

## The Presidency of Barack H. Obama

- I. Participants in the Foreign Policy Process
  - A. President -Barack Obama
  - B. State Secretary –John Kerry
    - 1. US Foreign Aid –Top Recipients
  - C. Defense Secretary – Chuck Hagel
    - 1. US Defense Spending -\$687 billion (2012 budget)
    - 2. US Foreign Debt –only \$17.7 trillion (09/2014) –Who do we owe?
  - D. National Security Adviser –Susan Rice
  - E. Central Intelligence Agency –Director John Brennan
  - F. Joint Chiefs of Staff –Chairman General Martin Dempsey
  - G. Vice President –Joe Biden
  - H. Senate –Senate Foreign Relations Committee –Chairman –Robert Menendez

## War in Afghanistan (2001 - ????)

- II. Modern Afghanistan Demographics
- III. Colonial History of Afghanistan –Afghanistan “The graveyard of empires.”
  - A. Independence from Great Britain (1919)
  - B. Afghan-Soviet War (1979 - 1989) -\$3 billion in US aid
  - C. Civil War (1989 – 1996)
  - D. Taliban in Afghanistan (1996-2001) –Islamic Fundamentalist political group
  - E. Osama bin Laden, Al Qaeda, and worldwide terrorist attacks
    - 1. Al Qaeda bombings
      - A. World Trade Center (February 26, 1993) –New York, New York
      - B. Saudi Arabia (June 25, 1996) –Khobar Towers
      - C. US Embassies (August 7, 1998) -Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya
    - 2. Clinton vs. bin Laden –Infinite Reach (08/20/98) and Memo of Notification (12/24/98)
    - 3. U.S.S. Cole –Adem, Yemen (October 12, 2000)
  - F. September 11, 2001 –Attack on America
  - G. The State of Afghanistan (2001)
- IV. Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) –began October 7, 2001
  - A. Going into Afghanistan
    - 1. National Involvement -Northern Alliance
    - 2. International Involvement –NATO (Article V) and 41 nations –non-US troops (3,575)
      - A. NATO today –Member countries: 28 and Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
      - B. NATO General Secretary Anders Rasmussen (Denmark)
    - 3. American Involvement
      - A. President Bush -90% approval
      - B. US General Tommy Franks and American Troop Count (98,000)
  - B. Stages in the Afghanistan War
    - 1. Part I -Conventional War (2001-2003)
      - A. Fall of Kabul (November 13, 2001)
      - B. Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
      - C. Capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (March 1, 2003)
    - 2. Part II -Taliban Resurgence (2003-2005) –focus shifted to Iraq

3. Part III -NATO Response (2006 – 2009)
  - A. General David Petraeus (CENTCOM) –counterinsurgency tactics
    1. “Clear, Hold, and Build,” Distinction, and Proportionality
4. President Obama and Afghanistan
  - A. Troop Surge (February 2009) –Obama announced a 17,000 troop increase
    1. Fired Generals -McKiernan (5/12/09) and McChrystal (6/23/10)
  - B. General Petraeus Returned (6/27/10) –Commander in Afghanistan
  - C. Operation Neptune Spear (5/1/11) –bin Laden killed in Abbottabad, Pakistan
  - D. The Pakistan Problem
  - E. American Withdraw –started July 2011 and ends 2014?
5. Current Enemy Situation
6. American Cost of Nation Building (9/14/14) -2,345 US deaths and \$718 billion

## V. Nation Building in Afghanistan

- A. Building a National Government of Afghanistan
  1. Bonn Agreement (2001) –interim government –Hamid Karzai
  2. President Hamid Karzai –elected (2004) and (2009)
  3. Election of 2014 –completed 07/22/2014
  4. Islamic Republic of Afghanistan –Constitution passed January 5, 2004
  5. Sign of Success: Kabul-Kandahar Highway completed (12/16/03)
  6. Necessity of Economic Aid
    - A. Positive
      1. International Aid Increased: over \$100 billion received
      2. Tokyo Conference (07/08/12) -70 nations pledged \$16 billion over 4 years
      3. Tax collection increased: \$1.8 billion
    - B. Negative
      1. Accounting Issues –Afghan Central Bank Scandal –over \$900 million missing
      2. Corruption Rating by Transparency International -175 \*3 way tie for last
- B. The Economy of Afghanistan
  1. Positive -Economic Growth -13.5% (2001-2009)
  2. Negative -Unemployment -35%
  3. Opium Issue –Wheat not drugs -2013 largest opium crop ever
  4. Taliban Funding -\$70 million (drugs) and \$106 million (foreign donors)
- C. Refugee Problem -2.6 million in 2012
- D. Education in Afghanistan
  1. Negative –Literacy rates low -28%
  2. Positive –School enrollment up -8 million (2008) from 1.1 million (2001) -40% girls
- E. Security Issues
  1. Increase in Afghan Forces –Army (200,000) and police (150,000)
  2. 51 soldiers killed (2012) by Afghan forces –killed Major General Harold Greene (2014)

## VI. Summary and Conclusion

- A. Operation Enduring Freedom –successes and failures
- B. Map Questions –Middle East (4) and Africa (3)

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## Assignments

1. \* Paper #4 (10): Presidential NA Cabinet
2. Test #1 (50): Obama / Cabinet / Afghanistan
3. \* Debate #1 (50): Afghanistan
4. \* Evaluation Paper #1 (10): Afghanistan

\* Assignments are not required for all students

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### **Paper #4: Potential Presidential Cabinet Positions for NASH Faculty (10 points)**

Pretend the President needed to fill 4 presidential cabinet positions with people from the NASH faculty. Explain why that NASH faculty member was selected for that particular position. Then create 1 new cabinet position for the current president, fill it with a NASH faculty member, and state 2 reasons why that NASH faculty member was selected for that new position.

For each cabinet position,

- state the presidential cabinet position.
  - state the NA faculty member that would fill that position.
  - State 2 reasons why that particular NA faculty member was selected for that particular position.
  - follow the same criteria for the newly created presidential cabinet position. (This should be funny.)
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## Middle East (4)

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1. Afghanistan
2. Pakistan
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Yemen



## Africa (3)

1. Kenya
2. Sudan
3. Tanzania

