

We affirm. Resolved: The United States should end its arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Contention 1 is Terrorism

Currently, Saudi Arabia buys the majority of its arms from the United States. Dewan in 2018 reports, “Over the past five years, for example, **the US accounted for 61% of major arms sales to the Saudis**”¹ Unfortunately, this is propelling anti-American sentiment as Arrabyee in 2017 explains, “**Yemenis know that most of the Saudi weapons are U.S.-made: Abrams tanks, Bradley vehicles and some cluster bombs, not to mention the F-16 and F-15 fighter jets that fly over their heads around the clock**”² Wilkerson in 2017 corroborates, “**The war is also increasing anti-American sentiment in Yemen**. As Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) has pointed out, **Yemenis believe the war is being waged by the U.S., not by the Saudi/UAE coalition, which they view as a U.S. proxy. (W)e are helping to radicalize the Yemeni population against the United States**,” Murphy warns.”³ Arrabyee continues, “**The U.S. has not only turned the Yemeni people against it, but has also been supporting its own enemies, al-Qaeda and ISIS, by supporting the Saudi Wahhabi regime which provides the ideological basis of these terrorist groups. These groups are also exploiting the chaos to further expand and recruit**”⁴ Thus, Southall in 2017 concludes, because the United States is the root cause of terrorism in the region “**A decision by rich countries to cease arms trading could help to reduce radicalization and terrorism** in countries suffering the consequences of armed conflict”⁵

¹ Dewan 2018(Angela Dewan, Digital News Producer with CNN, 23 November 2018, These are the countries still selling arms to Saudi Arabia, <https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/22/middleeast/arms-exports-saudi-arabia-intl/index.html>, DOA 08/01/19) SM

² <http://inthesetimes.com/article/20676/yemen-saudi-arabia-bombing-blockade-united-states-trump-isis-al-qaeda>

³ <https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/355118-congress-end-americas-war-in-saudi-arabias-war-in-yemen>

⁴ <http://inthesetimes.com/article/20676/yemen-saudi-arabia-bombing-blockade-united-states-trump-isis-al-qaeda>

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<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2017/06/06/david-southall-ending-the-international-arms-trade-could-reduce-terrorism-and-prevent-the-death-of-civilians-in-the-uk-and-abroad/>

