



“I just cite these public opinion polls-- Americans--65% or 70% think we haven’t achieved anything. In Afghanistan, it’s 70% or 80% think we have. How does that happen--that the people who are in the middle of that war think we’ve really done some good, and the people who are 7,000 miles away think we haven’t?”

-Senator Carl Levin (Retired)

Former Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee



<u>Infrastructure/Communications</u>	Taliban: 2001	Now	
Roadways/Paved Roads	18,000km/60km	42,150km/12,350km	
Access to Reliable Electricity	6%	28%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000,000+ Afghans use Facebook • 100% of the country will have cell phone coverage within 3 years
TV/Radio Stations	None/3	50/150	
Internet Users	None	6,000,000+	
Cell Phone Subscribers	25,000	22,000,000+	
<u>Education</u>			
Schools	1,000	14,000+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Afghan literacy rate is predicted to reach 90% by 2040
Teachers	20,000	186,000+	
Students Enrolled in Primary & Secondary Schools % Who Are Females	<900,000 Almost None	8,000,000+ 36%	
Students Enrolled in Universities	UNK	150,000+	
Literacy Rate	12%	39%	

Sources: CIA World Fact Book 2014; GIROA Ministry of Communications & Information Technology; Afghan Central Statistics Organization 2014; World Bank Development Indicators; Afghan Energy Information Center; International Airline Industry Directory; 2014 UNHCR Country Profile-Afghanistan 2014; UNICEF; "Realizing Self-Reliance"-GIROA Publication: 20 Nov 14

By almost all metrics, progress in Afghanistan has been significant in the last 13 years; the Coalition and ANSF have provided the necessary security to enable these advancements

<u><i>Economy/Politics</i></u>	Taliban: 2001	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Afghan economy continues to grow (albeit unevenly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2011: 6.1% - 2012: <u>14.4%</u> - 2013: 3.7% - 2014: 1.5% - 2015: <u>4.0%</u> Forecast
Size of Economy	\$4 Billion	\$20.6+ Billion	
GDP (USD per Capita)	\$186.00	\$688.00+	
Access to Clean Water	22%	64%	
Passenger Cars (per 1,000 people)	0.5	20	
Commercial Overflights & Landings (Daily)	None	756	
% of Women in Labor Force	UNK	24.4%	
% of Women in National Parliament	None	28%	
<u><i>Population/Health</i></u>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health improvements have raised life expectancies by 21+ years • ~35.3 Million Afghans X 21 Years = <u>Gift of >741 Million Years of Life</u>
Refugees	>3,500,000	<2,700,000	
Population of Kabul	<500,000	>3.5 Million	
Infant Mortality (Children Dying Before Age 5)	26%	9.7%	
Maternal Mortality (Women Dying from Childbirth)	1.6%	0.33%	
Healthcare Access/Facilities	9%/498	60%/2,507	
Life Expectancy	43	64	

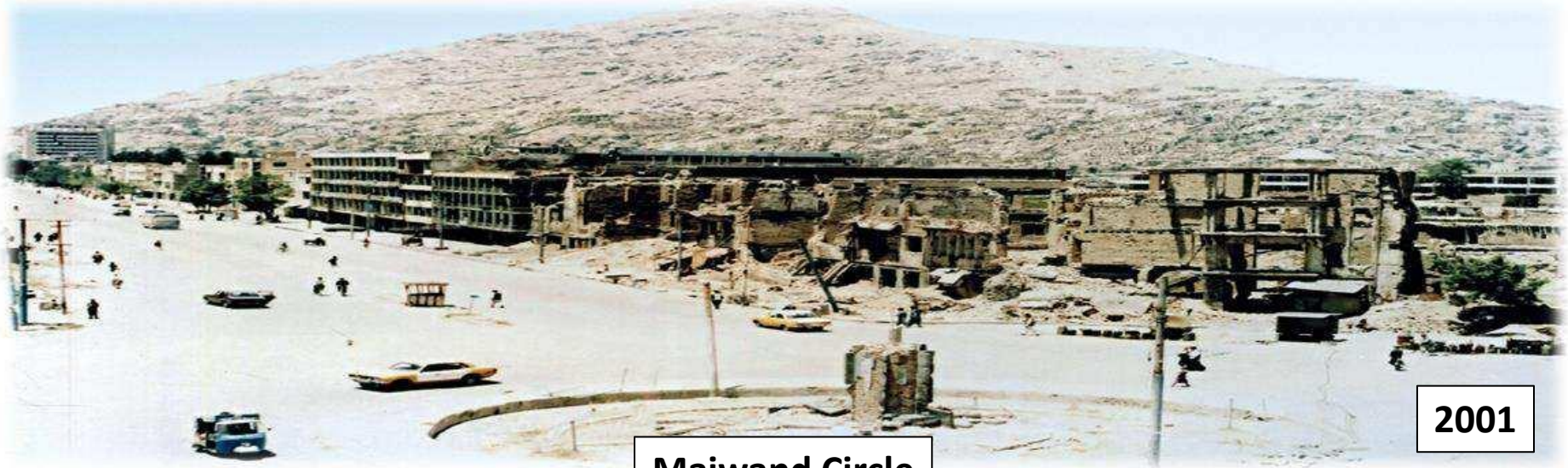
Sources (Continued): Afghanistan Mortality Survey: Ministry of Public Health; UNDP Human Development Index; World Bank; TOLO News Research; USAID Survey; Asia Foundation; MOBY Research; UNICEF

