Sun Tzu Ponders Afghanistan

War is a Vital Matter **THE UNITED STATES HAS LOST THE AFGHANISTAN WAR**



To win a war a nation must accomplish its objectives.

In WW2 the United States lost many battles, but won the war when it accomplished its objective of Germany and Japan's unconditional surrender.

In Vietnam the United States "won every battle" (not true) but lost the war because it failed to achieve its objective of preventing South Vietnam from becoming a communist state.

The objectives of the United States' War in Afghanistan are to create an Islamic Republic allied to the United States and able to control its own territory.

Islamic Republic



WHY Democracy is the one national interest that helps secure all the others.

OUTCOME

Women will be disenfranchised after the Taliban integrates into the Government of Afghanistan.

Allied to the United States



So that Government of Afghanistan is **willing** to prevent terrorists from using its territory to attack the U.S.

OUTCOME

Afghanistan will not be allied to the U.S. after the Taliban integrates into its government.

Able to control its own territory



WHY

So that the Government of Afghanistan is **able** to prevent terrorists from using its territory to attack the U.S.

OUTCOME

The Government of Afghanistan can not control its territory which currently contains over 14 terrorist organizations.

