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## Afghan War Resources

### **Documentary Films:**

*Battle for Marjah* (2011)  
*Tell Spring Not to Come This Year* (2015)  
*Love Crimes of Kabul* (2011)  
*Afghan Star* (2009)

### **Documents:**

*The Taliban Reader* (2018)  
 Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction <https://www.sigar.mil>  
 Watson Institute - Brown University  
 Costs of War  
<https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/>

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Quiz: 9/11  
and the War  
on Terror



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9/11

The majority of 9/11 attackers were from:

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Libya
- c. Syria
- d. Saudi Arabia

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The Global  
War on  
Terror,  
2001-?

The U.S. has fought the "global war on terror" in:

- a. 1 country
- b. 10 countries
- c. 17 countries
- d. 85+ countries

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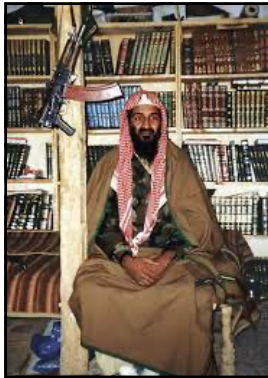
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## Osama bin Laden

the principal leader of al-Qaeda  
was from:

- a. Palestine
- b. Egypt
- c. Jordan
- d. Saudi Arabia

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Bin Laden  
was an  
Islamic  
religious  
scholar:

True

False

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In 2011, U.S. forces assassinated  
Osama bin Laden in:

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Cuba
- c. Pakistan
- d. Yemen

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## The U.S. War in Afghanistan, 2001-2021?

The primary cause of the U.S. defeat and Taliban victory in 2021 in Afghanistan was:

- a. U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003
- b. U.S. failure at “nation-building”
- c. Afghans lacked “the will” to fight for their future (Biden)
- d. Afghanistan is the “graveyard of empires” (Biden)

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“The Afghan war ended when U.S. troops withdrew.”

True

False

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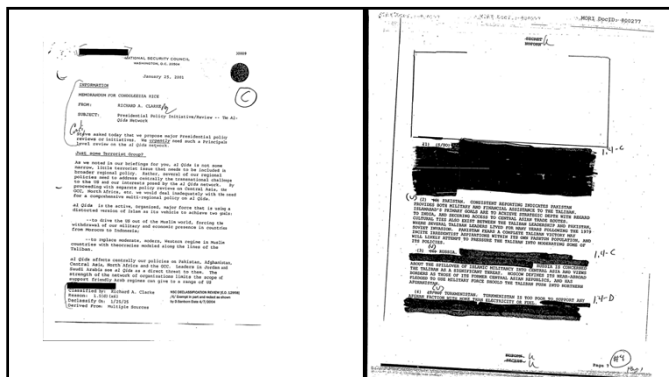
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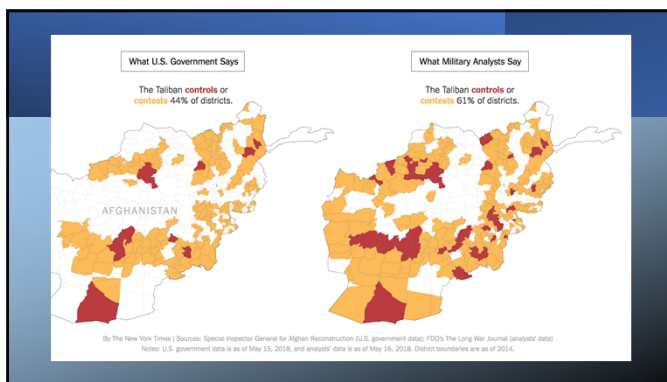
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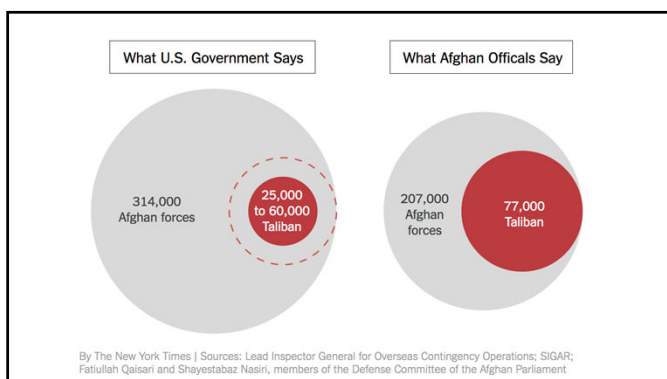
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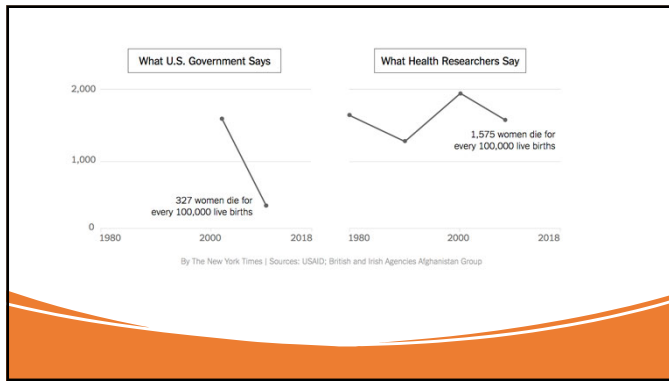
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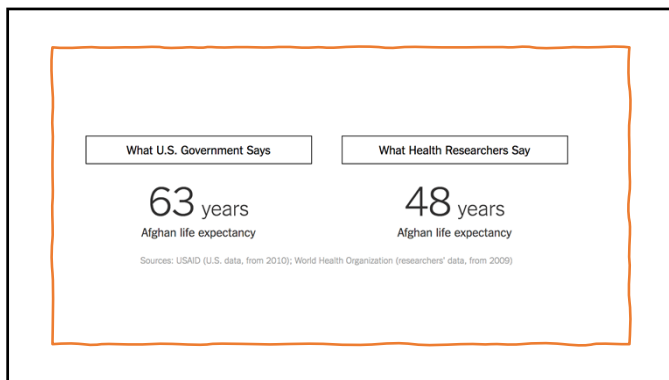
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Afghanistan  
as a State of  
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**UK government and military accused of war crimes cover-up**

