

Afghanistan: The Return of the Taliban

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Heidi Meyer spent five years in Kabul Afghanistan, working with the Afghan government to implement governance structures in the new democratic government. It would be natural to be disappointed after all that hard work that the Taliban returned to government in August 2021 and are now leading the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with very different ideas of how a country should be run. However, ever an optimist, Heidi Meyer presents some arguments as to why it may be a good thing the Taliban have returned to lead the people of Afghanistan in a newly formed Islamic government.

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