

Yellow highlight - Potentially emotional questions

Green highlight - base questions we plan on asking

Option 1:

Niko:

1. You say you want to rely on the use of drones to target terrorists. You also mention that a cooperative relationship with Pakistan is key to success in Afghanistan, but they oppose the drone program. How would your relationship with Pakistan change if you continue to use drones?
2. To this day, the US has spent \$778 billion over the past 18 years.¹ Many people say this money could be much better spent in the United States. How can you justify spending this much money on Afghanistan when the United States' priority should be in the US?

Nadia:

1. How will you help develop Afghanistan without the use of military power? Does military power do anything if it's not used in tandem with negotiations or economic development?
2. How will you know when it is safe to withdraw from Afghanistan without the Taliban returning to power?

Cam:

1. Why is a smaller military presence any better than offering outside help? Why would it still be useful if it hasn't helped in the past 18 years?
2. How will the usage of drones impact citizens? Are Afghanistan casualties any less important than American casualties?

- **QUESTIONS BASED OFF THEIR BRIEFS**

Option 2:

Niko:

1. You want to focus your efforts less on extremist groups and focus more on democracy. How can you be sure these groups won't take advantage of this and try to gain control?
2. Pakistan's government says that they do not want peace with India, as this would lower their status. They would likely not support the emphasis on democracy. What would you do without Pakistan's support?

Nadia:

1. How will you hope to create democracy, knowing you are operating under a military history in the region which used violent and illegal military tactics? What strategies do you hope to employ so that all groups are willing to listen?
2. To what extent will you justify supporting "democratic" governments? If a non-extremist government commits human rights violations, will you continue to back them? How would this ultimately support the people living in the region?

Cam:

¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-47391821>

1. How will this option help solve the *immediate* violent threats that are in Afghanistan today? How will making this a long term effort impact a Afghanistan citizens
2. On the note of immediate solutions, how can we ensure that Afghanistan will not fall under civil war in the process without military support?

Option 3:

Niko:

1. Without the military protection, how would you be so sure that the Taliban wouldn't take advantage and forcefully take over the government?
2. If you withdrew all troops, how could you guarantee that the Taliban wouldn't see this as a surrender and begin to attack the United States?

Nadia:

1. What systems will you leave in place so that the Taliban doesn't have power as soon as you withdraw troops?
2. How will you protect American people, knowing that a terrorist group who sees America as a threat is in power? (I don't believe this)

Cam:

1. The U.S has invested 18 years into the progress and support of afghanistan. How can we ensure that withdrawing troops will not result in the waste of money and resources?
2. What would be your plan for ensuring that afghanistan would be able to stand on its own after spending so long relying on U.S support?