

What an Egyptian-Iranian Thaw Would Mean for U.S. Foreign Policy in the Region

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If Washington fails to address Egypt's financial problems, its dispute with Saudi Arabia, and its over-emphasis on the dangers of Sunni Islamism, then American efforts to contain Iran could be in jeopardy.

The Trump administration has adopted an aggressive approach towards Iran. It seeks to establish a unified front of Arab Sunni states against Iranian ambitions and actions in the region. This united front shall confront Iranian meddling in the Gulf, Syria, Iraq and Yemen. Egypt's gradual shift toward Iran is likely to hinder this American-led alliance. The primary drivers for the reversal of the Egyptian foreign policy are Egypt's fear of Sunni Islamism, Egypt's desire to re-position itself as the regional power, and its deep financial crisis...

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