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## **Understanding War in Afghanistan 2011**

provides military leaders civil servants diplomats and students with the intellectual basis that they need to begin to prepare for further study of or an assignment in afghanistan this book analyzes the land and its people recaps afghan history and assesses the current situation it also examines the range of choices for future u s policy toward afghanistan

## **The Taliban Shuffle 2012-03-06**

in this darkly comic and unsparing memoir that tells us more about the afghan debacle than any foreign policy briefing the seattle times the famed investigative journalist uses her wry incisive voice to expose the absurdities and tragedies of the forgotten war finding humor and humanity amid the rubble and heartbreak when kim barker first arrived in kabul as a journalist in 2002 she barely owned a passport spoke only english and had little idea how to do the taliban shuffle between afghanistan and pakistan no matter her stories about islamic militants and shaky reconstruction were soon overshadowed by the bigger news in iraq but as she delved deeper into pakistan and afghanistan her love for the countries grew along with her fear for their future stability

## **Afghanistan and Its Neighbors 2006**

the fate of afghanistan and the success of u s and coalition efforts to stabilize afghanistan will in large measure be affected by the current and future policies pursued by its varied proximate and distal neighbors weinbaum evaluates the courses of action afghanistan s key neighbors are likely to take

## **The Good War 2015-11-26**

in its earliest days the american led war in afghanistan appeared to be a triumph a "good war" in comparison to the debacle in iraq it has since turned into one of the longest and most expensive wars in recent history the story of how this good war went so bad may well turn out to be a defining tragedy of the twenty first century yet as acclaimed war correspondent jack fairweather explains it should also give us reason to hope for an outcome grounded in afghan reality in the good war fairweather provides the first full narrative history of the war in afghanistan from the 2001 invasion to the 2014 withdrawal drawing on hundreds of interviews previously unpublished archives and months of experience living and reporting in afghanistan fairweather traces the course of the conflict from its inception after 9 11 to the drawdown in 2014 in the process he explores the righteous intentions and astounding hubris that caused the west's strategy in afghanistan to flounder refuting the long held notion that the war could have been won with more troops and cash fairweather argues that only by accepting the limitations in afghanistan from the presence of the taliban to the ubiquity of poppy production to the country's inherent unsuitability for rapid western style development can we help to restore peace in this shattered land a timely lesson in the perils of nation building and a sobering reminder of the limits of military power the good war leads readers from the white house situation room to afghan military outposts from warlords' palaces to insurgents' dens to explain how the us and its british allies might have salvaged the afghan campaign and how we must rethink other "good" wars in the future

## **Language Policy and Language Conflict in Afghanistan and Its Neighbors 2011-12-09**

the contribution of this collection of articles is to construct an updated picture of languages and language policy in and around afghanistan and give potential language learners a clearer picture of what kinds of resources exist and what is still needed the book was co edited by brian spooner professor of anthropology at the university of pennsylvania

## **Afghanistan 2012-03-25**

traces the political history of afghanistan from the sixteenth century to the present looking at what has united the people as well as the regional cultural and political differences that divide them

## **An Unexpected Light 2011-05-09**

an unexpected light travels in afghanistan is widely acknowledged as the most influential contemporary work of afghanistan written on the eve of 9 11 at the height of afghanistan s isolation from the world jason elliot s uncannily prescient account of his winter journey through the country torn by civil war is as pertinent today as it was then winner of the thomas cook daily telegraph travel book award the new york times bestseller recounts the author s daring and passionate investigation into an extraordinary culture first as a clandestine guest of the mujaheddin during the soviet occupation and ten years later during the taliban advance on the besieged capital kabul this edition of an unexpected light is illustrated with the author s photographs and celebrates a classic work of travel literature jason elliot is that rare traveller who surrenders himself to people and places and this tale is a many layered reconstruction of his experience i am sure this book will soon be among the classics of travel doris lessing an unexpected light is often unexpectedly funny and constantly perceptive but it is also profound new york times

