

War in Afghanistan Operation Enduring Freedom



Evaluation

Operation Enduring Freedom

Successes

Failures

Operation Enduring Freedom Started: October 7, 2001



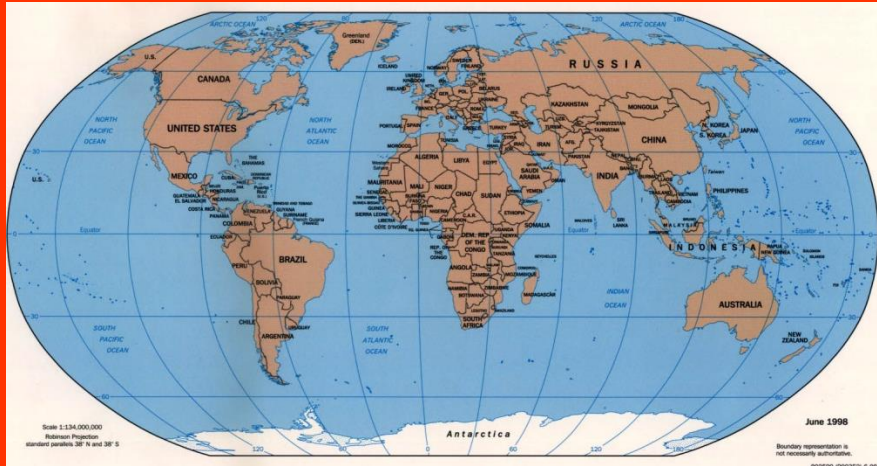
Goal

- cessation of terrorist activities in Afghanistan
 - destruction of terrorist camps
 - capture al-Qaeda leaders

National Help: Northern Alliance



International Assistance



41 Countries
3,575 troops



NATO
Article V

The NATO Alliance Today



Current Members (28)

- Albania
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Croatia
- Czech
- Denmark
- Estonia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

NATO Headquarters Brussels, Belgium



NATO General Secretary Anders Rasmussen (Denmark)



How did Americans view GW's actions at the beginning of OEF?



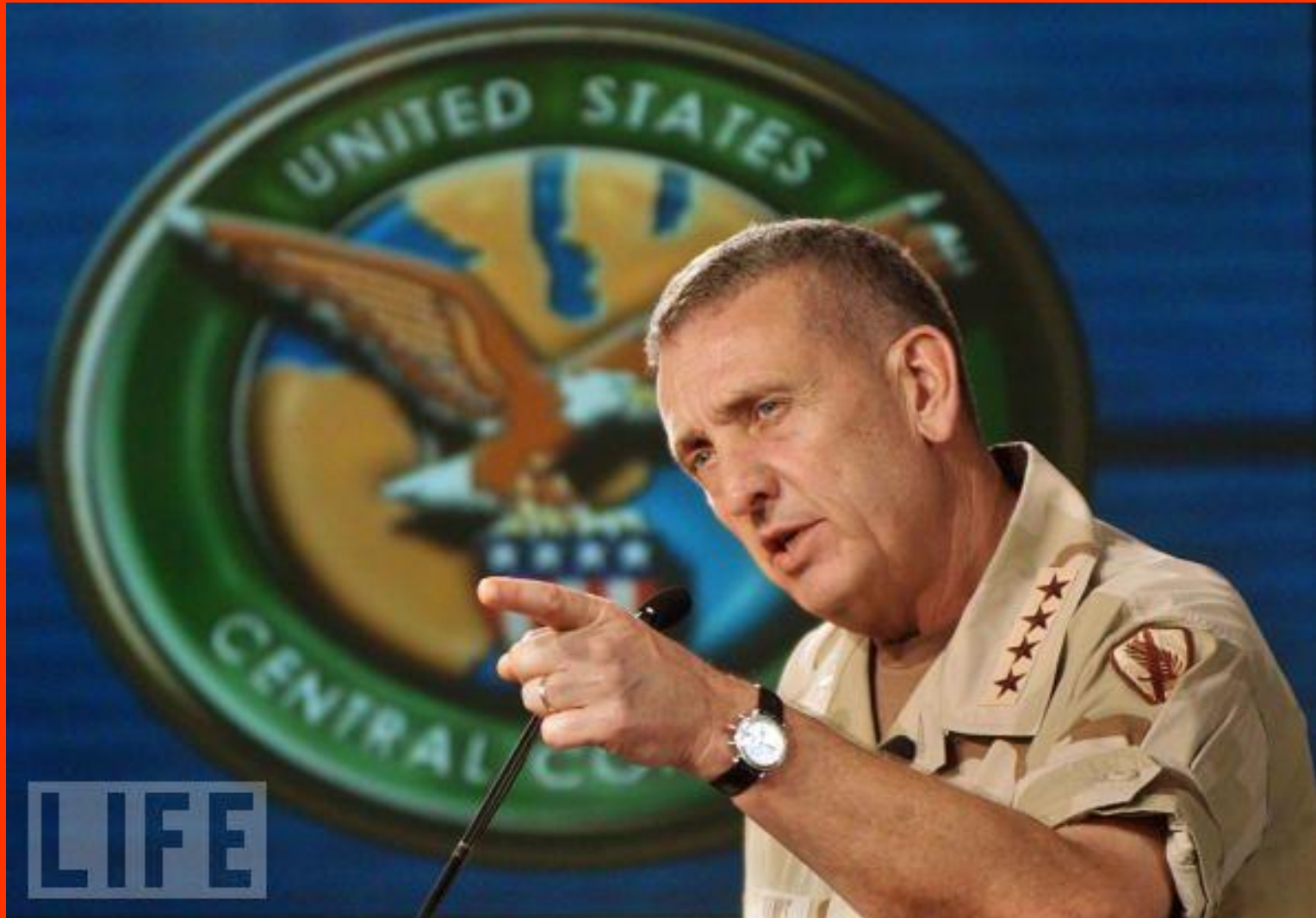
George W. Bush's Approval Rating



90%

(October 2001)

