

# Pompeo's Cairo Speech More 'Back to the Future' Than Break With Past

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**The administration should focus more on amplifying the voices of regional citizens while convincingly standing against collective threats.**

**W**hen Secretary of State Pompeo spoke in Egypt last week, his list of Trump administration accomplishments did not hold up against realities on the ground. Moreover, he missed an opportunity to express how America can be “a force for good in the Middle East” while maintaining President Trump’s “America first” approach. In other words, how can America be a force for good while cutting funding for critical diplomatic, assistance, and military programs, giving governments who commit grave human rights abuses a blank check, and instituting travel bans and bureaucratic roadblocks to keep individuals from entering the United States?...

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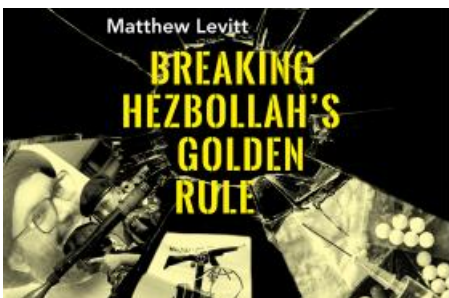
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