## **State Formation in Afghanistan 2017-08-17**

the creation of afghanistan in 1880 following the second anglo afghan war gave an empowering voice to the pashtun people the largest ethnic group in a diverse country in order to distil the narrative of the state s formation and early years a pashtun centric version of history dominated afghan history and the political process from 1880 to the 1970s alternative discourses made no appearance in the fledgling state which lacked the scholarly institutions and any sense of recognition for history thus providing no alternatives to the narratives produced by the british whose quasi colonial influence in the region was supreme since 1970 the ongoing crises in afghanistan have opened the space for non pashtuns including tajiks hazaras and uzbeks to form new definitions of identity challenge the official discourse and call for the re writing of the long established narrative at the same time the pashtun camp through their privileged position in the political settlements of 2001 have attempted to confront the desire for change in historical perceptions by re emphasising the pashtun domination of afghan history this crisis of hegemony has led to a deep antagonism between the pashtun and non pashtun perspectives of afghan history and threatens the stability of political process in the country

## **Human Security and Agency 2020-10-14**

human security and agency investigates how human security manifests itself in the context of afghanistan and explores the factors that promote and impede its development to that end nilofar sakhi examines whether the development of productive power is an effective approach to human security implementation in a country that has experienced numerous development programs which were designed and implemented to build communities and protect their security the objective of this book is to move beyond a simple exploration of the causal relationship between human security structures and agency and investigate the factors that either promote or impede the implementation of human security it employs multiple methods of systematic inquiry and engages literature on the socioeconomic and political context in afghanistan to understand the factors that influence the agency of production creativity and control that individuals possess the combination of well grounded empirical work and theoretical insights makes this book an invaluable introduction to the study of human security

## **How We Won and Lost the War in Afghanistan 2017**

douglas grindle provides a firsthand account of how the war in afghanistan was won in a rural district south of kandahar city and how the newly created peace slipped away when vital resources failed to materialize and the united states headed for the exit by placing the reader at the heart of the american counterinsurgency effort grindle reveals little known incidents including the failure of expensive aid programs to target local needs the slow throttling of local government as official funds failed to reach the districts and the united states inexplicable failure to empower the afghan local officials even after they succeeded in bringing the people onto their side grindle presents the side of the hard working afghans who won the war and expresses what they really thought of the u s military and its decisions written by a former field officer for the u s agency for international development this story of dashed hopes and missed opportunities details how america s desire to leave the war behind ultimately overshadowed its desire to sustain victory

## **The Bleeding Wound 2022-03-15**

by the mid 1980s public opinion in the ussr had begun to turn against soviet involvement in afghanistan the soviet afghan war 1979 1989 had become a long painful and unwinnable conflict one that mikhail gorbachev referred to as a bleeding wound in a 1986 speech the eventual decision to withdraw soviet troops from afghanistan created a devastating ripple effect within soviet society that this book argues became a major factor in the collapse of the soviet union in this comprehensive survey of the effects of the war on soviet society and politics yaacov ro i analyzes the opinions of soviet citizens on a host of issues connected with the war and documents the systemic change that would occur when soviet leadership took public opinion into account the war and the difficulties that the returning veterans faced undermined the self esteem and prestige of the soviet armed forces and provided ample ammunition for media correspondents who sought to challenge the norms of the soviet system through extensive analysis of soviet newspapers and interviews conducted with soviet war veterans and regular citizens in the early 1990s ro i argues that the effects of the war precipitated processes that would reveal the inbuilt limitations of the soviet body politic and contribute to the dissolution of the ussr by 1991

## **Behind the Burqa 2002-10**

advance praise for behind the burqa whenever and wherever adults make war children die and women are subjected to fear and humiliation this is true of afghanistan too read this harrowing book the tragic yet heroic tale of two women is told with great simplicity they will haunt you elie wiesel nobel peace prize laureate the stories of sulima and hala achingly articulate the twin and enduring legacies of misogyny and violence a critical historical document behind the burqa ultimately reveals the unbreakable strength of afghan women eve ensler author of the vagina monologues founder and artistic director v day behind the burqa provides important information about conditions in afghanistan as well as the plight of asylum seekers in the united states i highly recommend this book to all people who are concerned about human rights both at home and abroad senator sam brownback r kansas ranking member immigration subcommittee committee on the judiciary this book is a gripping reading experience and it also offers important suggestions for those who would like to participate in making our asylum politics more humane eleanor acer director asylum program lawyers committee for human rights this book shows the injustices suffered by innocent women seeking asylum in the u s and the power of religious faith to provide hope and courage even in prison fauziya kassindja author of do they hear you when you cry sulima and hala epitomize the worldwide struggle of women for equality and justice their story is gripping and illuminating jessica neuwirth president of equality now