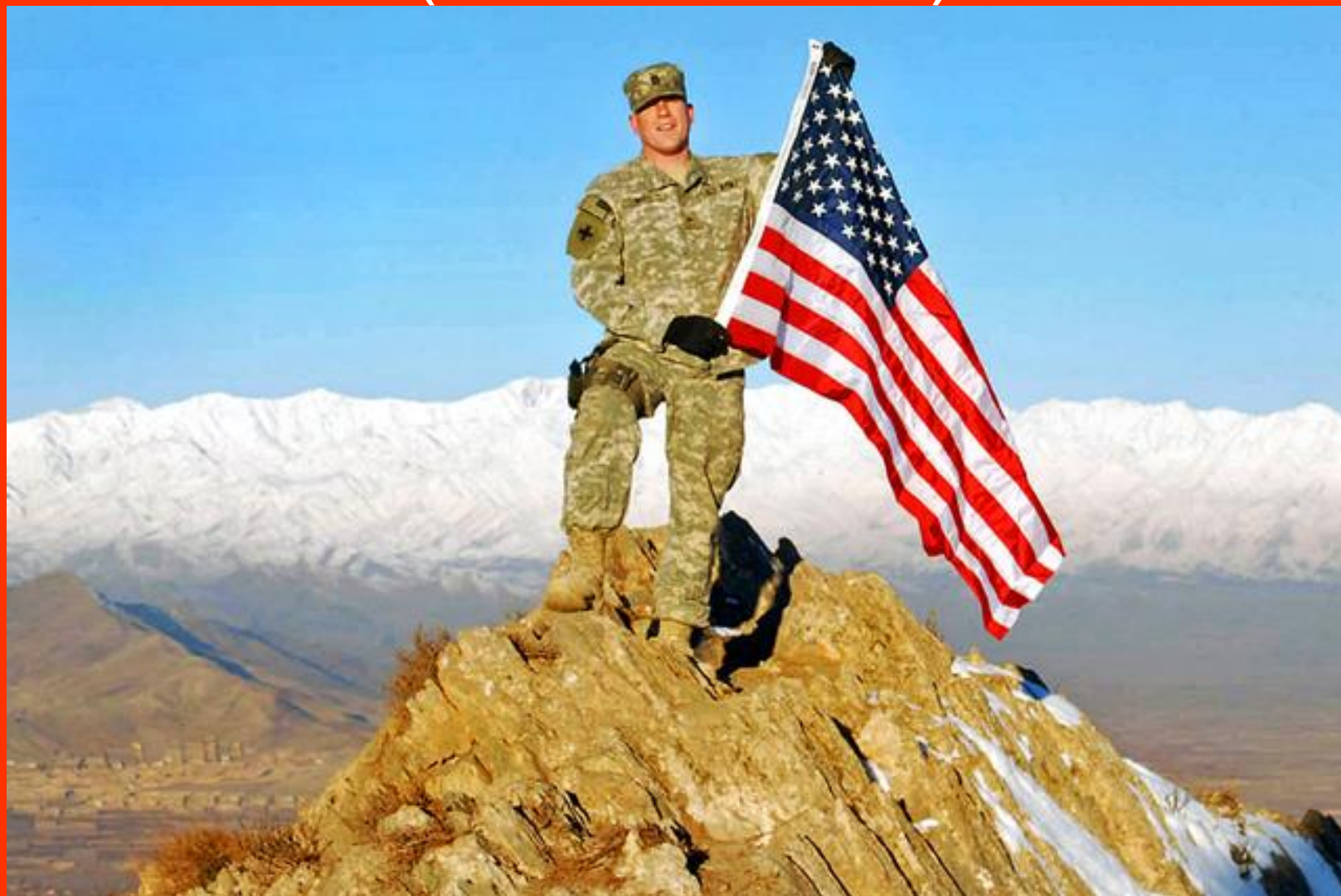
General Tommy Franks



98,000 American troops in Afghanistan (Part OEF and ISAF)

