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My personal opinion is that option two is the best (and no this is not just because that was my option). Although at first I thought option two was a bit boring as it was very neutral, but as I studied more into it, I realized that it would be the best option because it was *not* extreme on either side. Instead of negotiating with the terrorist and oppressive groups or just completely leaving, option two would provide support to the Afghani and Pakistani governments and would show that America isn't willing to only open negotiations with rich countries that support their ideals. "Our drone program infuriates Pakistanis, who are horrified by civilian casualties. Even the mission to kill bin Laden in May 2011—done without the knowledge of Pakistan's government—was a humiliating reminder to Pakistan's people of their position as untrusted partners. Our constant use of military force in Afghanistan has alienated Afghans and driven many to support the Taliban (44).