

Afghanistan People and Pre-9/11 History



Afghanistan



Afghanistan Today: Religion



- 80% Sunni Muslim
- 19% Shia Muslim

Afghanistan Today: Ethnicities



- 42% Pashtun
- 27% Tajik

Life Expectancy = 50.11 years



World Ranking = 219 out of 223

Population Growth Expected

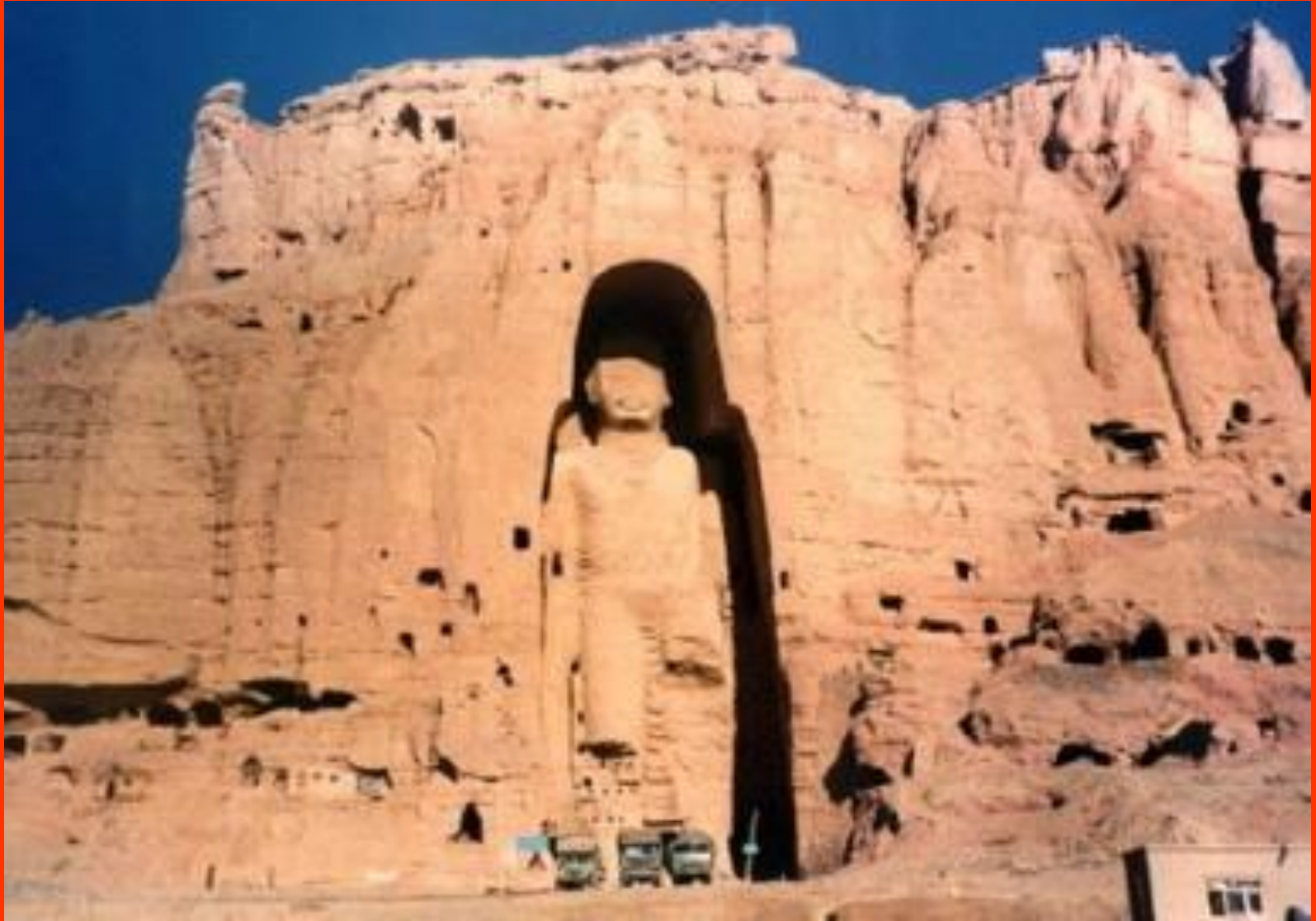


Current
31.1 million

2025
45 million

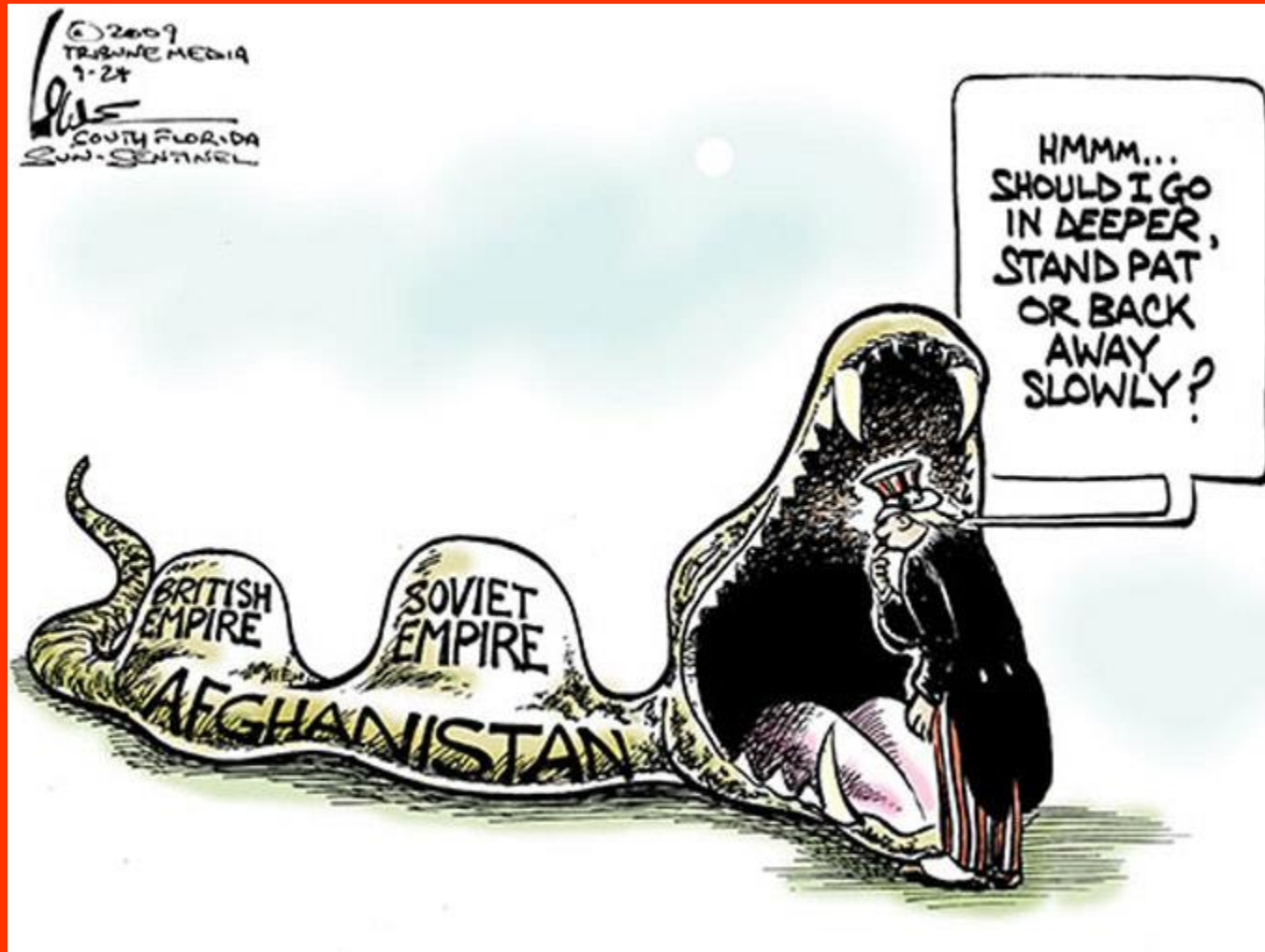
2050
75 million

Early Afghan History

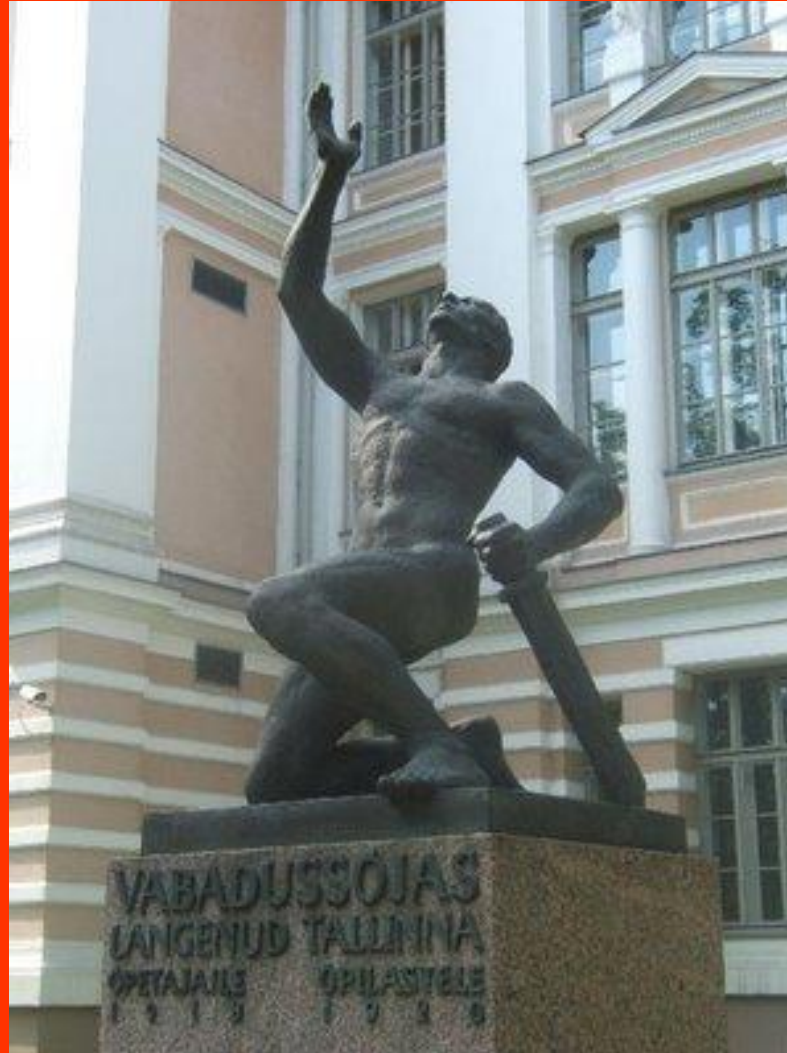


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“Graveyard of the Empires”



Afghanistan Independence (1919) from Great Britain (3 tries)



- 1839
- 1878
- 1917

Afghan-Soviet War

Dec 25, 1979 – Feb 15, 1989



American Support of the Mujahedeen



- \$3 billion in aid

Stinger Missiles



Results of the Afghan-Soviet War

- over 1 million killed