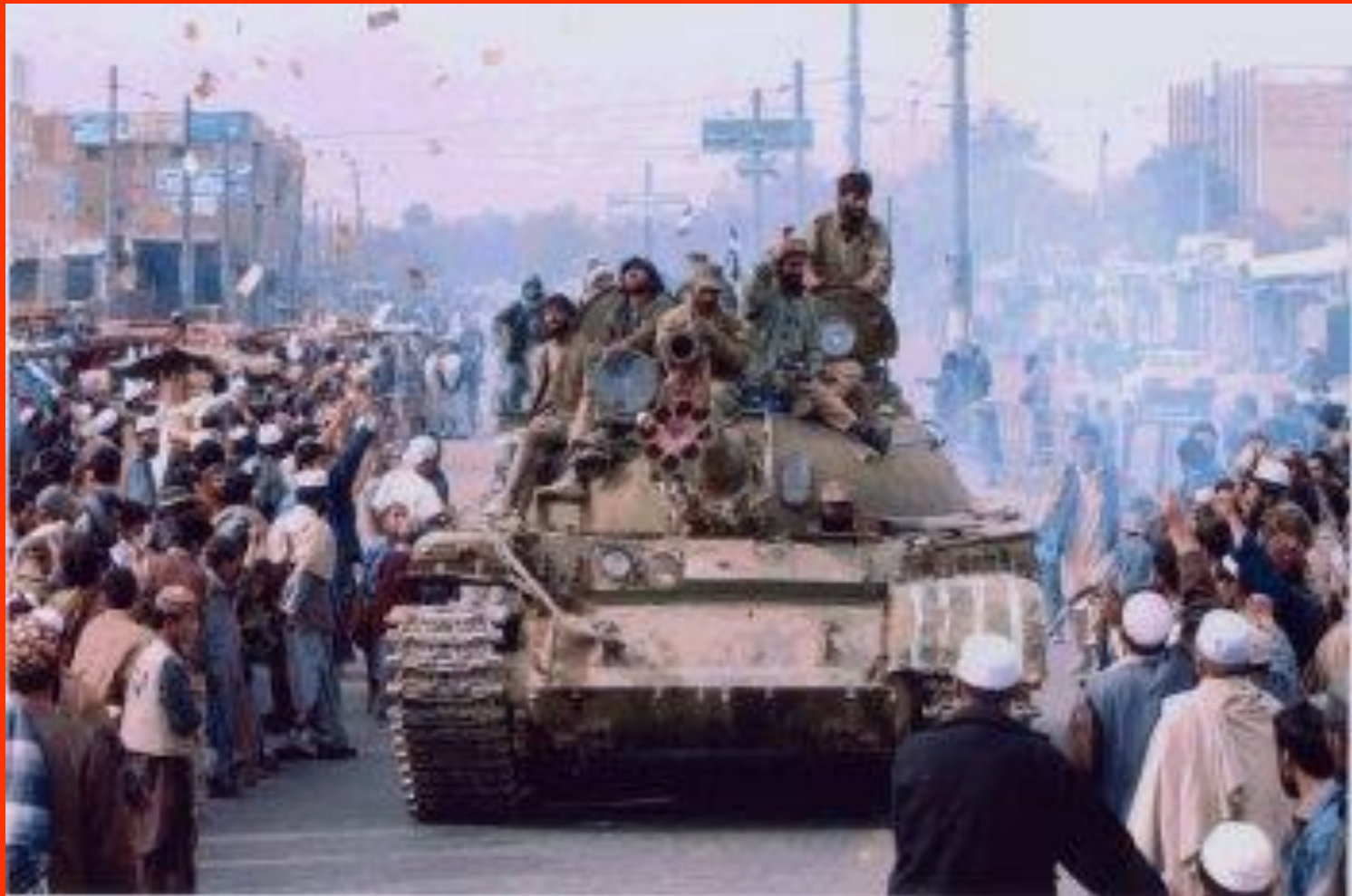


Part I – Conventional War (2001 – 2003)



Fall of Kabul

November 13, 2001



Some Enemy Fighters Escaped



Introducing the New US Military Toy



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

Increase in UAV Strikes



Bush

(2004 – 2008)

44

Obama

(2009 – 2011)

239

US has taken out over 50 high value Al-Qaeda and Taliban leaders



UAVs vs. Al-Qaeda Leadership during Obama's Presidency



Killed 23 of 30 top al Qaeda leaders

2011

2010 UAV Defense Budget

Obama requested

- \$489.4 million for 24 Reapers
 - over \$20 million a plane
- \$79.7 million for 792 hellfire missiles
 - \$100,000 a missile

