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### **ABSTRACT**

Due to their status as superior forces in the Middle East, Saudi-Iranian relations have been strained since 1979. In relation to international ties with the West, both countries have different principles and viewpoints. The primary concern of this study was to examine the effects of the conflict in the Middle East between Saudi Arabia and Iran, and whether new political developments could be used to resolve this conflict or not. A content analysis methodology was employed for this purpose. Through an examination of data provided in the literature review and data collected this paper examines the dynamic political relations in which the pattern of bilateral relations explains the contradictory narratives, consisting of academic articles, policy briefs, and books. The political acts taken by Iran and Saudi Arabia, as well as the domestic and foreign policies they embrace. The results of this analysis indicate the influence of this dispute in the Middle East. The study also suggests a variety of potential suggestions on how to resolve this dispute through diplomatic transparency and mutual agreements targeting the people of Iran and Saudi Arabia.

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