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1 INTRODUCTION TO AFGHANISTAN



AFGHANISTAN IS LOCATED IN SOUTH ASIA. IT'S ABOUT 647,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS IN SIZE – ABOUT AS LARGE AS MANITOBA.



THE COUNTRY CONTAINS BOTH MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS.



IT EXPERIENCES HOT SUMMERS...



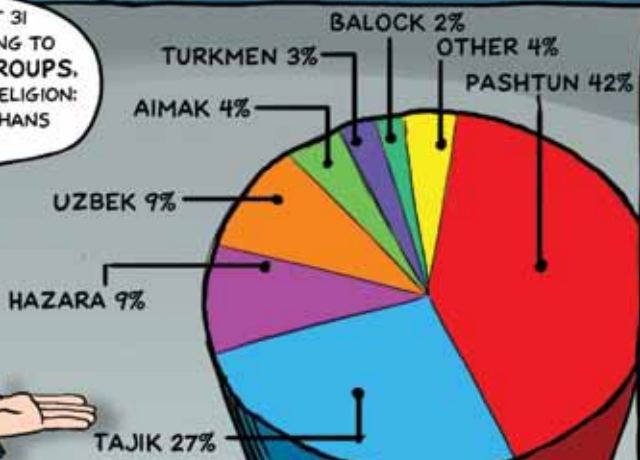
... AND COLD WINTERS.



LARGE PARTS OF AFGHANISTAN ARE DRY. FRESH WATER SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.



THE COUNTRY HAS ABOUT 31 MILLION PEOPLE. THEY BELONG TO MANY DIFFERENT **ETHNIC GROUPS**, BUT THEY SHARE A COMMON RELIGION: ABOUT 99 PERCENT OF AFGHANS ARE MUSLIM.



ETHNIC GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN

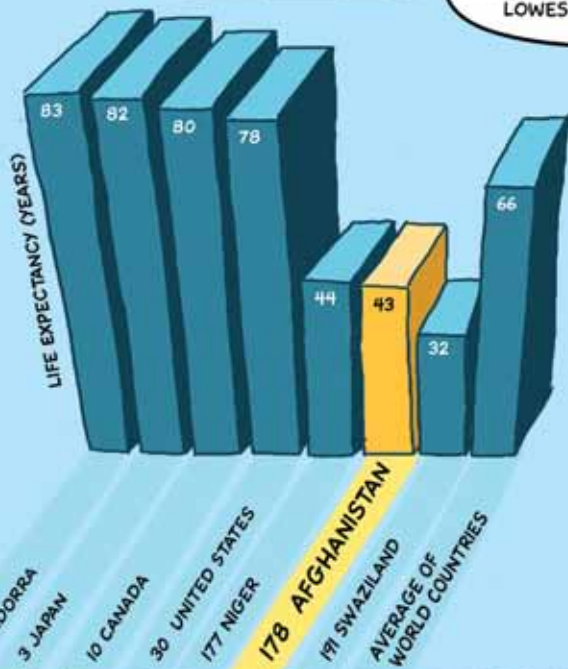
THE POPULATION IS VERY POOR. TWO-THIRDS OF AFGHANS LIVE ON FEWER THAN \$2 (US) A DAY.



MOST AFGHANS HAVE A VERY LIMITED EDUCATION. NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF ADULTS CAN'T READ. IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, FEW GIRLS GO TO SCHOOL.



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ESTIMATES FOR LIFE EXPECTANCY



LIFE EXPECTANCY IN AFGHANISTAN IS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD.

ON TOP OF ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES, THERE'S A WAR GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY.

HOW DID THE WAR START? WHEN WILL IT END? TOM LAN AND BETHY B ARE IN AFGHANISTAN TO FIND OUT. OVER TO YOU, TOMMY AND BETH.