## **A Heavy Reckoning 2017-05-25**

what happens when you reach the threshold of life and death and come back as long as humans have lived on the planet there have been wars and injured soldiers and civilians but today as we engage in wars with increasingly sophisticated technology we are able to bring people back from ever closer encounters with death historian emily mayhew explores the reality of medicine and injury in wartime from the trenches of world war one to the plains of afghanistan and the rehabilitation wards of headley court in surrey mixing vivid and compelling stories of unexpected survival with astonishing insights from the front line of medicine a heavy reckoning is a book about how far we have come in saving healing and restoring the human body from the plastic surgeon battling to restore function to a blasted hand to the double amputee learning to walk again on prosthetic legs mayhew gives us a new understanding of the limits of human life and the extraordinary costs paid physically and mentally by casualties all over the world

## **Directorate S 2019-02-05**

winner of the 2018 national book critics circle award for nonfiction longlisted for the 2018 national book award for nonfiction from the pulitzer prize winning author of ghost wars the epic and enthralling story of america s intelligence military and diplomatic efforts to defeat al qaeda and the taliban in afghanistan and pakistan since 9 11 prior to 9 11 the united states had been carrying out small scale covert operations in afghanistan ostensibly in cooperation although often in direct opposition with i s i the pakistani intelligence agency while the us was trying to quell extremists a highly secretive and compartmentalized wing of i s i known as directorate s was covertly training arming and seeking to legitimize the taliban in order to enlarge pakistan s sphere of influence after 9 11 when fifty nine countries led by the u s deployed troops or provided aid to afghanistan in an effort to flush out the taliban and al qaeda the u s was set on an invisible slow motion collision course with pakistan today we know that the war in afghanistan would falter badly because of military hubris at the highest levels of the pentagon the drain on resources and provocation in the muslim world caused by the u s led invasion of iraq and corruption but more than anything as coll makes painfully clear the

war in afghanistan was doomed because of the failure of the united states to apprehend the motivations and intentions of i s i s directorate s this was a swirling and shadowy struggle of historic proportions which endured over a decade and across both the bush and obama administrations involving multiple secret intelligence agencies a litany of incongruous strategies and tactics and dozens of players including some of the most prominent military and political figures a sprawling american tragedy the war was an open clash of arms but also a covert melee of ideas secrets and subterranean violence coll excavates this grand battle which took place away from the gaze of the american public with unsurpassed expertise original research and attention to detail he brings to life a narrative at once vast and intricate local and global propulsive and painstaking this is the definitive explanation of how america came to be so badly ensnared in an elaborate factional and seemingly interminable conflict in south asia nothing less than a forensic examination of the personal and political forces that shape world history directorate s is a complete masterpiece of both investigative and narrative journalism

## **Afghanistan 2010-03-29**

a major history of afghanistan and its changing political culture afghanistan traces the historic struggles and the changing nature of political authority in this volatile region of the world from the mughal empire in the sixteenth century to the taliban resurgence today thomas barfield introduces readers to the bewildering diversity of tribal and ethnic groups in afghanistan explaining what unites them as afghans despite the regional cultural and political differences that divide them he shows how governing these peoples was relatively easy when power was concentrated in a small dynastic elite but how this delicate political order broke down in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries when afghanistan s rulers mobilized rural militias to expel first the british and later the soviets armed insurgency proved remarkably successful against the foreign occupiers but it also undermined the afghan government s authority and rendered the country ever more difficult to govern as time passed barfield vividly describes how afghanistan s armed factions plunged the country into a civil war giving rise to clerical rule by the taliban and afghanistan s isolation from the world he examines why the american invasion in the wake of september 11 toppled the taliban so quickly and how this easy victory lulled the united states into falsely believing that a viable state could be built just as easily afghanistan is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how a land conquered and ruled by foreign dynasties for more than a thousand years became the graveyard of empires for the british and soviets and what the united states must do to avoid a similar fate

