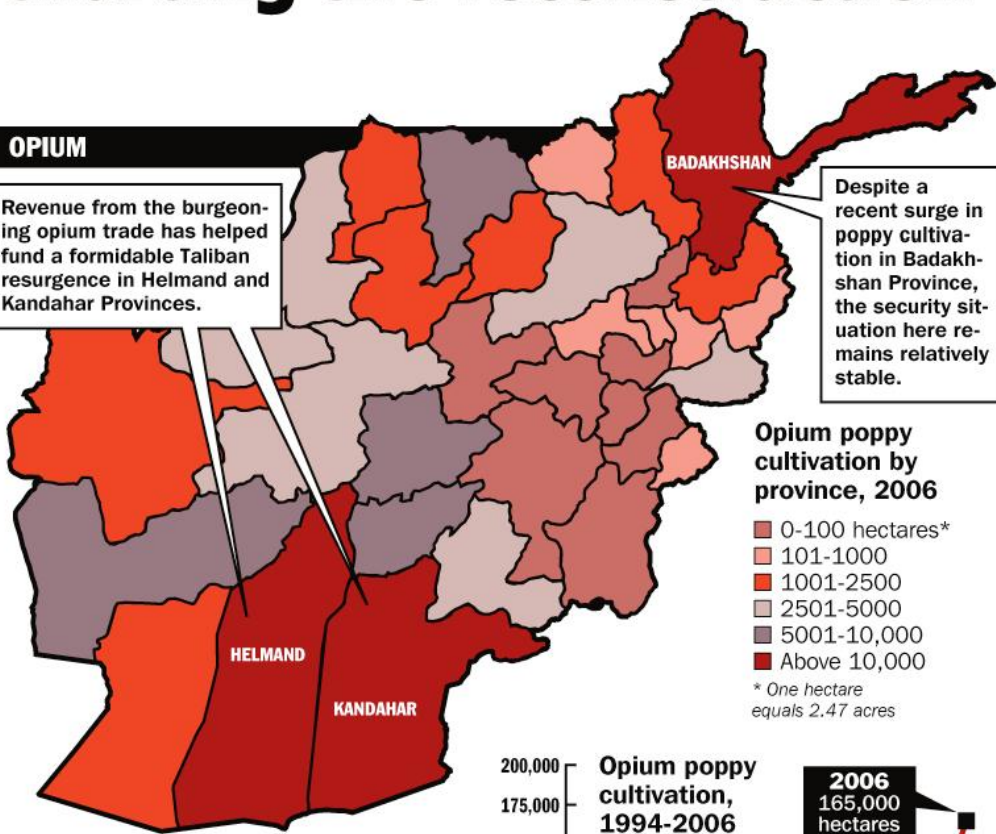


Charting the reconstruction

OPIUM

Revenue from the burgeoning opium trade has helped fund a formidable Taliban resurgence in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces.

Despite a recent surge in poppy cultivation in Badakhshan Province, the security situation here remains relatively stable.

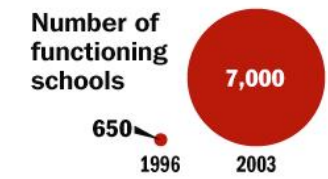
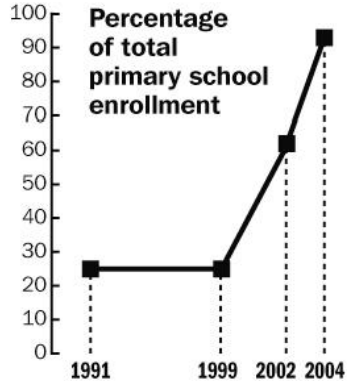


Opium poppy cultivation by province, 2006

- 0-100 hectares*
- 101-1000
- 1001-2500
- 2501-5000
- 5001-10,000
- Above 10,000