- over 5 million fled the country
- over 2 million displaced within the country
- 50% of all Afghans were killed, wounded, or displaced by the Soviet invasion

Afghanistan Needed to Rebuild



Civil War (1989 – 1996)



Taliban Take Control of Afghanistan



(1996 – 2001)

Taliban and Al-Qaeda

Taliban

- political movement that governed Afghanistan from 1996 - 2001

Al-Qaeda

- Islamic fundamentalist group whose objective is to end foreign influence in Muslim countries

Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda



Al-Qaeda and Worldwide Terrorism (based in Afghanistan)

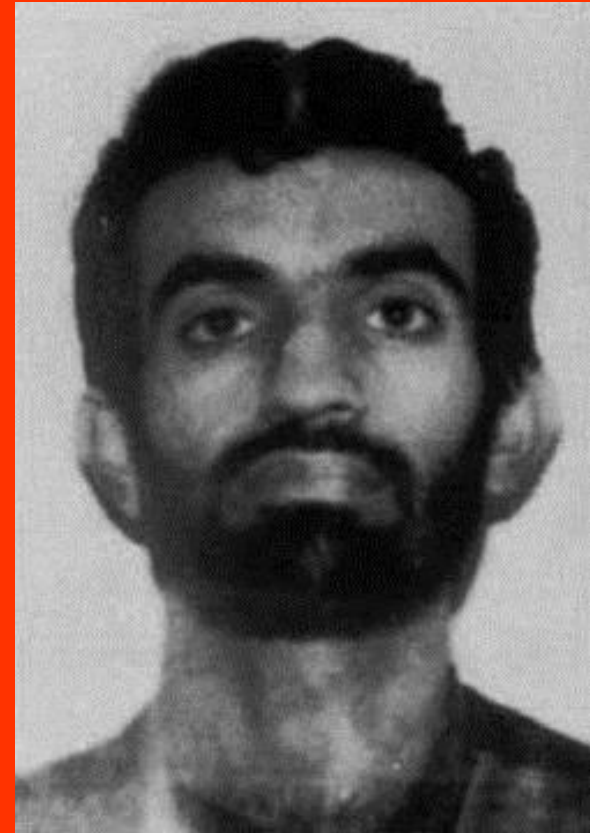


World Trade Center (1993)



Photo By Bureau of ATF 1993 Explosives Incident Report

- 6 killed
- 1,042 wounded
- Over \$500 million in damages



Ramzi Yousef
Uncle was: KSM

Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

June 25, 1996



Khobar Towers

- 19 killed
- 372 wounded

US Embassies Under Attack

August 7, 1998



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

- 213 K & 4,000 W



Nairobi, Kenya

11 K & 77 W

American Response: Missile Attack Operation Infinite Reach August 20, 1998



Sudan



Afghanistan

Memorandum of Notification

Clinton gave the order for the CIA to use lethal force to kill bin Laden.



September 11, 2001



Tough Road Ahead in Afghanistan (2001)



Afghanistan (2001)

- 7th poorest country in the world
 - Average daily income was \$.48
- Annual Government Budget -\$27 million
 - \$1 per person
- School -25% of school age children in school
 - Less than 33% could read
- Roads –less than 10% paved
- Planes -8
- TV Stations -1
- Drugs
 - (2001) 20,000 acres of poppy
 - (2002) 183,000 acres of poppy

Work to do in Afghanistan