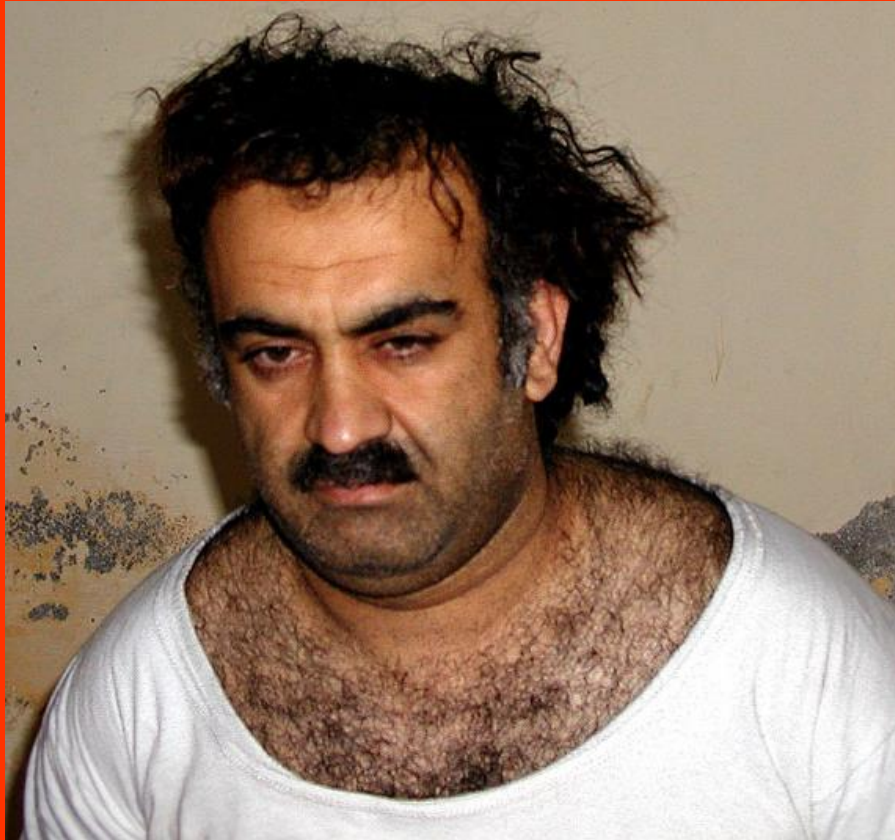


US Drone Strikes (2008 – 2012)

- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- Libya (2011)
- Yemen
- Iraq
- Somalia (area)
- Philippines

- over 1,000
- 400
- 145
- over 100
- 48
- 18
- 1

Capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed



- Mastermind of the 9/11 attacks
- Captured Karachi, Pakistan (March 1, 2003)
- Water boarded 183 times in March 2003

Part II - Taliban Resurgence (2003 – 2005)



US invaded Iraq (2003)



Part III -NATO Response (2006 – Today)



General David Petraeus



US Army
Counterinsurgency
Expert

Iraq Experience
(2003 – 2008)

CENTCOM
(2008 – 2010)

New Tactics

“Clear, Hold, and Build”



Counterinsurgency Tactics

Distinction



Proportionality



President Obama and Afghanistan



Counterinsurgency Ratio

US CI Manual

Afghanistan

50 people

to

1 soldier / police officer

33,000,000 people

divided by 50

=

660,000 needed

Troop Surge (February 2009)



17,000 Increase (98,000 Total)