UK's Taliban peace talks

**CIA-backed Afghan troops 'committed war crimes': report**

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**Prisoner Abuse Continues at Bagram Prison in Afghanistan**

US President Barack Obama has spoken out against CIA prisoner abuse and wants to close Guantanamo. But he tolerates the existence of Bagram military prison in Afghanistan, where more than 600 people are being held without charge. The facility makes Guantanamo look like a "nice hotel," in the words of one military prosecutor.

By **Matthias Gebauer** ▼, John Goetz and Britta Sandberg

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# COSTS OF WAR

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**U.S. BUDGETARY COSTS: \$8 TRILLION**

The vast economic impact of the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere is poorly understood by the U.S. public and policymakers. This paper estimates the budgetary costs of war, including past expenditures and future obligations to care for veterans of these wars.

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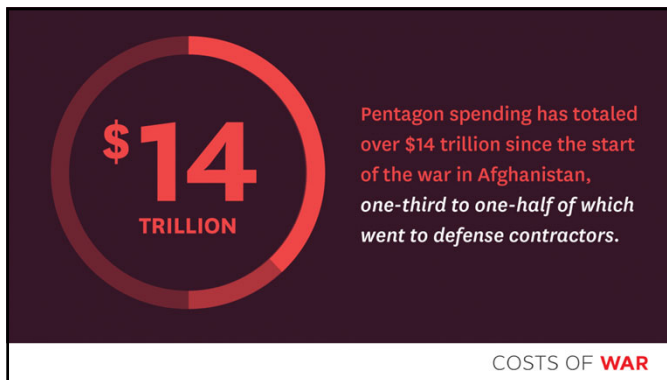
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## The Guardian – Mullah Omar's obituary

A fanatic and recluse who hardly ever met outsiders and knew little of the world at large, he was perhaps best known as the man who gave asylum to the equally fanatical Saudi Arabian founder of al-Qaida, [Osama bin Laden](#). And it was from the safe haven of Afghanistan that Bin Laden ordered the attack on the World Trade Center in New York on 11 September 2001 that killed nearly 3,000 people."



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## The Taliban – *taliban* - "students"

### "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan"

Mullah Muhammad Omar – 'Commander of the Faithful' (1996)

Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice



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The current crisis is some forty years in the making. A monarchy ruled the country until 1973. In the decade that followed, competing political actors tried to seize control of the country, aided by various foreign powers. The Soviet Union backed leftist revolutionaries who had seized power in a coup in 1978. From 1979, the U.S., in turn, supported a number of resistance groups who called themselves mujahidin. Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia and other countries joined in supporting the mujahidin, while several million Afghans had to flee the country. At least a million Afghans died in the bloody struggle for control of Afghanistan.

