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President Biden is traveling to Saudi Arabia in July in an effort to secure lower oil prices and improve the strategically vital relationship. Time is of the essence. Since Russia invaded Ukraine, oil prices continue to soar, inflation rises, and a global recession is looming. The West needs alternatives to Russian crude, and few are positioned as well as Saudi Arabia to provide it. But a reset with Riyadh will be easier said than done. Many Saudis view Russia’s war in Ukraine differently from the West, a perception that goes deeper than hedging based on uncertain U.S. policies...

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