

EGYPT'S FOREIGN POLICY: AN ADOPTED RATIONAL CHOICE MODEL

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ABSTRACT

After two revolutions, the 25th of January 2011 and the 30th of June 2013, Egypt's foreign policy is at crossroads. Challenges facing policy makers are diverse and enumerated. This situation necessitates a rational management of a foreign policy under stress. In other words, the rational choice model, as an approach to foreign policy issues, is highly recommended and adopted by the new regime under president Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi. Adoption of this model requires the identification of the challenges, goals and the tools, of which foreign policy is an effective one. Therefore, this paper will start with the major challenges which confront Egypt under president Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi and then role of foreign policy to overcome them using the rational choice model as an analytical approach.

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