

There's No Reason Congress and Trump Can't Achieve Their Goals for Saudi Arabia

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The two branches have several means of imposing consequences and altering objectionable Saudi policies without demolishing the entire strategic relationship.

Policies—not just politics—are deeply polarized today. Every choice becomes binary with no middle ground. In response to the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, either we should punish Saudi Arabia and try to force Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman out of power, or our interests are so great in the kingdom that we should simply put this behind us. Like his predecessors, President Trump has chosen the latter course, disregarding our values in declaring that our interests in Saudi Arabia matter more. Rather than forcing a stalemate, Congress should be asking what we should be trying to achieve. Two goals are essential...

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