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Viewing questions for Charlie Wilson's War

1. Why is there such a giant refugee problem from Afghanistan to places like Iran and Pakistan? What is going on in Afghanistan?
2. Why would Pakistan want money to help alleviate the refugee problem?
3. Why would giving 10 million dollars to Afghanistan be a "joke"? *Think about who they really fighting and how powerful that country was.*
4. Why should the arms and funding flow through Pakistan?
5. What does Charlie see when he visits the refugee camps in Pakistan?
6. What stories does he hear in the refugee camps?

7. Harold Holt says "an influx of money and weaponry would draw attention." That is brought up throughout the movie, why did Harold say that? What does he mean? Why didn't he want the money and weapons flowing into Afghanistan?

8. How much US emphasis was put on Afghanistan as compared to the Cold War in other places?

9. Discuss the quote, "That is how the Cold War turns into an actual war and we don't want that."

10. Discuss the quote, "America doesn't fight religious wars." Why could this not be made into a religious war?

11. "Pakistan and Israel will have to appear to be enemies in the public eye." Why does the Pakistani leader say this

12. The budget to Afghanistan from the US was originally \$5 million. What was the budget at the end?

13. What was so significant about Afghanistan beating the Soviets?

14. How does Gust's Zen Master story relate to Afghanistan? What does Charlie/the US need to do?

15. Why would it be so important to help rebuild Afghanistan after their defeat of the Soviets?

16. Why was Charlie not able to get \$1 million to help rebuild schools in Afghanistan? In what other region was the US spending their money to help rebuild?

17. What is meant by the end quote:

"These things happened. They were glorious and they changed the world...
...and then we (messed) up the end game." - Charlie Wilson