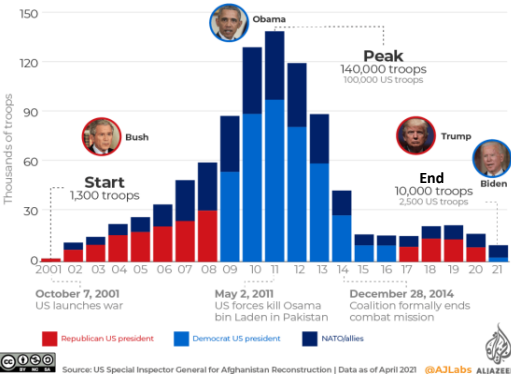


War in Afghanistan

Basics

Overview

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<p>Doha Peace Agreement U.S.-Taliban Deal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doha Peace Agreement: Agreement between the U.S. & Taliban to end the War in Afghanistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The U.S. coalition left Afghanistan in return for Taliban commitments to counter terrorism ○ The Afghan government wasn't directly involved in the agreement until after it was signed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Required a release of 5,000 Taliban prisoners before Inter-Afghan Peace talks could began 																								
<p>Video Overviews</p> <p>Richard Engel Azmat Khan Colonel Chris Kolenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Overviews: 25 minutes of objective YouTube videos on the War in Afghanistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview (02-JULY-2021) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUyRfAqK6Xc 3 minutes ▪ Overview (25-AUG-2021) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sueJoTVqwxw 8 minutes ▪ Reflection (15-AUG-2022) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQINSDbcGeQ 14 minutes 																								