Firing Generals



General David
McKiernan
May 12, 2009



General Stanley
McChrystal
June 23, 2009

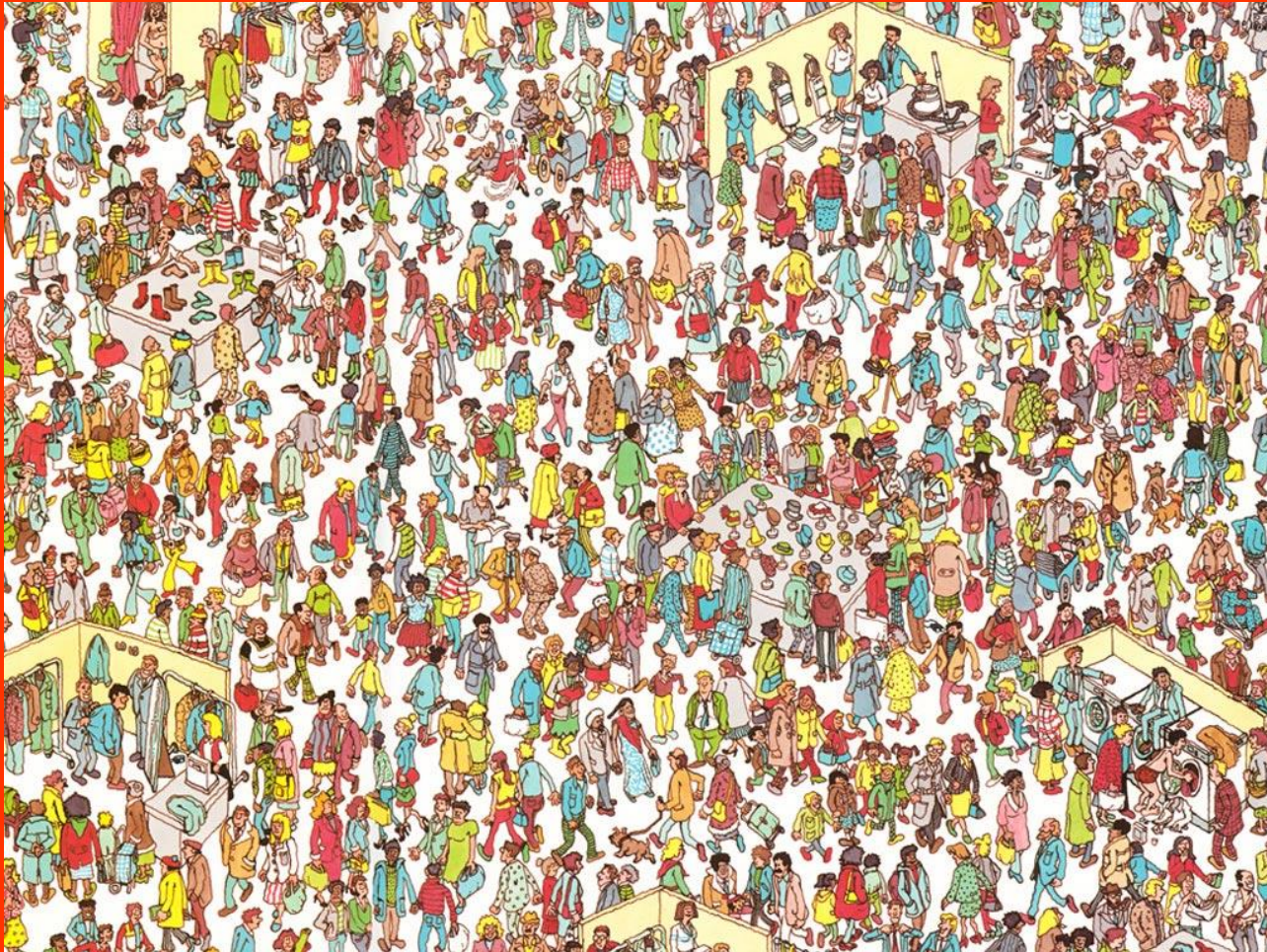
General David Petraeus

June 27, 2010 – July 18, 2011



Commander in Afghanistan
(ISAF) and (USFOR-A)

Where's Bin Laden?



- Trail went “cold” in 2005

Finding Osama bin Laden

Captured

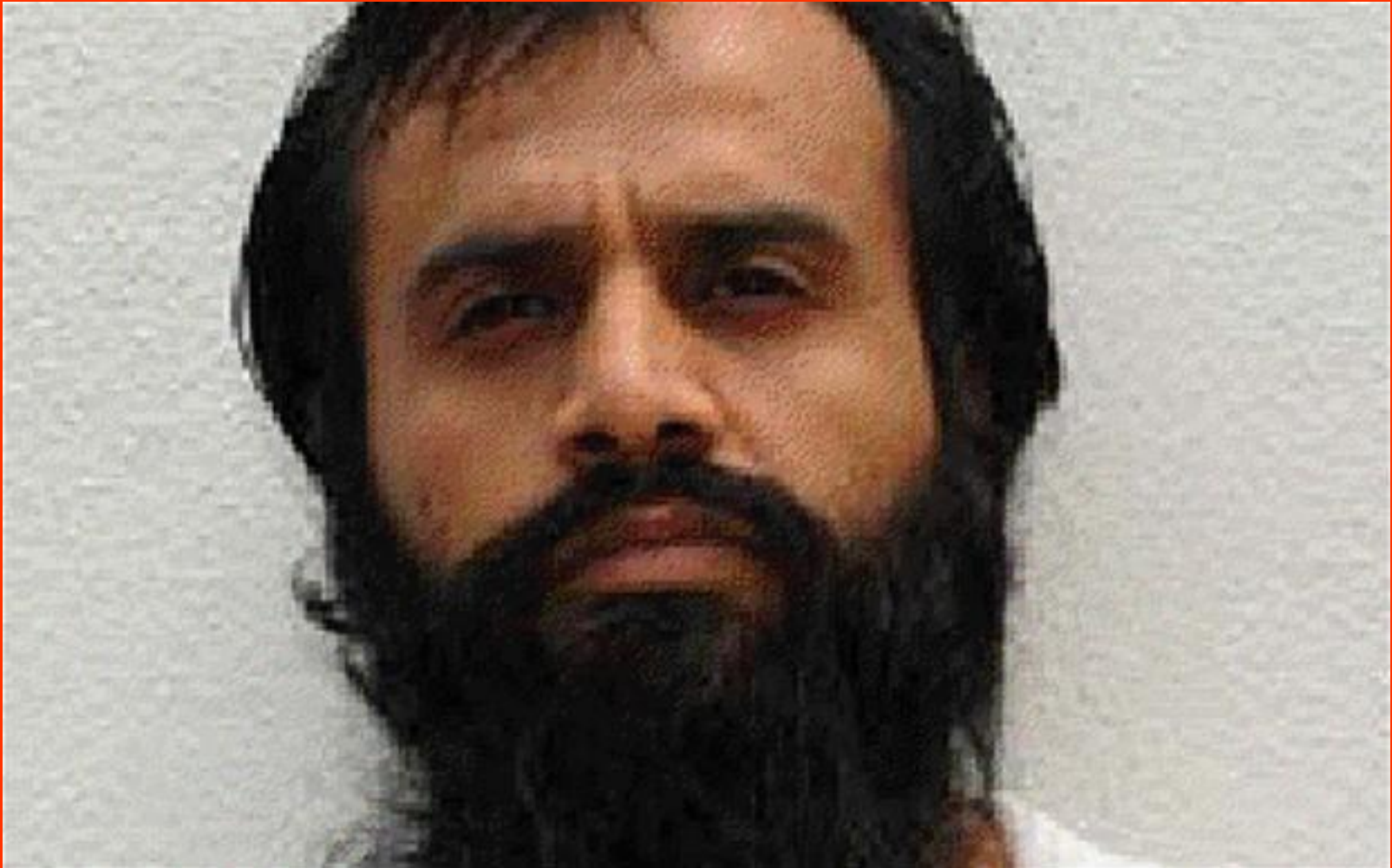
- Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (2003) -Pakistan
- Hassan Ghul (2004) -Iraq
- Mustafa al-Uzayti (2005) -Pakistan

