

# RIVALITAS ARAB SAUDI-IRAN DI YAMAN ERA ARAB SPRING 2010-2016

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## Abstrack

*The competing powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continue to redress and reverse the strategic imbalance and direction of the Middle East's regional politics. The 1979 Iranian Revolution catapulted these two states into an embittered rivalry. The fall of Saddam Hussein following the 2003 U.S. led invasion, the establishment of a Shi'ite Iraq and the 2011 Arab Uprisings have further inflamed tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Iran and Saudi Arabia have not confronted each other militarily, but rather have divided the region into two armed camps on the basis of political and religious ideology in seeking regional allies and promulgating sectarianism as they continue to exploit the region's weak states in a series of proxy wars ranging from conflicts in Iraq to Lebanon.*

*The Saudi-Iranian strategic and geopolitical rivalry is further complicated by a religious and ideological rivalry, as tensions represent two opposing aspirations for Islamic leadership with two vastly differing political systems. The conflict is between Saudi Arabia, representing Sunni Islam via Wahhabism, and Iran, representing Shi'ite Islam through Khomeinism. The Saudi-Iranian strategic and geopolitical rivalry is further complicated by a religious and ideological rivalry, as tensions represent two opposing aspirations for Islamic leadership with two vastly differing political systems. The conflict is between Saudi Arabia, representing Sunni Islam via Wahhabism, and Iran, representing Shi'ite Islam through Khomeinism. The Saudi-Iranian rivalry has important implications conflict and stability in Yemen afterward Arab Spring Uprising. Therefore, this research seeks to address the question: What is led Saudi and Iran to involve massively in Yemen's Conflict afterward Arab Spring 2011-2016?*

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