

**Vital U.S. interests in the Middle East are narrow**

1. Preventing significant, long-term disruptions to the global oil supply
2. Eliminating anti-American terrorists with the capability and intent to attack the U.S.

**Washington's support of the Saudi-UAE-led coalition's military campaign undermines U.S. interests**

- Prolonging Yemen's civil war strengthens Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)
- Increases resentment directed at the U.S. without a justifying security benefit
- Undermines U.S. moral authority and reputation as an exemplar of liberal values
- Allows relatively minimal Iranian support to Houthis in Yemen to bog down Gulf countries
- Enhances Iran's influence in Yemen far beyond any plausible post-conflict scenario

**The Trump administration is right to press for an overdue settlement to the war in Yemen**

- Ending U.S. military support for the coalition encourages Saudi Arabia to settle
- End military support for the Saudi-led coalition's offensive missions in Yemen: refueling (announced end in November 2018), targeting assistance, operational intelligence, arms, and any other activities which enable the coalition
- Support U.N.-led peace talks by pushing Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and their allies to settle with the Houthis
- The U.S. cannot produce a political settlement between native Yemeni parties, but ending outside intervention and assistance will encourage one

**U.S. strategic interests should guide arms sales**

- Arms sales decisions should be guided by our strategic interests, not merely our economic interests
- The U.S. should not necessarily end all arms sales to Saudi Arabia
- As with other nations that are not hostile to the U.S., it is appropriate to allow the sale of weapons that enable Saudi Arabia to defend itself, such as missile defenses
- Restrict arms sales that enable the Saudi-UAE-led coalition's ongoing prosecution of its war in Yemen because that war undermines U.S. interests

**External intervention by regional powers—including Iran and Saudi Arabia—has inflamed Yemen's civil war**

- Worsens humanitarian disaster initiated by the civil war
- Exposes civilians to airstrikes and other harms
- No political-military victory over the Houthis and associated forces is imminent
- No achievable security or prosperity gains in Yemen justify the costs associated with U.S. involvement—U.S. military support for the Saudi-UAE coalition should end