

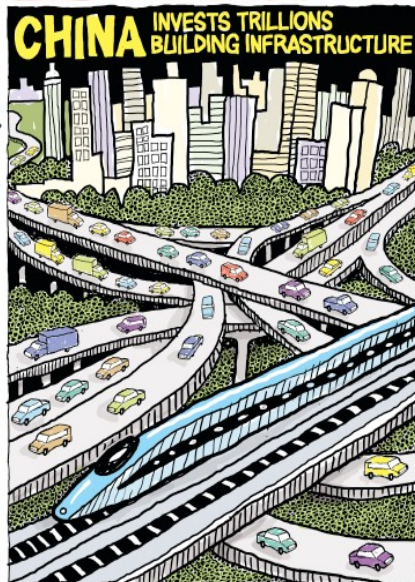
Cartoons for the Classroom

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What is the actual cost of war?

IN THE LAST 20 YEARS...



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Talking Points

1. What do these cartoons say about the Afghanistan War now that the Taliban has taken over?
2. How much has warfare cost the United States in money and lives during the last 20 years?
3. What did the United States gain from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq? What did we lose?
4. Who pays for our wars? Who profits from our wars?
5. Who do you blame for the mistakes we have made in war?
6. Would we be less likely to get into wars if we all had to fight in them? Why or why not?

Between the lines

"The expense of war... also depends upon the way in which war is financed." - Boston University's Heidi Peltier, who says interest on war debt could exceed \$8 trillion by the 2050s.

<https://www.newsweek.com/how-much-did-war-afghanistan-cost-1619687>

Additional resources

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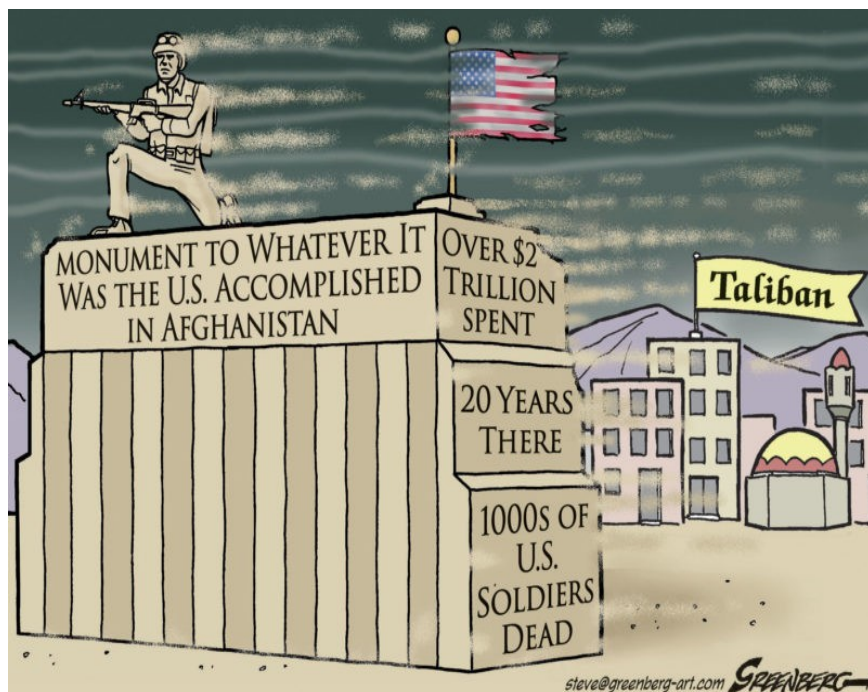
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