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16 years later, our war with Afghanistan has become irrelevant

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In September 2016, the Cato Institute did a study of the threat posed by terrorists and found that since 9/11, an average of one American per year has died at the hands of foreign-born terrorists. Six a year have died if you include attacks by domestic terrorists.

At present, our war on terrorism includes sending troops to Afghanistan. After 9/11 we invaded Afghanistan to capture Osama Bin Laden and punish the Taliban for harboring terrorists. Sixteen years later we are still fighting in Afghanistan, where 2,350 American soldiers have died and 20,000 have been injured. The cost is \$3 billion a month.

Our never-ending war in Afghanistan has become largely irrelevant to the nature of the terrorist threat. It is true that at some time in the future a foreign-born fanatic may drive a pickup truck into a crowd of people in a major American city, but it is not likely the war in Afghanistan would have deterred him.