Withdrawal of United States troops from Afghanistan (2020-2021)

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Its theme(s) are Middle East, Terrorism, War.

Summary of positions for this topic

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