

## **Afghanistan War**

**More Americans cared about the country than the Biden administration had accounted for in its political calculations. Most of these Americans were in their 30s or 40s — the generation that came of age with the 9/11 wars, now reaching a calamitous end.**

**Helping Afghans escape would become a way to avoid succumbing to a sense of waste and despair and helpless rage.**

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