

After the Election: Implications for U.S. Middle East Policy

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Brief Analysis

How will those in the region -- allies, adversaries, and everyone in between -- react to the election results? Watch online as veteran policy practitioners and scholars explore the priorities and challenges of the second Obama administration.

Conventional wisdom has it that the presidential election -- especially in the event of President Obama's reelection -- would bring more continuity than change to U.S. foreign policy, especially in the Middle East. Such predictions are uncertain, however, and raise several questions. How will a second Obama administration's Middle East agenda differ from the first term? And how will those in the region -- allies, adversaries, and everyone in between -- react to the election results?

To discuss these issues, The Washington Institute convened a Policy Forum luncheon with Dennis Ross, James Jeffrey, and Robert Satloff on November 8, 2012.

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