

Rethink Afghanistan Series Discussion Questions

Part 1: More Troops + Afghanistan = Catastrophe (11:46 min)

- What was/were the fundamental goal(s)?
- Have we accomplished that/those goal(s)?
 - If yes, does escalating our military presence improve our security?
 - If no, does escalating our military presence help us to reach our goal?

Part 2: Pakistan: "The Most Dangerous Country" (10:42 min)

- What dangers does this region of the world present to us?
- Assume these dangers could be solved through military means; what resources would this involve?
- Are we, as a country, prepared to commit these resources?

Part 3: The Cost of War (13:59 min)

- Can we, as a country, spend money more effectively to improve security regional and U.S. security?
 - If yes, what would you put those saved, or unused dollars towards?
 - If no, is the money we're spending meeting our goals?
- Should we change our country's spending priorities? If yes, how?

Part 4: Civilian Casualties (12:09 min)

- Are civilian casualties an expected "cost of war?"
 - If yes, how can we, as a country, minimize civilian casualties in the region? Will this help us achieve our goals in the region?
 - If no, can the United States continue military operations in Afghanistan and eliminate civilian casualties in the region?
 - If yes, how?
 - If no, what responsibilities do we, as a country, have in this region?

Part 5: Women of Afghanistan (10:51 min)

- Can we minimize regional threats from this region towards the United States by developing military alliances with anti-women factions of power?
 - If yes, does maintaining a military presence in this region **improve** women's lives, in comparison to life before the NATO invasion of Afghanistan?
 - If yes, how?
 - If no, is a region that effectively suppresses half of it's population **not** a threat to us, as a country?
 - If no, do we, as a country, have a responsibility to improve the lives of women in this region?
 - If yes, what steps can we take to improve the lives of women in this region?
 - If no, does maintaining a military presence in this region **degrade** the lives of women in this region?