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The president will still be able to set boundaries with Riyadh—while also addressing other major issues such as national security, rampant energy costs, and normalization with Israel.

Precisely because the United States is in a longer-term competition now with Russia and China, we need to broaden the coalition of states that will work with us. Yes, we start with the other democracies, but we also need states that are not revisionist states, like the Saudis, to be part of the coalition. Their resources matter and alienating them is not smart, especially given what is at stake in this competition—whether we can preserve a rules-based system or Russia succeeds (with China’s tacit support) in redefining the international landscape in a way that threatens our interests and our values...

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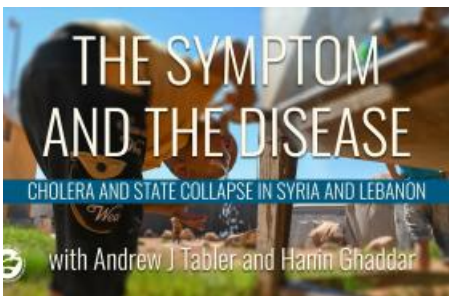
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