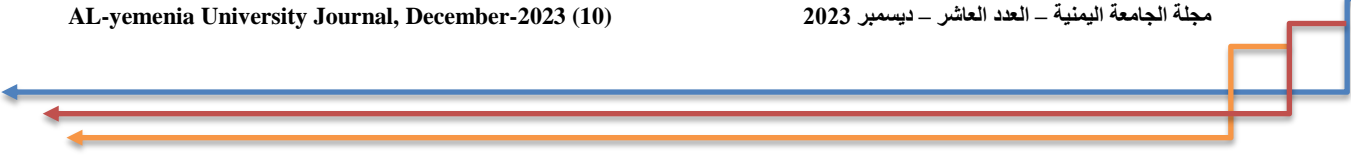
The map of our journey, guiding us towards a brighter future. (This retains a reference to the map element while offering a message of hope and progress) I want better wording

### **Case Study: Graphic Design's Dual Role**

This section explores graphic design's impact through two campaigns:

Campaign 1: Building a National Brand

Imagine a nation's tourism campaign leveraging graphic design:



National symbols and cultural motifs evoke heritage and identity.  
Evocative imagery showcases landscapes, festivals, and people.  
Targeted messaging and multi-channel approach reach specific audiences.  
Engaging storytelling highlights unique experiences.  
This approach strengthens the nation's brand image and attracts visitors.

### **Campaign 2: Supporting a National Cause**

In response to an online map erasure, Palestinian designers launched a campaign **featuring:**

Symbols of Palestinian identity: keffiyeh, olive trees, Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Powerful messaging advocating for Palestinian rights.

#### **This campaign achieved:**

Global reach through online and media circulation.

Public engagement sparking conversations and raising awareness.

Demonstrated unity through collective action.

Both campaigns demonstrate graphic design's ability to:

Shape perceptions through culturally relevant visuals.

Influence audiences through strategic communication.

Drive positive change by raising awareness and fostering support.

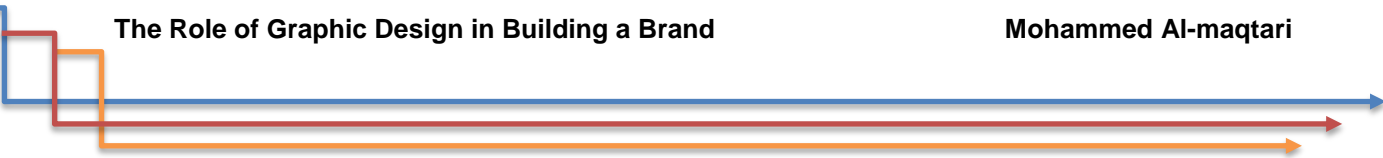
This highlights the multifaceted role of graphic design in shaping narratives and impacting both national branding and advocacy efforts.

Research conclusion and recommendations

Based on the analysis of literature and previous studies, the role of graphic design in building a national brand can be identified through three main areas:

**Definition:** Graphic design contributes to defining the national brand by creating a distinctive visual identity for it that reflects its values, culture, and goals. This can be achieved through the use of icons, logos, colors, fonts, pictures, graphics and other visual elements.

**Communication:** Graphic design helps communicate with the target audience of the national brand, through the use of visual language that is attractive and easy to understand. This can be achieved by designing effective media and marketing content that addresses the target audience in a manner appropriate to it.



Influence: Graphic design affects the feelings and behavior of the target audience of the national brand, by creating a positive impression of the country. This can be achieved by designing visual content that arouses positive emotions in the audience and encourages them to take positive actions towards the country.

**Discuss the results:**

The research results indicate that graphic design can play an important role in building the national brand, through its contribution to introducing the national brand, enhancing communication with the target audience, and creating a positive impact on it.

Here are some examples of how graphic design can be used to build a national brand:

**Use of pictures and graphics:** Pictures and graphics can be used to enhance communication with the target audience and create a positive impact on the mental image of the country. For example, images of a country's tourist and cultural attractions can be used to enhance its image as

**Use of symbols and logos:** Symbols and logos can be used to create a distinctive visual identity for the national brand, reflecting its values and culture. For example, the country's flag emblem is used as a national symbol that reflects the country's sovereignty and independence. (Anhalt, 2007)

**Use of colors and lines:** Colors and lines can be used to create a visual language that is attractive and easy to understand. For example, bright colors can be used to attract attention, and simple fonts can be used for easy understanding.

**Suggestions for future research:**

**National Branding: A Multifaceted Approach**

National branding transcends mere marketing, shaping perceptions and influencing a nation's global standing. A strong brand attracts investment, tourism, and talent, fostering economic growth, cultural exchange, and national pride.

**Building a successful brand requires:**

**Strategic communication:** Effectively conveying a unique narrative across platforms.

**Cultural diplomacy:** Building bridges with other nations through collaboration.

**Investment in domestic development:** Addressing internal challenges and ensuring the brand reflects reality.

By embracing strengths, acknowledging shortcomings, and communicating authentically, nations can carve a distinct and influential position in the global landscape.

This research explores the impact of national branding, successful strategies, and associated challenges.

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