

Afghanistan

Bush's Approach

Bush attempted to take Afghanistan by force, and also through convincing the people of Afghanistan that the US was there to protect them. He also never really tried to rebuild Afghanistan, which may have stopped the Taliban and other groups from coming back again and again.

Obama's Vision

Obama seeks to try to restore peace through diplomacy with the people in Afghanistan, and to rebuild so that troops can pull out. He also is authorizing more troops to go into Afghanistan, so he's not putting all his eggs in one basket.

How does the President-elect's emerging foreign policy vision differ from the Bush doctrine?

While president Bush believed that the US was powerful enough to take Afghanistan by force, this was not the case. Obama must have a new foreign policy in place if he wants to improve relations with the rest of the world and move into the new century with a fighting chance. And it looks as though he does.