# Plan

### Allison and I are resolved that the United States federal government, through USAID, should substantially increase its democratic decentralization assistance for Yemen

# Contention 1 – Civil War

### Even with Saleh gone yemen stands on the brink of civil war

FINN and al-Wazir 11-28-11

(TOM, ATIAF Tom Finn is a freelance journalist and Atiaf is a researcher and [blogger](https://webmail.wpni.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://womanfromyemen.blogspot.com/). Both are based in Sanaa, Yemen. [A House Divided](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/11/28/a_house_divided) President Saleh may be stepping down, but the threat of civil war is growing.NOVEMBER 28, 2011 http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/11/28/a\_house\_divided?page=full)

But the initial euphoria soon gave way to

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, marginalization, and a history of independence.

### Poor governance is the biggest internal link towards conflict

Barakat et al 2011

(Sultan, founding member and Director for the Post-War Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU) and a professor at the University of york on the edge of failure: Conflict and Crisis in Yemen, university of york june)

Indeed, weak governance may be the single

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at the destruction and loss of human life.

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### Civil war triggers Yemeni economic collapse, expansion of pirate fleets, and the creation of an Al-Queda safe haven

Alley and al-Iryani 2009

(April Longley and Abdul Ghani Longley Alley holds a MA in Arab Studies and a PhD in Government from Georgetown University. Dr. Alley trav-eled to Yemen on a David L. Boren Fellowship during the summer of 2004, a Fulbright IIE Grant from September 2005 to September 2006, and independently during the summer of 2007. Abdul-Ghani Al-Iryani is a businessman and a political consultant based in Sana‘a. He received an MA from Portland State University and an MPH from Boston University.Southern Aspirations and Salih’s Exasperation: The Looming Threat of Secession in South Yemen The Middle East Institute Viewpoints No. 11 June 2009 www.mei.edu/Portals/0/Publications/Yemen.pdf)

A second area of concern is the strategic

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and a necessary partner in achieving this outcome.

### Decentralization averts civil war

Longley et al 2008

(april Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. She holds a Masters Degree in Arab Studies from Georgetown’s Center for Contemporary Arab Studies Fighting Brushfires with Batons: An Analysis of the Political Crisis in South Yemen middle east institute policy brief No7 February 2008)

The third and only policy option capable of

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Sana‘a while also benefiting average Yemenis.

### No alt causes – addressing governance is key to address other sources of instability

**Boucek, Associate in the Carnegie Middle East Program, 2011**

(Christopher, "Higher Stakes in Yemen," Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 14, <http://carnegieendowment.org/2011/06/14/higher-stakes-in-yemen/1rl>, accessed 1-12-12) JDB

This current **political crisis is the biggest obstacle**

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focus on those other issues, the better.

## Scenario 1 is Saudi Stability

### Yemen civil war destabilizes Saudi Arabia – refugee spillover

Horton 2011

(Michael is a Senior Analyst for Arabian Affairs at The Jamestown Foundation where he specializes on Yemen and the Horn of Africa. He also writes for Jane's Intelligence Review, Intelligence Digest, Islamic Affairs Analyst, and the Christian Science Monitor. Mr. Horton studied Middle East History and Economics at the American University of Cairo and Arabic at the Center for Arabic Language and Eastern Studies in Yemen. Michael frequently travels to Yemen, Ethiopia, and Somalia. The Unseen Hand: Saudi Arabian Involvement in Yemen March 24, 2011http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no\_cache=1&tx\_ttnews[tt\_news]=37687&tx\_ttnews[backPid]=7&cHash=2d68e72ad976a563c017aee8cfd2ebf6)

One analyst recently speculated that if Yemen were

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-Aziz ibn Saud are certainly worth remembering.

### Saudi instability collapses the global economy

Hartman 2011

(BEN, reporter for *The Jerusalem Post,* the jerusalem post World economy will fall if revolts spread to S. Arabia' http://www.jpost.com/Features/InThespotlight/Article.aspx?ID=209605&R=R1) 02/24/11

“If something like we have seen in

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they don’t get a discount for being poor.”

### Economic decline causes war – best research proves

Royal, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, 2010

(Jedediah, “Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises,” in Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal, and Political Perspectives, ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p.213-215) JDB

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline

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here should be considered ancillary to those views.

## Scenario 2 is Al-Qaeda

### They have the desire and tech to carry out a WMD attack

IPT News 2011

Documents Show Jihadists Seek Mass-Destruction Weapons The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) is a non-profit research group founded by Steven Emerson in 1995. It is recognized as the world's most comprehensive data center on radical Islamic terrorist groups. February 18, <http://www.investigativeproject.org/2608/documents-show-jihadists-seek-mass-destruction>

Diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks provide another reminder

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an explosive device beyond a mere dirty bomb."

### Materials easy to acquire

Bunn, Associate Professor of Public Policy at Harvard, 2010

(Matthew, “Securing the Bomb”, April, p. 17-18)

Unfortunately, there is also a real risk

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effectiveness decline over time as complacency sets in.