After “enhanced interrogation methods”
(2005), gave the name:

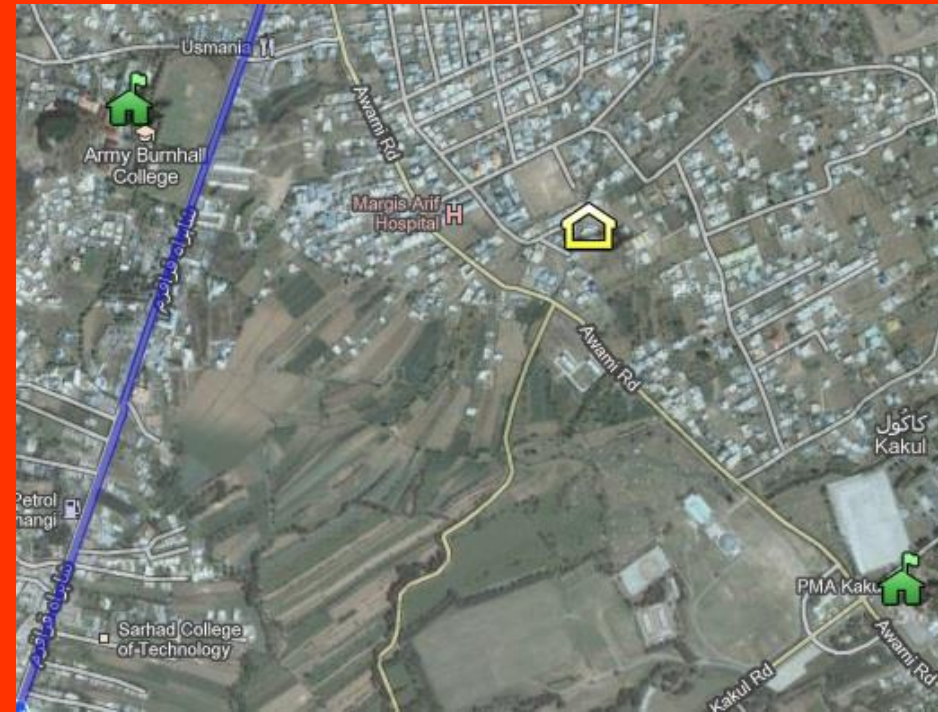
- Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti (nom de-guerre)
- Ibrahim Saeed Ahmed (real name)

