

## ***The Yemen War: Touchbasing***

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The ongoing conflict in Yemen, which began in 2014, has had far-reaching consequences on the nation, affecting its people, economy, and overall stability. Socially, the war in Yemen has resulted in a large humanitarian crisis. Millions of Yemenis have been displaced from their homes, now facing challenges in finding shelter for them and their families, and ruining the stability that once existed in their communities. The conflict has disrupted essential services, including healthcare, education, which impacts the well-being and future prospects of the population, particularly children.

Economically, Yemen has faced a wide range in severity of challenges due to the conflict ranging from infrastructure being damaged, like homes and buildings, to hindering economic activities and an overall increase in poverty. The blockade and destruction of key ports such as Hodeiah, the fourth largest city in Yemen has impeded the flow of goods, essential to all Yemenis, leading to a reliance on international aid for their survival.

To make matters even worse, the conflict in Yemen has drawn regional and international attention, with political debates and various actors involved in the complex geopolitical landscape. The yearn for control has fragmented the political scene, complicating efforts to find a sustainable solution. Yemen's path in political stability will take a lot of work and effort considering the ongoing conflict and competing interests.

The conflict in Yemen has highlighted the complexities of Middle Eastern geopolitics, Yemen serving as a focal point for tensions and rivalry, as well as changing a lot of Westerner's views on the conflict itself. There are over 20 million people in need of adequate care, with 11 million being children under the age of 16.

To conclude, the conflict in Yemen has left a large crater on the nation and will forever affect its social fabric and economy, both through a political perspective and a geographical perspective. This humanitarian crisis demands urgent attention, which understanding the multifaceted impact of this conflict shows already.

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