

Could Russia Flip Egypt?

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For too long, U.S. policymakers have tailored their approach toward Cairo as if Washington were the only player in the sandbox.

In August 2017, American and Egyptian forces resumed Operation Bright Star, a biennial military exercise intended to showcase both the political alliance between Washington and Cairo and their tight military relations. This capped a new honeymoon in U.S.-Egypt ties that began with President Trump's election. But will warm bilateral ties persist? And, if they sour against the backdrop of Congressional human-rights sanctions and simple neglect, could Russia be poised to flip Egypt? While perhaps unimaginable to diplomats who, for a generation, have taken Egypt's Western orientation for granted, the answer is unfortunately yes...

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