## **Afghanistan and the Future of Warfare 2002**

america s novel use of special forces precision weapons and indigenous allies has attracted widespread attention since its debut in northern afghanistan last fall it has proven both influential and controversial many think it caused the taliban s sudden collapse for them this afghan model represents warfare s future and should become the new template for us defense planning critics however see afghanistan as an anomaly a non repeatable product of local conditions this briefing examines the afghan model s actual role in the fall of the taliban using evidence collected from a combination of 45 participant interviews terrain inspection in afghanistan and written documentation from both official and unofficial sources the results suggest that neither of the main current interpretations is sound afghanistan offers important clues to warfare s future but not the ones most people think the campaign of 2001 2 was a surprisingly orthodox air ground theater campaign in which heavy fire support decided a contest between two significant land armies of course some elements were quite new precision firepower was available in unprecedented quantity and proved crucial for success special operations forces served as the main effort in a theater of war in an important sense though the differences were less salient than the continuities the key to success in both afghanistan and traditional joint warfare was the close interaction of fire and maneuver neither of which was sufficient alone and neither of which could succeed without sizeable ground forces trained and equipped at least as well as their opponents in afghanistan our allies provided these ground forces for us where others can do so the afghan model can be expected to prevail hence afghanistan is not unique

## **Honourable Warriors 2014-04-30**

in 2009 major richard streatfeild and his men fought for six months against the taliban in sangin northern helmand they were engaged in over 800 fire fights they were the target of more than 200 improvised explosive devices ten men in his company were killed 50 were wounded this is their story and it is the story from the front line of western intervention in afghanistan his graphic personal account gives an inside view of the physical psychological and political battle to come to terms with severe casualties and the stress of battle while seeking the support of the local population it is also an account of strategy being turned into action of the essential interplay of the personal and professional in the most testing of circumstances he describes the day to day operations and he provides a fascinating record of the taliban s guerrilla tactics and the british response to them his narrative gives a direct



insight into the experiences of soldiers who had to face down their fear throughout a prolonged tour of duty on the afghan battlefield his narrative is essential reading for anyone who cares to understand the nature of the war in afghanistan and how the odds are stacked against the army's success for the british intervention in helmand is a microcosm of the nato led mission launched against the taliban and al qaeda as seen in the daily mail the guardian the mail on sunday sussex express and the argus featured on bbc radio 4 the today programme and on bbc south east television

### ***From Kabul to Baghdad and Back 2012-10-15***

from kabul to baghdad and back provides insight into the key strategic decisions of the afghan and iraq campaigns as the united states attempted to wage both simultaneously against al qaeda and its supporting affiliates it also evaluates the strategic execution of those military campaigns to identify how well the two operations were conducted in light of their political objectives the book identifies the elements that made the 2001 military operation to oust the taliban successful then with combat operations in iraq as a standard of comparison the authors analyze the remainder of the afghan campaign and the essential problems that plagued that effort from the decision to go to war with iraq in 2002 through the ill fated transition to nato lead in afghanistan in 2006 the dismissal of generals mckiernan and mcchrysal the eventual decision by president obama to make the afghan campaign the main effort in the war on extremism and the final development of drawdown plans following the end of the war in iraq no other book successfully compares and contrasts the campaigns in iraq and afghanistan from a national strategic perspective analyzing the impact of fighting the iraq war on the success of the united states campaign in afghanistan it is also the first book to specifically question several key operational decisions in afghanistan including the decision to give nato the lead in afghanistan the decisions to fire generals mckiernan and mcchrysal and the decision to conduct an iraq war style surge in afghanistan it also compares the afghan campaigns fought by the soviet union and the united states the counterinsurgency campaigns styles in iraq and afghanistan and the leadership of senior american officials in both iraq and afghanistan in the final chapter the key lessons of the two campaigns are outlined including the importance of effective strategic decision making the utility of population focused counterinsurgency practices the challenges of building partner capacity during combat and the mindset required to prosecute modern war

