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The Military Expert is responsible for explaining how your group's option addresses the military challenges related to Afghanistan. Z

The Pakistan Expert is responsible for explaining how your group's option addresses the role of Pakistan in Afghanistan. - JE

The Afghanistan Expert is responsible for explaining how your group's option addresses the issues in Afghanistan. - AR

Questions:

1. What is your option's long-term vision for Afghanistan?

To have Afghanistan stand on its own with its government and economy in a good place while also keeping good relations with the U.S. Also so that they can suppress the power of the Taliban.

Make/ show gains, an economy not based on opium and not controlled by the Taliban

2. According to your option, what policies and strategies should the United States pursue to achieve this vision?

- We should end peace negotiations with the Taliban.
- We should provide financial support to the government of Afghanistan to encourage economic growth.
- We should rebuild our cooperation with Pakistan's military and ISI.
- We should strengthen efforts to provide primary and secondary education to youth in Afghanistan. This will be the basis for building a modern Afghanistan.
- We should rely on the use of drones to target extremists and al Qaeda.

3. How will your option affect people in Afghanistan?

The United States? People in other countries?

The U.S. will keep the military (a very small portion of it) in Afghanistan to “train and support” their military and suppress Taliban retaliation and also ensure that Afghanistan can rebuild their economy while protecting them so they can stand on their own.

The U.S.’s first priority is the safety of the U.S. We will keep Afghanistan to protect the U.S.

4. How might your option be challenged or resisted?

1. The Taliban will never give up their efforts to control Afghanistan.
2. The United States has had more than eighteen years to solve the problems in Afghanistan. Solutions are not within sight and we must take this opportunity to leave.
3. The problems of Afghanistan can only be resolved after Pakistan and India settle their disputes. Only then will Pakistan stop its secret support of the extremist groups that are behind the violence in Afghanistan.
4. Our resources would be better spent increasing our security at home.
5. Pakistan will not be super open to rebuilding friendly relations with the U.S.

Key Values

1. What are the two most important values underlying your option?

Democracy

2. According to the values of your option, what should be the role of the United States in the world?

Support development
combat

3. According to your option, why should these values be the guiding force for U.S. policy toward Afghanistan?

Military Expert

A small U.S. military presence is all that is necessary to preserve the gains in Afghanistan and prevent international terrorists from regaining a foothold in the region.

- Drones
- Training

Script:

Beliefs (Jamie):

- We cannot continue peace talks with the Taliban because they've proven that they won't give up control in a peaceful way. Clearly taking them down by force is the only solution.
- First priority is U.S. safety
 - We've poured too much time and resources to give up now
 - Our opponents may argue that our resources would be better spent on homeland security but in protecting Afghanistan and the progress we have made there we are protecting ourselves. Spending resources on Afghanistan is just an extension of homeland security
 - We must preserve alliance between Afghanistan and the U.S. and not let Taliban take over
- Pakistan and U.S. have complex relationship, but we want to settle the differences in order to defeat terrorist groups
 - Pakistan and U.S. don't generally trust each other because of differing beliefs
 - Pakistan will be willing to cooperate with the U.S. and put aside our differences in order to take down terrorist groups that threaten national safety of both of our countries.
- We believe Afghanistan has resources to form its own government and economy still with the support of the U.S for several more years.

Plan (Zac):

- Afghanistan's government can use our help
 - With a large production of opium, and a history filled with foreign aid, Afghanistan's government can still use our help.
- Support economy

- We want to support the economy in Afghanistan.
 - We should send money to Afghanistan government. We have poured lots of money into Afghanistan. So much that it makes sense to continue staying there. **(how could this money help the U.S.)**
- "Small" U.S. military involvement

We want there to be a small United States military involvement in Afghanistan.

 - Use drones to fight Taliban (uS oR tHeM)

To do this we will use drone strikes to fight the Taliban with a small U.S. military force.
 - We are also staying to protect U.S. from extremist groups like ISIS.
- End peace negotiations
 - As a result of the recent failed peace talks, peace negotiations will be discontinued for a little while. CaN aLwAs Be Re-APPrOaChEd

Effects (Ally):

- U.S. economic support
 - Education for marginalized groups and women
 - Secondary education for youth
 - Better to build a new Afghanistan on
 - Will be a better use of the money than the billions we have spent

With continued the continued U.S. economic support, we will pour it into new fields to build a better Afghanistan. Education, secondary, better use of money

- Afghanistan will have their own military after the training from the U.S. to suppress the Taliban themselves
- Afghanistan will have the protection to rebuild their economy and government
 - And this is guaranteed because in protecting Afghanistan we are protecting the U.S.

The other continued support from the U.S. is military training. Rather than the U.S. using their own soldiers, we will train Afghani people to protect their own country and

be able to suppress the Taliban on their own. But we will still be there to help protect Afghanistan in unison with their own army to allow the government to rebuild. In protecting them, we are protecting us.

- Drone strikes
 - To address a big concern of people, the drone strikes.
 - It is a necessary evil to fight terrorist groups that threaten U.S. safety than sending in troops knowing they will die
 - In a revolution there are sacrifices, and these are some that need to be made for the future of Afghanistan

Counter arguments

- cost\$
- resource management (better used for home security)
- Time
- Pakistan/India relationship
- Pakistan being unwilling to cooperate with the U.S.

-country politics/disputes

COST

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/12/09/world/middleeast/afghanistan-war-cost.html>

Drugs

https://www.drugpolicy.org/sites/default/files/DPA_Fact_sheet_Drug_War_Budget_Feb2015.pdf

Tobacco

[https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/22/health/ecigarette-vaping-fda-real-cost-tv-ads-bn/
index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/22/health/ecigarette-vaping-fda-real-cost-tv-ads-bn/index.html)