

# After Mohammad Morsi's Ouster, a Second Chance for Obama

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**With the American brand sullied by the perception of deference to the Muslim Brotherhood, the next phase of U.S.-Egypt relations will be rocky, but U.S. influence still exists.**

**T**he Egyptian army's removal of President Mohammad Morsi gives the Obama administration that rarest of opportunities in foreign policy: a second chance. Getting it right will require understanding where we went wrong the first time.

To some, President Obama's fundamental error in Egypt policy was to withdraw U.S. support from longtime leader Hosni Mubarak in February 2011, when thousands of Egyptians first filled Tahrir Square demanding change. In this view, the United States should have stuck by Mubarak, a firm opponent of the Muslim Brotherhood whose soldiers fought alongside U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf war and who remained faithful to Egypt's peace with Israel despite isolation in the Arab world. That view, however, is wrong...

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