### Al-Qaeda can build the device

Joyner, Professor of International Law at Georgetown, 2009

(Christopher C., “Nuclear Terrorism in a Globalizing World: Assessing the Threat and the Emerging Management Regime,” Stanford Journal of International Law, Summer, p. 218) JDB

A further cause for alarm is the relative

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within the capabilities of al-Qaeda. [n72](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lnacui2api/frame.do?reloadEntirePage=true&rand=1317058133769&returnToKey=20_T12817678703&parent=docview&target=results_DocumentContent&tokenKey=rsh-20.651253.0820205442" \l "n72)

### Nuclear terrorism causes nuclear war

Speice, J.D. Candidate at the College of William and Mary, 2006

(Patrick F., “Negligence and Nuclear Nonproliferation: Eliminating the Current Liability Barrier to Bilateral U.S.-Russian Nonproliferation Assistance Programs,” William and Mary Law Review 47:4, Article 10, pg1427-1485) JDB

Accordingly, there is a significant and ever

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nuclear attacks against the United States or its allies

### Bioweapons use causes extinction

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(Richard, Member – Chemical Weapons Working Group, “Biological Weapons Must be Abolished Immediately, 6-9, http://www.freefromterror.net/other\_articles/abolish.html)

Of all the weapons of mass destruction,

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such plagues? HUMAN EXTINCTION IS NOW POSSIBLE.

## Scenario 3 is Small Arms

### Yemen instability increases small arms trafficking

Juneau 2011

(Thomas, doctoral candidate in political science at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He studied in Sanaa, Yemen, in 2007. “Yemen: Prospects for State Failure—Im- plications and Remedies,” Middle East Policy Council Journal Essay, 2011, http://www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy- archives/yemen-prospects-state-failure?print. sonal.htm?id=378.

Yemen is an important source and transit point

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back to the Yemeni Ministry of Defense.49

### Small arms are the statistically most destructive weapon of mass destruction and we have a moral imperative to curb their use

**Peace Action West 2008**

(The conventional Weapons threat:control the illegal arms trade and ban cluster bombs Peace Action West works for smarter American approaches to global problems. If we want to address problems like war, poverty, global warming, terrorism -- the US needs to work together, cooperatively, with other nations. It also means overcoming the partisan politics and divisive rhetoric that often drown out alternatives to war.

<http://www.peaceactionwest.org/strategic_cooperation%3A_global_challenges,_21st_century_tools/strategic_cooperation%3A_global_challenges,_21st_century_tools/the_conventional_weapons_threat%3A_control_the_illegal_arms_trade_and_ban_cluster_bombs/>)

Despite the grave threat they pose to human

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weapons reported as issued to Iraqi forces."8

# CONTENTION 2 – AQAP

### **Airstrikes have failed – AQAP organization is still strong and key to global Al-Qaeda**

Roggio 12-23-11

(Bill, "AQAP leaders' brother reported killed in US drone strike," The Long War Journal, [www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2011/12/aqap\_leaders\_brother.php](http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2011/12/aqap_leaders_brother.php), accessed 1-5-12) JDB

Since December 2009, some of the top

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and the export of jihad to neighboring countries."

### Yemen is a uniquely dangerous base of operations for terrorists

Giardino 10-3-11

(GIARDINO: Battle against American terrorists in Yemen isn’t over Carrie served as vice consul at the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, in 2009 and is director of strategic initiatives for IDS International)

There are tens of thousands of Yemeni-

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removes any threat of an internal security threat.

## The plan solve 3 internal links

### 1. Reforming the government to better address grievances – solves recruitment

Harris 2010

(Alistair ormer diplomat and UN staff member Exploiting Grievances Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula YEMEN: ON THE BRINK A Carnegie Paper Series may)

Military and law enforcement responses to the threat

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of seeking redress for actual and perceived grievances.

### 2. Local knowledge and cooperation

**Green, Soref Fellow at the Washington Institute, 6-22-11**

(Daniel, "The al-Qaeda Crescent in Yemen," The Washington Institute, <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC05.php?CID=3374>, accessed 1-12-12) JDB

Much like AQAP, the U.

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it may be planning on the United States.

### 3. Reframing the US-Yemen relation away from security concerns

Boucek 2009

(Christopher associate in the Carnegie Middle East Program where his research focuses on security Carnegie PAPERS Yemen: Avoiding a Downward Spiral Middle East Program Number 102 September 2009)

it is essential that Washington take a holistic

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that will contribute indirectly to improving domestic security.

### Even without WMDs, AQAP attack causes US invasion

Strategic Studies Institute 2011

The Conflicts in Yemen and US National Security

February 15th, 2011http://www.defencetalk.com/the-conflicts-in-yemen-and-us-national-security-32049/#ixzz1VPTJJWH2

The difficulties associated with managing Yemen policy should

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radicalism before the subject of intervention even arises.

