

1. Opening statement of Basic Arguments For: Yonatan

- We are advocating for option 3, because we believe that the United States does not need to risk anymore American lives. We need to withdraw our troops from Afghanistan as fast as possible.

1. The fact that we have troops in Afghanistan in the first place is one of the main recruiting points for the terrorist organisations we are trying to fight.
2. Throughout history, foreign powers in Afghanistan have been resisted. This is not about to change.
3. The money we are spending in Afghanistan could be better used for other more current crises and issues, such as healthcare or climate change.

Conclusion:

In order to achieve this, we need to make better relations with relevant parties, which would include taking steps like negotiating with the Taliban and ending the drone strike in Pakistan. You can see many politicians from every political party already advocating to get out and end the fighting.

2. Arguments Against: Juanzi

1. A withdrawal will be seen as a victory for violent extremists and will encourage these groups around the world to use violence against the United States and its allies.
2. If the United States and NATO withdraw, Afghanistan will descend once again into civil war. The Taliban will allow terrorist groups to return and plot against the United States.
4. We cannot disengage from the region. We have a vital interest in a stable, democratic, and peaceful Afghanistan. In addition, we need to make sure that nuclear-armed Pakistan is not taken over by extremist forces that would use those weapons to inflict terrible harm.
3. The Taliban and the Afghanistan government are unlikely to cooperate to achieve peace in Afghanistan. Rather, they are likely to compete for power and influence, thereby creating conflict.

1) To some, a withdrawal may be seen as a victory for the extremists, however, our initial objective was to kill Osama bin Laden and scatter al Qaeda, both of which we have achieved. By continuing to have troops, the US is just risking its soldiers' lives.

2) The Taliban do not pose a direct threat to the United States, which means we can safely withdraw troops without fear of the Taliban allowing terrorist groups to plot against the US. Along with this, it will also make sure Afghanistan's neighbors take more responsibility to ensure a better future for Afghanistan.

3) The Taliban and Afghanistan government most likely won't cooperate and achieve peace on their own, which is why we need to negotiate with both sides. This will place Afghanistan in a more stable state, allowing us to be able to withdraw our troops and reallocate the funding we have spent on this war on other programs that will help serve the people of the United States.

4) Our presence in the region is not what will ensure the security of the United States, but rather cooperation with Afghanistan, and its neighbors, intelligence work, and effective homeland security programs. This option will help Afghanistan gain more stability, and more importantly, allow our troops to finally come home.

3. Conclusion: What we Should do: Stephen

1. In order for us to leave the region, we must get negotiations done and settled with the Taliban and Afghan government. Not settling their conflict will only lead to disarray once we leave.
2. The best option that the United States has currently is to not only leave Afghanistan, but additionally stop giving aid to the region.
3. In terms of the aid, we should apply that unused money to better our own country, and deal with crucial problems here at home. The question here is if the money is being properly used correctly in the region? If not, then terminate our financial situation with Afghanistan.
4. One of the most highlighted events of our time in the region is America's usage of drones, especially in Pakistan. During President Obama's term, we have used the drone program extensively on our targets. The program has created a problem in which groups are hiding in the region out of fear. If we were to remove this program, it'd be easier to track and apprehend these groups.
5. Finally, in order to make sure no conflict happens and to keep Afghanistan safe, we should employ one of the country's neighbors to help in aiding. Countries such as China, Russia, Iran, and India have interest in the country. Having them aid Afghanistan can lead to partnership between the two countries. Withdrawing troops will lead to a more stable and peaceful Afghanistan, and most importantly, a beautiful, stronger future for MURICA!!!