

The Geopolitics of Oil: Examining U.S./Middle East Relations 75 Years Later

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Abstract

As we approach the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of a U.S. President and a Saudi King, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, on February 14, 1945 aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer in the Suez Canal, we examine the decades held U.S.-Saudi relationship based on security for oil. Has U.S. shale oil growth and change in consumer demands fundamentally altered the United States' relationship with the Middle East?

Abridged Biography

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