### Military intervention in Yemen triggers Iranian proliferation and Middle East War

Tisdall 2010

(Simon assistant editor of the Guardian and a foreign affairs columnistYemen intervention risks ripple effect If the US blunders into Yemen the whole region could suffer unintended consequences, from Israel to the Horn of Africa jan 04http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jan/04/yemen-intervention-ripple-effect)

The wider implications of direct US involvement in

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, smuggling arms to insurgents of every hue.

Middle East wars cause extinction

Russell 9

(James Senior Lecturer in the Department of National Security Affairs at Nava Postgraduate School “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prosepects for Nuclear War and Escalation in the Middle East [www.ifri.org/downloads/PP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf](http://www.ifri.org/downloads/PP26_Russell_2009.pdf))

These systemic weaknesses in the coercive bargaining framework

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, with substantial risk for the entire world.

Defense is outdated – high risk of Middle East escalation

London, President Emeritus of the Hudson Institute, 2010

(Herbert, also professor emeritus and the former John M. Olin Professor of Humanities at New York University, “The Coming Crisis in the Middle East,” 6-23-10, http://www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication\_details&id=7101&pubType=HI\_Opeds, accessed 1-5-12) JDB

**The gathering storm in the Middle East is**

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veracity. That is a truly bad sign.

### A nuclearized Iran causes proliferation across the Middle East

Edelman et al 2011

(ERIC S. EDELMAN is a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; he was U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy in 2005-9. ANDREW F. KREPINEVICH is President of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. EVAN BRADEN MONTGOMERY is a Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments Foreign Affairs The Dangers of NATO a Nuclear Iran Andrew F. Krepinevich, and Evan Braden Montgomery Subtitle: The Limits of Containment January 2011 - February 2011 SECTION: Pg. 66 Vol. 90 No. 1 )

The reports of the Congressional Commission on the

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apparently exploited in pursuing a nuclear weapons capability.

### Nuclear war

Edelman et al 2011

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More important, emerging nuclear powers in the

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party, potentially triggering a regional nuclear war.

# Contention 3 – Solvency

### US has already pledged support and they’ll say yes

Yobserver.com 1-7-12(Yemen Observer Staff  USA to support Yemen's national unity government http://www.yobserver.com/local-news/10021772.html Jan 7)

The U.S. ambassador to Yemen

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to boost up the political process in Yemen.

### Opposition groups like the plan – they’ll say yes

**Terrill, Research Professor of Security Affairs at the SSI, 8-2-11**

(W. Andrew, “The Arab Spring and the Future of U.S. Interests and Cooperative Security in the Arab World,” http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/The-Arab-Spring-and-the-Future-of-US-Interests/2011/8/2)

The Yemeni opposition is aware of Western

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problems to do much to contain AQAP.32

### US key – security guarantees

**Garriga and Phillips 11**

(Ana Carolina, assistant professor in the Division of Political Studies at Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas, Mexico, and Brian, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh, “Foreign Aid and Investment in Post-Conflict Societies”, CIDE, June 2011, <http://www.cide.edu/publicaciones/status/dts/DTEP%20227.pdf>, accessed 1-6-12) JDB

While we argue that aid should not be

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**aid might not have any effect** on FDI.

### USaid key and flexible

Dobransky 2011 (Steve is an Adjunct Professor at Cleveland State University.  He is completing his Ph.D. studies at Kent State University, majoring in International Relations and Justice Studies. March 7, 2011)

The argument against eliminating USAID includes many positive

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large bureaucracy without compelling reasons to do so.

### USAID will have a local, flexible response

USAID 2010

(2010-2012 Yemen Country Strategy pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\_docs/PDACP572.pdf)

The approach to implementing AO1 will be critical

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a lack of service provision is a symptom).

### Creating a mechanism for power transition coalesces support and ensures a smooth transition

Al Muwaddah 2011

(President – Center for Civic Development, CDDRL Yemen

Yemen between Regime Survival and Systemic Change Abdul Nasser 23 number 122)

The presence of a mechanism for the

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work to support it and ensure its implementation.

### USaid is key to pressuring reform

Burke 2010

(Edward Researcher at FRIDE Assessing Democracy Assistance: Yemen May

[www.fride.org/download/IP\_WMD\_Yemen\_ENG\_jul10.pdf](http://www.fride.org/download/IP_WMD_Yemen_ENG_jul10.pdf))

The US government has enjoyed a mixed reputation

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the President, rather than being independent entities.

### USaid is key to effective decentralization policies

Dininio 2000

(PHYLLIS DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE SPECIALIST, WORKING WITH USAID, THE WORLD BANK, THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. SHE HOLDS A PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY, AN M.A. IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FROM THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, AND A B.A. IN ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY. USAID􏰽S EXPERIENCE IN DECENTRALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNANCE, September 2000 )

As government officials and citizens around the world

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democracy and improving the welfare of local communities.

### Foreign aid is key to effective decentralization policies

USAID 2010

(2010-2012 Yemen Country Strategy pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\_docs/PDACP572.pdf)

Capacity building and limited institutional development at selected

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be provided on participatory development planning and implementation.