August 2010 –al-Kuwaiti made a call

Location: Abbottabad, Pakistan



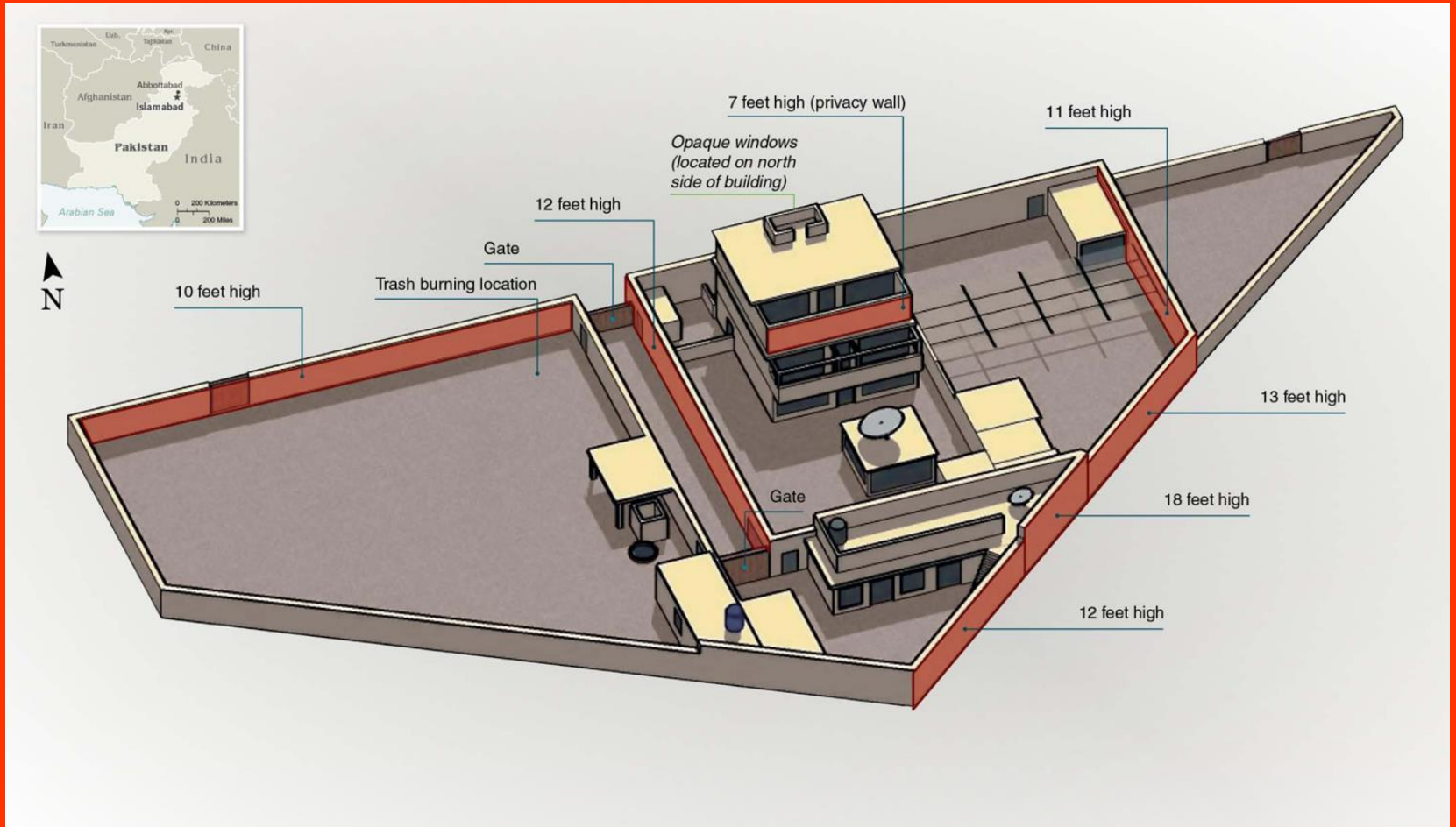
Abbottabad, Pakistan



Bin Laden Compound



Bin Laden Compound (2005)



February 2011 – Raid Planning Started

Strategic Development Options

- Wait for more intelligence
- Air Strike
- Joint Operation with Pakistan
- Large Military Operation
- Covert Special Operation

Seal Team 6



Obama Gave the Go-Ahead and then



Went to Alabama to
visit tornado victims

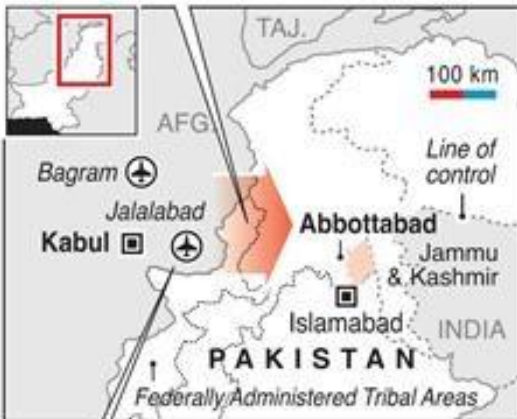


Went to the White
House Correspondents'
Dinner

BIN LADEN KILLED

A U.S. strike team of about 15 special forces operatives, dropped by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out near the Pakistani capital Islamabad under the cover of night, shot the al Qaeda leader to death on Sunday

1 The U.S. strike team was based in Afghanistan and carried by helicopter to bin Laden's hide-out in Pakistan

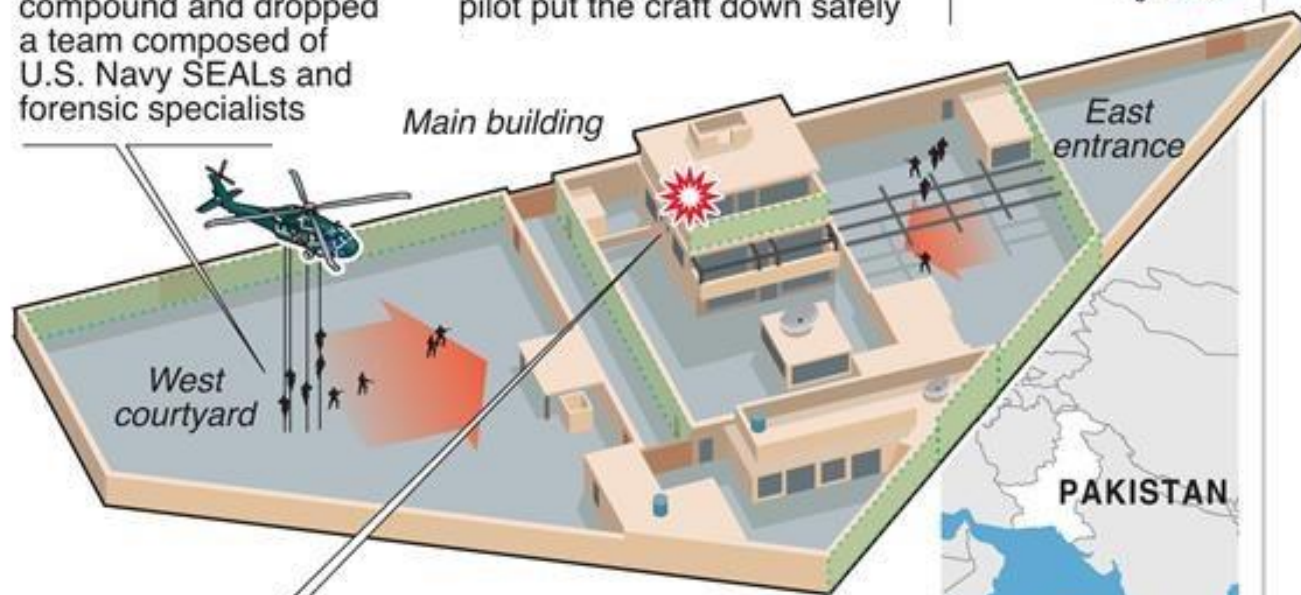


Team probably took off from Jalalabad or Bagram airbases

- ▶ A woman was killed in the raid, along with one of bin Laden's sons
- ▶ Bin Laden's wife, originally thought killed, was wounded

