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children. Habeck also suggests how the United States might defeat the jihadis, using their own ideology against them.