### ***War in Afghanistan and Iraq 2011***

the war news from afghanistan and iraq both fascinates and frightens children here in terms they can grasp is a clear description of the day to day experiences of those who are directly involved from the big issues to the small everyday details who are our enemies who are our friends what kinds of weapons do our soldiers use what do they do when they re not fighting featured are first person accounts from soldiers in the field their families back home in the usa and ordinary afghans and iraqis caught in the crossfire straightforward questions and answers help to provide a concise and clear background to each conflict also a visual time line shows how events led up to the start of fighting alongside details which show the impact of the war on the people of each country looks at the everyday details of war including the different jobs of the military the machines they use their plans for rebuilding cities and services including schools and hospitals and the daily lives of local inhabitants

### ***The Career of Major George Broadfoot, C. B. ... 1888***

this report summarizes key special operations forces sof partnering practices and presents findings from case studies in afghanistan iraq and colombia it also identifies best practices to benefit development of sof in afghanistan and elsewhere

### ***Building Special Operations Partnerships in Afghanistan and Beyond 2015-07-29***

max benitz reports from the frontline of a highly controversial war in a perceptive and revealing account of several months spent in afghanistan with this world famous infantry battalion training with them and living amongst them as they undertake their tour in helmand province benitz gives a unique insight into the pressures faced by those who risk their lives every second of the day in one of the most dangerous places on earth fascinating and illuminating the scots guards in afghanistan reveals new insights into the war raging in afghanistan and the men and women who bravely serve there for the british forces

## **Six Months Without Sundays 2012-06-08**

this book is an ethnographic study of a group of ferghana valley uzbekistan emigrants who migrated to afghanistan in the stalinist period and are now refugees in pakistan the author describes their way of life in the 1970s and subsequently traces how they were impacted by the marxist government soviet invasion and prolonged civil war her work synthesizes fifteen years of research and fieldwork on family and gender relations ethnicity islamic observance and its associated ideology for a central asian ethnic group that speaks uzbek and tajik the ethnic community in pakistan is now confronted with new choices where to live camp or urban slum and whether to return to afghanistan or go elsewhere to turkey saudi arabia or the united states

## **Long Years of Exile 1994**

in this dramatic first person narrative greg mortenson picks up where three cups of tea left off in 2003 recounting his relentless ongoing efforts to establish schools for girls in afghanistan his extensive work in azad kashmir and pakistan after a massive earthquake hit the region in 2005 and the unique ways he has built relationships with islamic clerics militia commanders and tribal leaders even as he was dodging shootouts with feuding afghan warlords and surviving an eight day armed abduction by the taliban he shares for the first time his broader vision to promote peace through education and literacy as well as touching on military matters islam and women all woven together with the many rich personal stories of the people who have been involved in this remarkable two decade humanitarian effort

## **Stones Into Schools 2010**

a young american physician dr scott fitzgerald from pennsylvania sets out on a journey to fulfill his fathers dream by returning to afghanistan where his father bryan had spent nearly twenty years as the first american in that remote kingdom bryan had befriended prince akbar the hero of first anglo afghan and won the hearts and minds of afghans receiving a golden sword and the title of the american prince like his father scott wanted to take the declaration of independence and the american constitution to the farthest lands of the world following many adventures he joins prince ayoub the hero of the second afghan war scott travels from philadelphia across europe russia afghanistan india to the far east he returns with lessons learned and truths he discovered and writes them in this book to reach the present and future generations he regards the american republic as an indestructible fortress of freedom and democracy that all extremes of left and right factions are inevitably drawn back into the fortress of immortal ideas built by their forefathers with their genius their fortunes and their lives scott believes as americans we have never claimed to convert or to rule the world we just want for others to have the same inalienable rights of life liberty and pursuit of their own happiness scott quotes a great american the constitution of the united states is the impassioned and inspired vehicle by which we travel through history it grew out of the deepest inspiration of our existence that we are here to serve him by living free that living free releases in us the noble impulses and our best abilities so that we use these precious gifts for good and generous purposes and that we will secure them not just only for ourselves and our children but for all mankind

