**Instructions:** You and your partner have been selected to present at the 1st Conference on the Future of Afghanistan. Congratulations! After you have read through one of three [option](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/dc9552_7a27e979e7a54afd848f2b942f0bfad4.pdf)s for U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, you will need to create a collaborative powerpoint (using the template on Lesson 6) that meets the requirements listed below. After completing your research and powerpoint, you will present your option for Afghanistan’s future to a small group.

**Presentation Requirements:**

1. **Title**
2. **Option**
   1. List your option # and give a brief summary of your position.
3. **Impact of U.S. Intervention: Human Rights**
   1. What is life like for people in Afghanistan?
   2. To what extent have human rights changed in Afghanistan as a result of U.S. intervention? Are things improving or getting worse?
   3. Include quantitative and qualitative evidence
4. **Impact of U.S. Intervention: Political Stability**
   1. What kind of political system does Afghanistan currently have? How free or oppressive is it?
   2. Has U.S. intervention made Afghanistan's political system more stable or more unstable?
   3. Include quantitative and qualitative evidence
5. **Impact of U.S. Intervention: Economic Effects**
   1. Has U.S. intervention had a positive or negative effect on Afghanistan’s economy?
   2. What are Afghanistan’s economic prospects?
   3. Include quantitative and qualitative evidence
6. **Impact of U.S. Intervention: Costs to U.S.**
   1. How much has the U.S. invested in war in Afghanistan? (Money, resources, troops, casualties etc.)
   2. Include quantitative and qualitative evidence
7. **What are the benefits of this option?**
   1. How will your option benefit Afghanistan?
   2. How will your option benefit the U.S.?
   3. In what ways will your option impact the future of Afghanistan?
8. **Why is this option better than the alternatives?**
   1. What are the downsides of the other options? (counterargument)

**Resources**

The below resources should give you enough information to complete your presentation. However, feel free to search for and include other credible resources. **Make sure that your sources are recent or up-to-date**, as the situation in Afghanistan has changed frequently. You may also want to include information from the videos in the [Introduction to Afghanistan](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdM6e20Y_FhoXVCrjYk6vaN9qqv8_eaxD) playlist. Remember to cite any sources you use in the bibliography (use [EasyBib](http://www.easybib.com/) for help with citations).

**General Information about Afghanistan**

[Bloomberg: Afghanistan QuickTake](https://www.bloomberg.com/quicktake/afghanistan)

[CIA Factbook Country Profile](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html)

**Quality of Life**

[Human Development Report](http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/AFG)

[Human Rights Watch](https://www.hrw.org/report/2018/05/08/no-safe-place/insurgent-attacks-civilians-afghanistan) (hint: look at “key recommendations”)

[The Future of Women in Afghanistan](https://nationalinterest.org/feature/future-women-afghanistan-45252)

[Afghanistan Literacy Rates](https://knoema.com/atlas/Afghanistan/topics/Education/Literacy/Adult-literacy-rate)

**Politics/Freedom**

[Freedom in the World Profile](https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2018/afghanistan)

[NYT: Taliban Spring Offensive](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/12/world/asia/taliban-spring-offensive-afghanistan.html)

[Afghanistan’s presidential elections delayed until July](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/afghanistans-presidential-elections-delayed-until-july/2018/12/30/038faea0-0c45-11e9-8f0c-6f878a26288a_story.html?utm_term=.410c7ff04624)

[Car bomb kills 3 U.S. service members, contractor in Afghanistan](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/car-bomb-kills-3-us-service-members-contractor-in-afghanistan/2019/04/08/f42a5840-5a35-11e9-9625-01d48d50ef75_story.html?utm_term=.bb11adc3728a)

**U.S. Efforts**

[Video: How the US failed to rebuild Afghanistan](https://youtu.be/XKVDXbIpW9Q)

[Afghanistan War Cost, Timeline and Economic Impact](https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-afghanistan-war-timeline-economic-impact-4122493)

[Judges reject Afghanistan probe; cite lack of cooperation](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/international-court-judges-reject-afghanistan-investigation/2019/04/12/be0b0fa8-5d1d-11e9-98d4-844088d135f2_story.html?utm_term=.a030d3ec3124)

[Video: Costs of War: the Human Toll of the Post-9/11 Wars](https://youtu.be/aVr0MSEW2SU)