

[A Resolution to End United States Support for the Saudi-Led Military Intervention in Yemen](#)

In legend, Ali ibn Abi Talib distinguished himself in battle by sparing the life of the prophet Mohammad. The prophet awarded him a mythical scimitar named Zulfiqar. In Saudi Arabia, this symbol is printed on cars, porcelain, and the inner lining of military dress uniforms, a reminder of good judgment despite the cruel necessity of war. Remind Saudi Arabia of Zulfiqar's promise.

Let me settle this clash to prove why we have leverage and why we need to use it to preserve peace.

- **Ref to Arul acknowledges that he is right about the SQUO; however, you still need this bill to deal with the SQUO**

STATUS QUO:

Empirical: Evidence to back up the link
Rep. Arul disproved about half the room, because he's absolutely correct that Saudi Arabia and the Houthis <u>have had</u> a ceasefire since last September. Don't let rousing rhetoric or flag design distract you from this simple reality.

But we still need this resolution to preserve that peace.

- **Ref to Koppt., Desai and Arul deals with solvency. They say that we don't have solvency bc of SA's alternatives. I both ref them AND prove constructive solvency.**

Reps. Koppisetty, Desai, and Arul say that we lose because they'll turn to China, Russia, or their own manufacturing.

SOLVENCY: Here's why Saudi Arabia has no choice but to stick with us.

Empirical: Evidence to back up the link
It's not just that we sell them tens of billions of dollars more than anyone else. It's that their entire weapons infrastructure is American.
You can't fire Chinese bullets from an American gun. You can't drop Chinese missiles from an American plane. You really can't even land a Chinese jet on an American aircraft carrier. Saudi Arabia has gone all in on the United States.
Reuters <u>reports</u> on February 5th of 2024 that Lockheed Martin has even agreed to build a factory near Riyadh for Saudi Arabian companies to manufacture platform weaponry. Rep. Arul, <u>we are</u> Saudi Arabia's domestic weapons production.

The bottom line is this: we have leverage over Saudi Arabia. Use it, don't lose it.

- **Ref to Arul., Desai and Panali deals with impacting. They say that USING our solvency → bad impacts like provoking Saudi Arabia. I both ref them AND prove constructive impact.**

IMPACT:

Reps. Arul, Desai, and Palani are all worried that pressuring Saudi Arabia would actually make them more violent.

But preserving peace is just as important as creating it.

Causal: Intuitive analytical link	Empirical: Evidence to back up the link
Right now, Saudi Arabia is about to break the ceasefire BECAUSE we are striking Houthi pirates.	Bloomberg reports on June 6th of 2024 that American strikes have killed over 100 Houthi pirates trying to rob shipping lines in the Saudi Arabia red sea. Saudi Arabia is itching to join the fight. But my side has already told you how much bloodshed that would cause. These sanctions use leverage to make it unthinkable for Saudi Arabia to pull the trigger.

During bootcamp, every Saudi soldier is required to carry a copy of the Saudi Defense Force's code of conduct. Its face bears the inscription: "There is no hero like Ali. There is no sword like Zulfiqar." With a vote for the affirmation, hold Saudi Arabia to that promise.