## **Malalai Joan of Arc of Afghanistan and the Victors of Maiwand 2017-02-17**

focusing on afghanistan s relations with the west during the latter half of the 20th century this study offers new insights on the long term origins of the nation s recent tragedies roberts finds that since the 1930s in particular afghanistan pursued policies far more complex and considerably more pro western than previous studies have surmised by the end of the second world war britain and afghanistan seemed headed toward an extensive partnership in military and economic affairs opportunities to cement afghanistan to the west existed but ultimately ran afoul of regional politics shortsighted policy and indifference the rise of the indian nationalist movement and the eventual partition of india would have strategic ramifications for afghanistan pakistan and india weakened and poised against each other saw no reason to aid the kabul regime leaving only the united states as a potential benefactor successive american administrations however denied most afghan requests when the eisenhower administration extended support to pakistan it alienated afghan leaders who then chose to broker a deal with the soviet union roberts analyzes recent american policy toward afghanistan and its neighbors clarifying the current situation and offering guidelines for future relations

## **The Origins of Conflict in Afghanistan 2003-12-30**

the archetype of my enemy's enemy is my friend india's political and economic presence in afghanistan is often viewed as a machiavellian ploy aimed against pakistan the first of its kind this book interrogates that simplistic yet powerful geopolitical narrative and asks what truly drives india's afghanistan policy

## **My Enemy's Enemy 2017-10-15**

beginning with the communist saur revolution of 1978 and continuing through gen david petraeus's 2010 appointment replacing stanley mcchrystal as commander of u.s. forces in afghanistan this book is an inside account of one of the most vicious conflicts fought between the two cold war superpowers the soviet war in afghanistan 1979-89 analyzing the behind the scenes decisions made in moscow washington and kabul former bbc correspondent deepak tripathi shows how that conflict transformed afghanistan into a sanctuary for terrorism explaining how afghanistan descended into a civil war from which the taliban emerged tripathi explores the ways in which the country ultimately became a grotesque mirror image of the anticommunist alliance of u.s. forces and radical islamists in the cold war's final phase calling for a departure from the current pursuit of military strong arm tactics he advocates an approach that is centered on development internal reconciliation and societal reconstruction in afghanistan

## **Breeding Ground 2011**

details the establishment of the afghan national security forces and examines future prospects of this force by analyzing its strengths and weaknesses and views these within a broader context of the civil military and economic conflict that affects both afghanistan and pakistan

## **Winning in Afghanistan 2009**

afghan women were at the forefront of global agendas in late 2001 fueled by a mix of media coverage humanitarian intervention and military operations calls for liberating afghan women were widespread women's roles in afghanistan have long been politically divisive marked by struggles between modernization and tradition women politics and the state have always been intertwined in afghanistan and conflicts have been fueled by attempts to challenge or change women's status it may appear that we have come full circle twenty years later in late 2021 when afghanistan fell to the taliban once more women's rights in afghanistan have been stripped away and any gains however tenuous now appear lost today the country navigates both a humanitarian and a human rights crisis this book measures the rhetoric of liberation and the physical and ideological occupations of afghanistan over the twenty year period from 2001 through 2021 through the voices perspectives and experiences of those who are implicated in this reality afghan women

## **Freedom on the Frontlines 2022-02-07**

by early 2009 a growing number of members of congress admin officials and outside experts had concluded that the war in afghanistan required greater national attention since 2001 the character of the war in afghanistan has evolved from a violent struggle against al qaeda and its taliban supporters to a multi faceted counterinsurgency effort in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 the u.s. launched operation enduring freedom in order to end the ability of the taliban regime to provide safe haven to al qaeda and to put a stop to al qaeda's use of the territory of afghanistan as a base of operations for terrorist activities this report provides analysis of current developments and future options concerning the war in afghanistan map

## **War in Afghanistan 2010-11**

the terrorist attacks of september 11th and more recent atrocities in russia indonesia and kenya have demonstrated that terrorism now poses the most dangerous threat to stability democracy and prosperity around the world this major new book examines how the world has reacted to and been affected by the attacks on september 11th ensuing war in afghanistan

and president george w bush s declaration of a war on terror as the first war of the 21st century the contributions by distinguished specialists in the field examine the domestic implications of terrorism and counter terrorist initiatives across the world few books can boast the quality and range of the contributions to this volume which locate the war on terror in a truly global and intellectual context