* One hectare equals 2.47 acres

EDUCATION



WOMEN

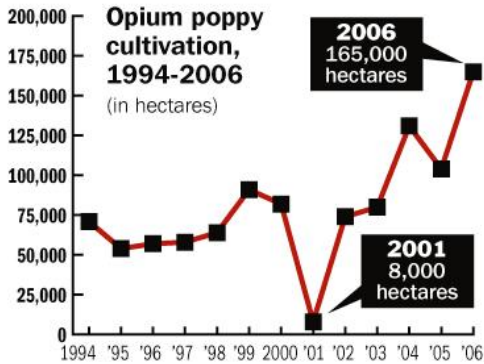
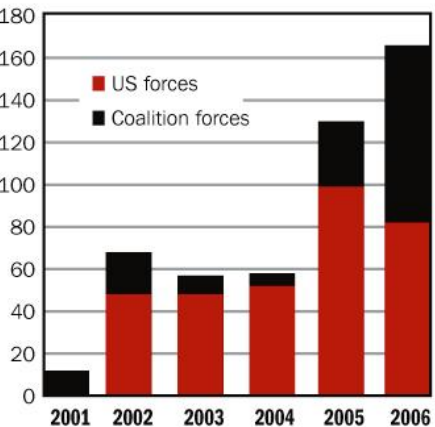
Seats held in a lower parliamentary house Afghanistan **27.3%**

Other countries for comparison

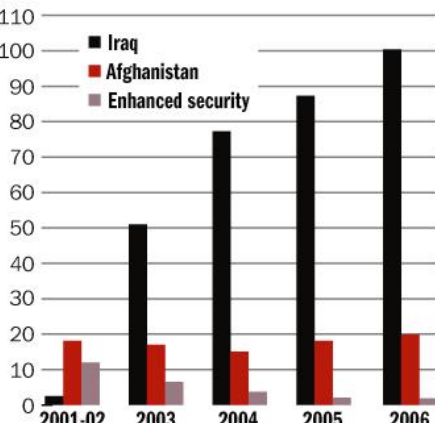
Rwanda	48.8%
South Africa	32.8
Vietnam	27.3
United States	15.2
Iran	4.1

WAR

War fatalities



US security spending (in billions of dollars)



RECONSTRUCTION

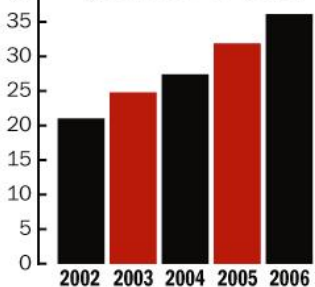
With the influx of about \$8 billion in aid immediately following the invasion of coalition forces, Afghanistan experienced immediate and robust economic growth. That growth has waned in the past several years, and opium cultivation may now account for as much as one third of the country's gross domestic product.

Roadways (2003 estimate)
PAVED: 8,231 km
UNPAVED: 26,558 km
TOTAL: 34,789 km

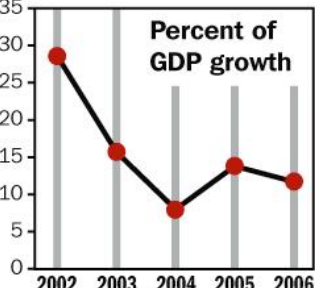
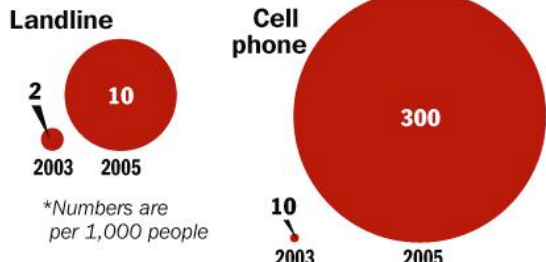
Safe water access 2006
13%

Electricity access 2006
6%

Gross Domestic Product (in billions of US dollars)



TELEPHONE USAGE



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