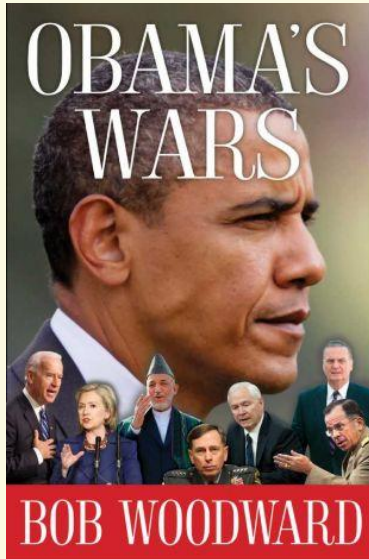


# Assignment #3

In *Obama's Wars*, Bob Woodward revealed arguments last winter over sending more forces to Afghanistan. The military asked for 40,000 more troops. VP Biden warned “we’re locked into Vietnam.” Pres. Obama decided to send 30,000 troops, but said he would begin to withdraw them next summer. Gen. Petraeus said drawdown must be “conditions-based.”



As Pres. Obama’s adviser, you will write him a Presidential Daily Briefing for the December 2010 review of Afghan war strategy:

Choose **either** why he should withdraw troops regardless of Petraeus’ advice **or** why he cannot start withdrawing in July

Give three arguments supporting your position, which might include: threats to U.S. national security; costs of continuing to fight; preparedness of Afghan army forces; reliability of Pres. Karzai’s government; U.S. public opinion and politics; encouraging/discouraging the Taliban & Al-Qaida; others ...

Support your PDB analysis by reference to any relevant theories of terrorism, insurgency, and/or counterinsurgency doctrine that you’ve learned in the course

Be sure to **cite all sources** you use; e.g., articles, books, lectures, conversations

**Due MONDAY, November 22 (also submit to SafeAssign)**

**Maximum word limit = 750.** Include name & student ID#, “Word Count = \_\_\_”.