## **Global Responses to Terrorism 2004-02-24**

editor arthur gillard has compiled fascinating stirring essays and articles that explain how the war in afghanistan impacts the american way of life readers will explore the issues surrounding the afghan war from 2001 to present both conservative and liberal points of view create an even balance on issues including whether the u s should continue fighting whether the counterinsurgency strategy is effective and whether the war is helping with the rights of afghan women readers will also evaluate whether the u s should accept and learn to work with corruption in afghanistan personal narratives will make your readers feel for the plight of each essayist including a teenage son who talks about his father s military service

## **The War in Afghanistan 2013-01-14**

general mike delong deputy commander of the u s central command during the afghanistan and iraq wars was second only to general tommy franks in the war on terror at the centre of discussions between president bush donald rumsfeld paul wolfowitz and tommy franks general delong offers the frankest and most authoritative look inside the wars how the us prepared for battle how they fought how two regimes were lopped and what s happening now

## **Inside CentCom 2013-02-05**

in august 2021 taliban fighters entered the presidential palace in kabul ending twenty years of international efforts to build a democratic state in afghanistan did the taliban s success rest on coercion and violence alone or did they win the battle for public support through ideology and better services or did most people in the country not believe in the idea of the state at all trusting only local elders and traditional councils what is the source of legitimacy during armed conflict in waiting for dignity florian weigand investigates legitimacy and its absence in afghanistan drawing on hundreds of interviews he examines the perspectives of ordinary people in afghanistan as well as those of rival claimants to authority insurgents warlords members of parliament security forces and community leaders by exploring how different types of authority attempted to legitimize their rule waiting for dignity challenges common assumptions about how to build legitimacy such as by delivering services holding elections or adopting traditional institutions weigand shows that what matters in conflict zones is what he terms interactive dignity citizens judge authorities on the basis of their day to day experiences with them people want to be treated with dignity the extent to which people perceive interactions to be fair inclusive and respectful is vital to the construction of lasting order combining theoretical originality with in depth and compelling empirical detail this book offers timely new insights into recent developments in afghanistan and the challenges facing conflict torn areas more widely

## **Waiting for Dignity 2022-09-20**

shirin gol was just a young girl when her village was levelled by the russians bombs in 1979 after the men in her family joined the resistance she fled with the women and children to the capital kabul and so began a life of day to day struggle in her war torn country a life that includes a period living in the harsh conditions of a pakistani refugee camp being forced into a marriage to pay off her brother s gambling debts selling her body and begging for the money to feed her growing family an attempted suicide and an unsuccessful endeavour to leave afghanistan for iran after the taliban seized control of her country told truthfully and with unflinching detail to writer and documentary maker siba shakib and incorporating some of the shocking experiences of shirin gol s friends and family members this is the story of the fate of many of the women in afghanistan but it is also a story of great courage the moving story of a proud woman a woman who did not want to be banished to a life behind the walls of her house or told how to dress who wanted an education for her children so that they could have a chance of a future to live their lives without fear and poverty

## ***Afghanistan, Where God Only Comes To Weep 2015-09-24***

how exactly do you stabilize a country that has been at war for nearly thirty years challenging the chaos is the first book to look at the provincial reconstruction teams the embedded training teams strategic advisory team afghanistan and other little known units that helped the afghan people establish a government after the taliban fell with the historical and political odds stacked against them the men and women of these vital organizations worked shoulder to shoulder with afghans at all levels of society and at great personal risk in a lethal and unforgiving environment their efforts helped stave off another afghan civil war and successfully prevented the taliban from exploiting the chaos left in the wake of their 2001-02 collapse challenging the chaos is a personal story written by a canadian military historian who observed these efforts as they unfolded in 2004-05 sean maloney takes us on a journey from exotic and poppy laden badkashan province in the north into international intrigue in the capital kabul and then to kandahar province in the south where the threat of ied attacks lay around the corner on a daily basis this work details the operations of the provincial reconstruction teams prts which played a vital role in stabilizing afghanistan after the taliban were removed from power it provides understanding about how the international effort in afghanistan and the enemy has evolved since 2003 so we can succeed in afghanistan afghanistan is not iraq and it is dangerous to template one war onto the other the war in afghanistan is unique as is our response to the insurgency afghanistan its people and its insurgent s needs to be understood on their own terms and not in relationship to the american experience in iraq the united state s closest ally in afghanistan next to the afghan people is canada and canada has played a key role in the effort this goes unrecognized by american politicians and the american people even while canadian soldiers are working fighting and dying alongside american soldiers