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ed in the textbooks of the time. This series was a limited use in 2000 in some schools in the K, including in al Lyceé, a coeducational elementary school in Islamabad, Iran. Almost half of the 236 students at the Lyceé girls, many of whom had come from Afghanistan after the Taliban seized power and implemented policies denied girls access to education past the third grade. The reason the Lyceé uses these books may be because they tend to fare better in the community textbooks than most of the series. The text attempted to reach young

mothers of the heroes and the patriots of the nation." Ironi emphasizes books published by women's organizations in Afghanistan's revolutionary government have played the hand of the Islamic revolutionaries who striven to gain the count of the Far r religious and patriotic age to children next generation textbook in Peshawar late 1980s. A mixture of educators and patriotic educators auspices: en-party: of mujah

promoting patriotic propaganda and encouraging values of Islamic militancy into a new generation of holy warriors prepared to conduct jihad against the enemies of Islam. Consider the following introduction to the Persian alphabet in a first-grade language arts book:

*Alif* [is for] Allah.  
Allah is one.  
*Bi* [is for] Father (*baba*).  
Father goes to the mosque...  
*Pi* [is for] Five (*panj*).  
Islam has five pillars...  
*Ti* [is for] Rifle (*tafing*).  
Javad obtains rifles for the Mujahidin...  
*Jim* [is for] Jihad.  
Jihad is an obligation. My men went to the jihad. Our brother gave water to the Mujahidin...  
*Dal* [is for] Religion (*din*).  
Our religion is Islam. The Russians are the enemies of the religion of Islam...  
*Zhi* [is for] Good news (*mashdikh*).  
The Mujahidin missiles rain down like dew on the Russians. My brother gave me good news that the Russians in our country taste defeat...

As in this passage, the series for the sale of the book series in both language arts for grade 1. Although the series was specially edited out of my fieldwork in Afghanistan refugee camps in 1999 and 2000, versions of these in both countries the untended version occasionally surfaced in Afghanistan and were seen by the government in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, old textbooks, with the pages of Islamic of tanks, rocket weapons. When I visited the capital, in May 2000,

'Jihad - Often many different wars and conflicts arise among people, which cause material damages and loss of human life. If these wars and disputes occur among people for the sake of community, nation, territory, or even because of verbal differences, and for the sake of progress...' This page is from a third-grade language arts textbook during the Mujahidin period. A copy of the book was purchased near Kabul in May 2000.

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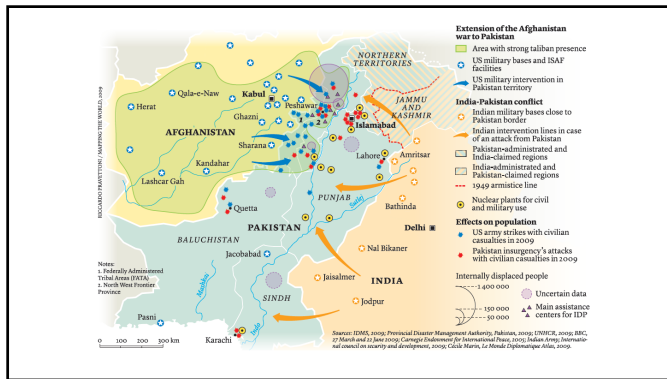


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**1994** – capture of Kandahar  
**1995** - capture of Herat  
**1996** – capture of Kabul; Osama bin Laden flees Sudan for Jalalabad, Afghanistan  
**1998** - capture of Mazar-i Sharif; al Qaida bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania  
**2001** – US aid for counter-narcotics and 'humanitarian aid'; destruction of Buddhas of Bamiyan; assassination of Massoud and 9/11 attacks

Recognized by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates  
 Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)  
 UNOCAL  
 Opposed by Ahmad Shah Massoud – and Iran  
**Post-2001** – *shuras* in Quetta, Peshawar, Mashhad, etc.; office in Doha from 2013

