

# Taliban victory? Despite collapse in Kabul, withdrawal was the right course in Afghanistan

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**Quote**

“ Bluntly put: the U.S. has failed abysmally in creating an Afghan state from the bottom up. As John Sopko, the U.S. Special Inspector General in Afghanistan said last month, U.S. officials in multiple administrations have carried “this hubris that we can somehow take a country that was desolate in 2001 and turn it into little Norway.” ”

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