## ***Confronting the Chaos 2009-07-01***

in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of september 11 2001 the united states launched and led military operations in afghanistan in order to end the ability of the taliban regime to provide safe haven to al qaeda and to put a stop to al qaeda s use of the territory of afghanistan as a base of operations for terrorist activities many observers argue that in succeeding years as u s and world attention shifted sharply to the war in iraq the afghan war became the other war and suffered from neglect the obama administration however has made the war in afghanistan a higher priority by giving it early attention regularly conducting strategy reviews and making significant additional commitments of civilian and military resources by early 2011 senior leaders including the commander of nato s international security assistance force isaf general david petraeus were pointing to discrete progress on the ground though noting that such progress was still fragile and reversible in late 2010 nato and the afghan government agreed to pursue a key medium term goal the transition of lead responsibility for security to afghans throughout the country by the end of 2014 the u s government has stated its intention to begin drawing down some u s forces from afghanistan in july 2011 and also to maintain a long term strategic partnership with afghanistan beyond 2014 strategic vision for afghanistan is still many would argue a work in progress president karzai has consistently stressed the theme of afghan leadership afghan ownership president obama has consistently stressed the core goals of the united states to disrupt dismantle and defeat al qaeda in afghanistan and pakistan and to prevent their return yet for the u s government fundamental issues remain unresolved these include determining the minimum essential conditions required for afghanistan itself to be able to sustain stability with relatively limited international support defining the appropriate combination of u s efforts together with other international resources over time required to achieve those minimum conditions and balancing u s national security interests in afghanistan and the region against other imperatives in a constrained fiscal environment this report which will be updated as events warrant describes and analyzes the key players in the war in afghanistan the strategic outlooks of the afghan government the u s government and nato the threats to the security and stability of the afghan state and its people the major facets of the current effort security governance and anti corruption development reconciliation and reintegration and transition mechanisms in place to measure progress and critical issues that congress may wish to consider further

## ***War in Afghanistan 2013-01-30***

essay from the year 2018 in the subject politics international politics topic peace and conflict studies security grade ma language english abstract the events taking place in the islamic republic of afghanistan at present such as the withdrawal of foreign troops the strengthening of the taliban forces the increase in drug trafficking the change in the ruling elite are of concern to the entire world community preservation of stability and security in afghanistan and the region of central asia requires a more thorough and coordinated approach from all stakeholders in this process the current stalemate resulting from the attempt to forcefully unleash the afghan knot once again demonstrates to the world the futility of a military solution to the problem

## **Research about peace prospect in Afghanistan 2019-06-26**

peter dale scott s brilliantly researched tour de force illuminates the underlying forces that drive u s global policy from vietnam to colombia and now to afghanistan and iraq he brings to light the intertwined patterns of drugs oil politics and intelligence networks that have been so central to the larger workings of u s intervention and escalation in third world countries through alliances with drug trafficking proxies this strategy was originally developed in the late 1940s to contain communist china it has since been used to secure control over foreign petroleum resources the result has been a staggering increase in the global drug traffic and the mafias associated with it a problem that will worsen until there is a change in policy scott argues that covert operations almost always outlast the specific purpose for which they were designed instead they grow and become part of a hostile constellation of forces the author terms this phenomenon parapolitics the exercise of power by covert means which tends to metastasize into deep politics the interplay of unacknowledged forces that spin out of the control of the original policy initiators we must recognize that u s influence is grounded not just in military and economic superiority scott contends but also in so called soft power we need a soft politics of persuasion and nonviolence especially as america is embroiled in yet another disastrous intervention this time in iraq

## **Drugs, Oil, and War 2004-01-01**

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