- **77%** of Afghans express confidence in their new government
- **87%** of Afghans approve the political agreement between President Ghani & CE Abdullah
- **78%** of Afghans believe the security situation in their district has improved or remained steady in the last 6 months (since June 2014)
- **81%** of Afghans say their government has more influence in their district than the insurgents do
- **87%** of Afghans express confidence in the Afghan National Army (ANA)
- **59%** of Afghans believe that the ANA is capable of defeating the insurgents
- **76%** of Afghans express confidence in the Afghan National Police (ANP)
- **82%** of Afghans believe that GIRoA is leading the effort to improve security (vs. the Coalition)
- **77%** of Afghans want the Coalition to remain in the country to assist the ANDSF, at least until the Afghan military and police can stand alone
- **<10%** of the Afghan people support the Taliban
 - **<30%** of Afghans in Kandahar Province (the heartland of the Taliban) support the insurgents
 - **<2%** of Afghan women desire a return to Taliban rule
- **64%** of Afghans believe that it is unlikely that the Taliban will return to power
- **55%** of Afghans believe that their country is heading in the right direction

Sources: Agence France-Presse; BBC; NBC ; ABC; Asia Foundation-Afghan Survey 2014; Afghan Ministry of Communications Internal Report; MOBY Research; Afghanistan Nationwide Quarterly Assessment Research (ANQAR) Survey Report, Wave 26; Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research (ACSOR)

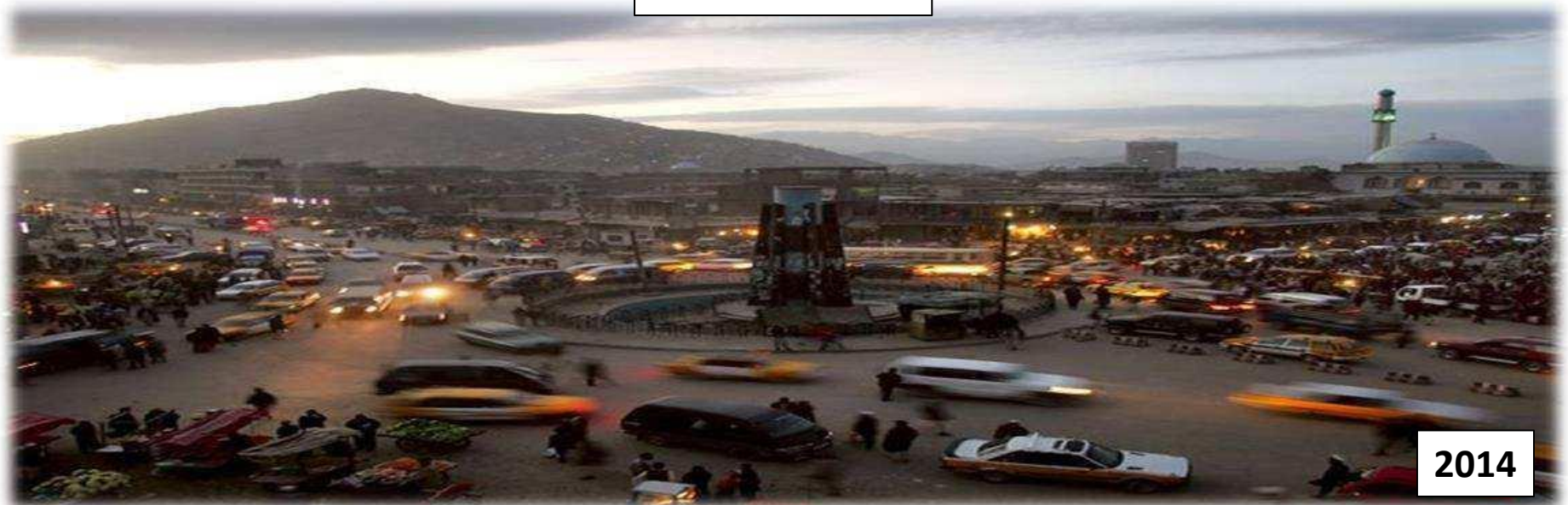
In general, Afghans are far more optimistic about their country's future than outsiders are.

