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Subject: The End

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Tue, 31 Aug 2021 02:34:22 GMT

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Hi Everyone, Regardless of your individual thoughts the longest war is over. Without causing a fight.... I wonder why we didn't quit a decade ago. We accomplished what we started out to do and IMO should have gone home. I'm not sure that any country can actually reshape another in this modern age. It may have been possible in the 1600-1800s when there were fewer people and sloppier governmental controls. Communication issues as well. It is hard to govern when the speed of a horse dictates the speed of communication. It seems to me (I will probably hear about this) that the only folks that benefited well from the last 20 years are defense contractors (a disclaimer...I worked for the military and for a while a defense contractor). Building tanks and planes is good business if the customer is a government. Rummaging in my mind the events of the past few weeks I can not envision any really different end. We as a country are pretty good at getting involved in conflicts, but pretty bad at getting out of them. Just my two cents. I have no issue with folks that have a different take on things.

(Wayne if this is too political just remove it)

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Subject: Re: The End

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 31 Aug 2021 14:08:09 GMT

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It makes me think of the Doors song, The End. It's a good proper ignominious completion of our foreign policy for now in the middle east. The SIGAR report estimates 6.4 trillion spent in that region in the twenty years there. You can imagine all what that could have been used on in domestic spending. The dungeon provides a link to our historical perspective of what our foreign policy's effect on the world has shaken out.

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Subject: Re: The End

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Wed, 01 Sep 2021 02:50:00 GMT

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Hi, I am familiar with the song. A good one IMO. Yes it all makes you think of what might have been different.

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