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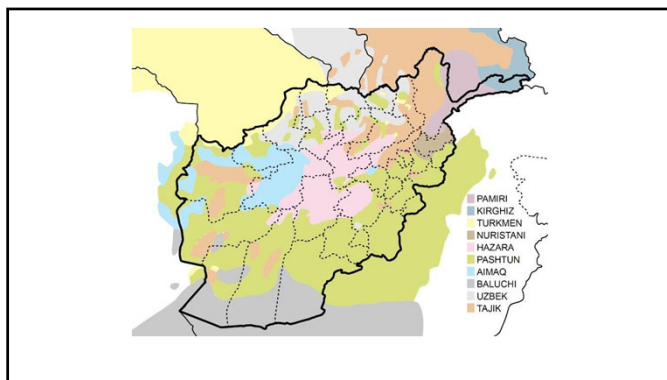
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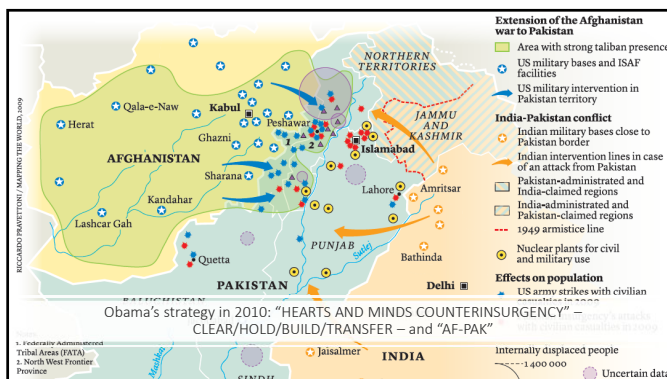
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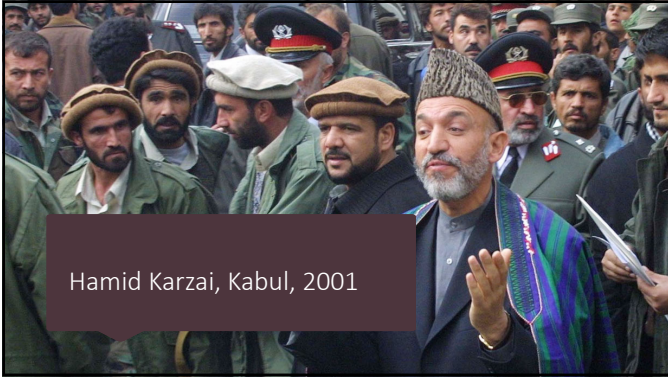
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Hamid Karzai, Kabul, 2001

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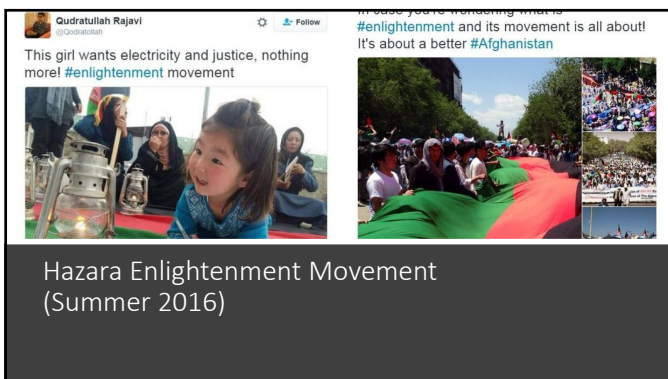
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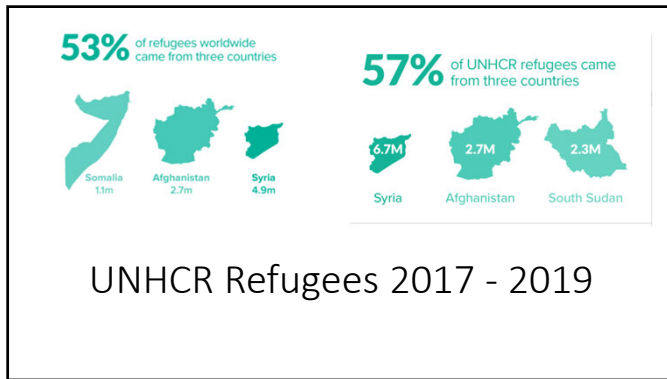
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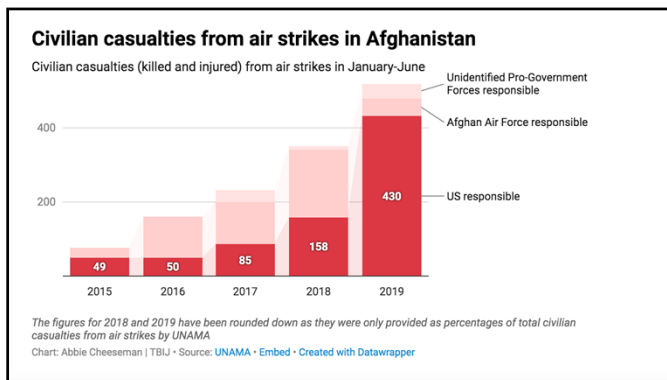
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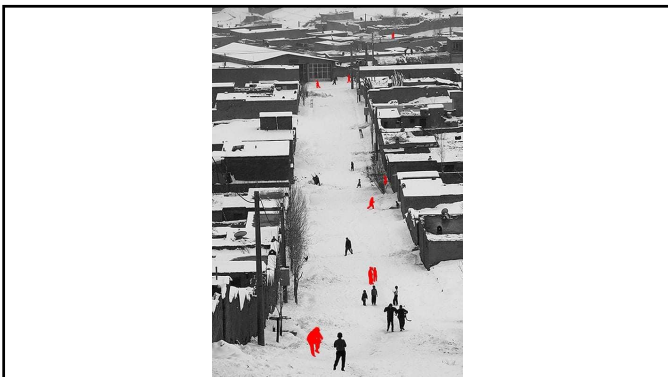
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