Kabul: Then and Now

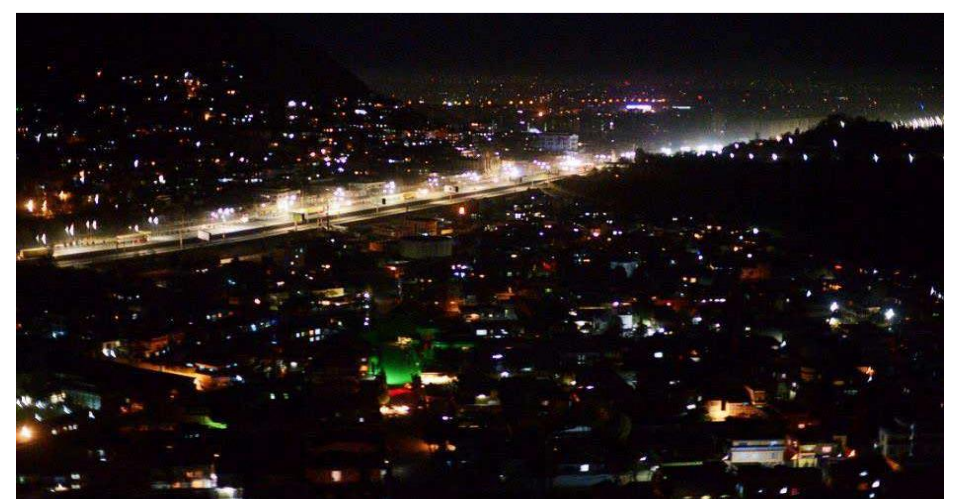
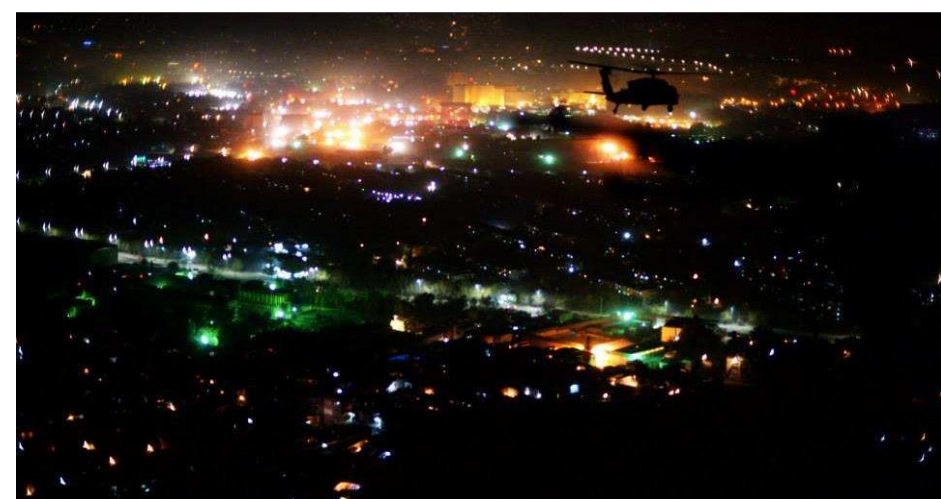
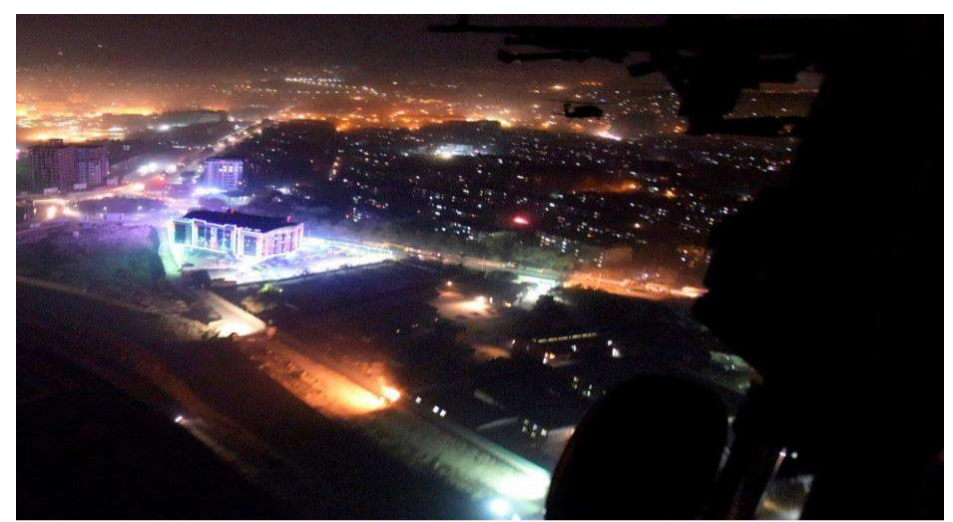


2001

Maiwand Circle



2014



Kabul ranks as the *fifth fastest growing city in the world*. Under Taliban rule, the capital's population dwindled to fewer than 500,000. Today, Kabul's population exceeds 3,500,000. The United Nations (UN) projects that Kabul's population will reach 7,000,000 by 2025.