

# Axis of Abraham: Arab-Israeli Normalization Could Remake the Middle East

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**The accords may point to a future in which the United States can do less in the region—but to get there, Washington must first do more.**

Since Israel was established, almost all Arab states have refused to recognize its existence. But the U.S.-brokered Abraham Accords are smashing that embargo and, in doing so, opening up new avenues for cooperation and heralding a dramatic reordering of the region. The agreement didn't come out of nowhere; an inchoate partnership between Israel and conservative Arab states had existed long before 2020, galvanized by the 2011 Arab uprisings and shared concerns about Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood, among other threats. But the accords stand to build powerfully on those relationships, with major economic and geopolitical consequences...

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