
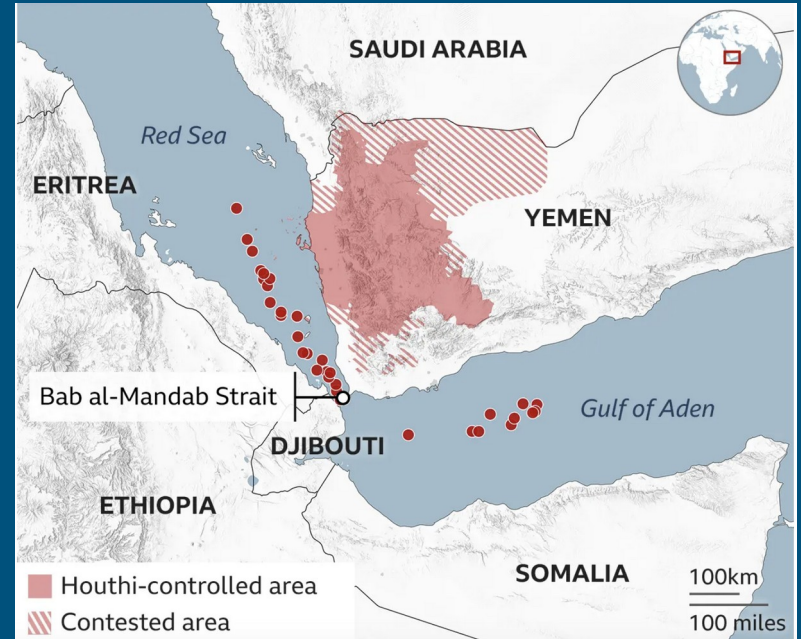


Dealing with the Houthis: Promoting
Democracy and Freedom of
Navigation
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Problem & Status

- Houthis expand control and power
 - Controls the capital and 70% of population
- Severe Famine and Economic issues
 - 17.4 Million in need of food assistance
- Houthis pose massive threats to human rights
- Freedom of Navigation being



Key Analysis

- Houthis are fundamentally opposed to peace
 - Instability in key region & key ally
- Inflation & costs on the rise due to insecurity
- Iran plays a key role in fueling Houthis power
- Inaction on the Houthis
 - 10 years in power after Houthi takeover
- Yemen support for United States is minimal
- Houthi missile strikes cause global fear



Recommendation, Pros and Cons

- Naval defenses around the south coast of Yemen
- Defends cargo ships and creates a presence on the coast of Yemen
 - Eventually we will have countries take over presence of U.S. ships
- Aid will be able to get through
 - Giving aid to Yemen eventually leads to the Houthi gov't being overthrown
- Con's:
 - Money
 - Risking Navy ships
 - Not a permanent solution
- Pro's:
 - Will be able to effectively defend cargo ships
 - Lowering inflation and travel times for ships
 - Restores order in the Bab al-Mandab strait
 - Not a permanent solution