Why the US Can't Help Saudi Arabia by Bombing Yemen to Stability

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Washington should focus instead on helping Riyadh and the United Arab Emirates reconcile their efforts to reverse Houthi conquests.

The Houthis are on the march, and America's ally Saudi Arabia is in their crosshairs. From their stronghold in Yemen, the Iranian-backed Houthis are raining missiles and drones on Saudi airports, oil facilities, and military installations while blocking Saudi shipping through the crucial Bab el-Mandeb Strait. The kingdom's leader, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is urging President Donald Trump to help, including joint air operations over Yemen. Trump can help, but not through another futile air campaign against the Houthis. If Trump really wants to slow the Houthis' advance, he should launch a hard-headed diplomatic push, not more bombing, to heal the rift among America's Gulf allies that Iran and the Houthis are exploiting...

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