2 Aircraft – three or four, according to different reports - attacked the compound and dropped a team composed of U.S. Navy SEALs and forensic specialists

3 A MH-60 Black Hawk chopper was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade during the raid, but the pilot put the craft down safely



4 The U.S. troops cleared the compound floor by floor during a 40-minute battle and finally shot dead bin Laden in the last unsecured room in the house

5 Bin Laden's body was taken to Afghanistan and later buried at sea after Muslim funeral rites on a U.S. aircraft carrier, the Carl Vinson



Sources: Reuters, media reports, U.S. officials

May 1: Cabinet Meeting



Operation Neptune Spear

May 1, 2011



“Geronimo: E-K.I.A.”

What happened to Bin Laden's body?

RESTING GROUND

1  **1.44 am, MAY 2, 2011**
US Navy SEALs take off from Abbottabad in two Chinook helicopters with Osama's body and return to Bagram

2  **11 am**
Osama's body is identified, put on a V-22 Osprey, flown to USS Carl Vinson (below) and buried at sea

3   **Bill Warren claims Osama was buried somewhere here** **320km from Surat**



CHINA
AFGHANISTAN
PAKISTAN
INDIA
INDIAN OCEAN
SURAT



Happier Times in Sweden (1971)



Abu Yahya al-Libi Killed #2 Al Qaeda Leadership Killed in Pakistan: June 4, 2012



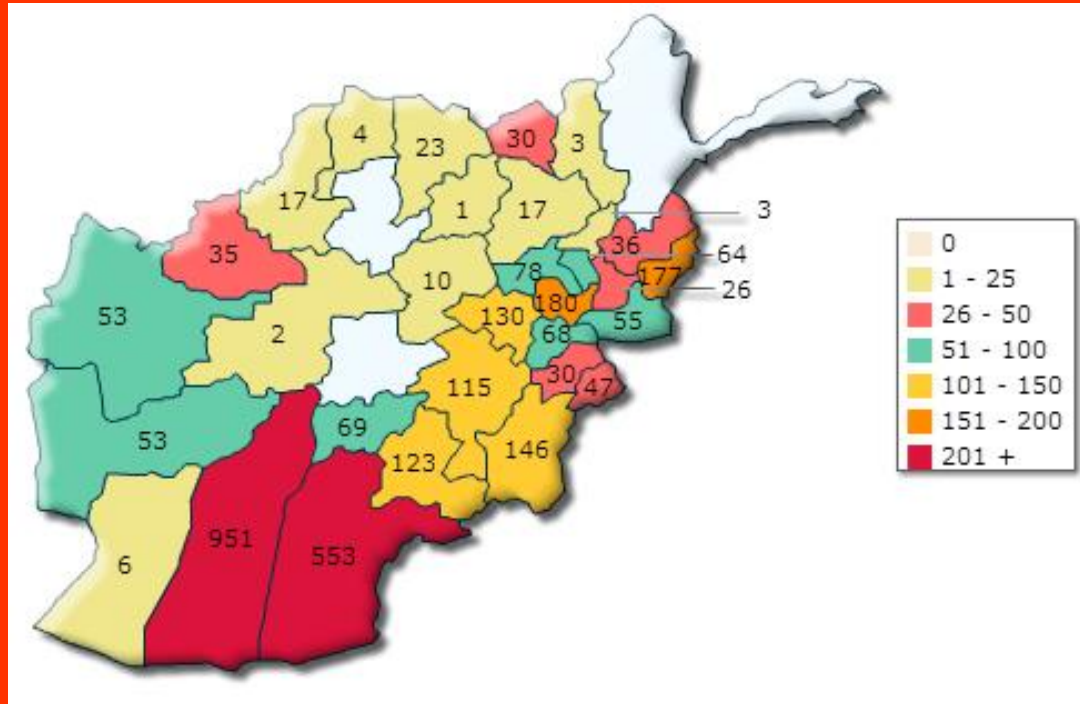
Running joke: US keeps killing the #2 guy

Major Security Concern



Where are the bad guys?

Fatalities by Province (Afghanistan)



iCasualties 09/2014

Afghanistan US Troop Withdraw



Troop Levels

2009: 100,000

End of 2014: 9,800

Combat Mission Completed 2014



What will the US do at the end of 2014?



“We will not repeat the mistakes of 1989, when we abandoned the country only to see it descend into chaos and into Taliban hands.”

Defense Secretary Gates

What will the US do at the end of 2014?



“Will not be switching off the lights in Afghanistan”
-President Obama (2011)

Enemy Status In Afghanistan



NATO Intel: Number of Dedicated Taliban in Afghanistan (Dec 2009)



25,000 (as many as before 9/11)

Number of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan CIA Director Panetta (Aug 2010)



“60 – 100, maybe less”

Taliban controls countryside



70% population lives

Cost of Nation Building



American Cost (09/17/2014)



American deaths:

2,345

American
Monetary Cost:

\$718 billion

US Cost Afghanistan War Cost Per Year Per Soldier



\$1 Million

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What will happen in Afghanistan?

