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**Synopsis:** Largely an argument in favour of keeping Canadian forces in Afghanistan, the author’s reasons for staying the course revolve around keeping the Afghans from sliding back into the dark ages.

**Quote: “**How about a real insult to Canada's disproportionate contribution to the international community's bid to keep Afghanistan from sliding back to the Dark Ages?”