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Title: Two bad options: On US' push for Afghan unity government with Taliban

The article at hand takes into account the issue of the US opting to pull its troops out of war-torn Afghanistan as the author contemplates the after-effects of the move.

President Biden's attempt to press for an interim unity government is an ugly assessment of what lies ahead. The peace talks have been held at a time when the US is preparing to recall its army from Afghanistan.

However, the US is skeptical of the Taliban's intentions after it departs from the nation. American believes if it backs off from Afghanisation without any peace agreement, the Taliban would wreak havoc on the already depleted nation.

Hence, to avoid this, the US is planning to propose an interim government between the conflicting parties. The author believes India and Pakistan can play a decisive role in making this transition smooth.

Besides, the author also advocates the need for having a more inclusive approach in which the US keeps the perspectives of all the parties in mind.

But even if the Afghan government and Biden administration go with or without this option, there is no way peace can be guaranteed. It's like being in between a rock and a hard place.

Words to look out for

Grim:

- **Synonyms:** fierce, hostile, ungentle
- **Antonyms:** meek, easy, tranquil
- **Word usage:** The grim circumstances under which he did the job was commendable.

Envoy:

- **Synonyms:** agent, ambassador, delegate
- **Antonyms:** customer, client, consumer
- **Word usage:** A group of envoys was sent for training by the company.

Consensus:

- **Synonyms:** agreement, accord, harmony
- **Antonyms:** disagreement, disparity, variance
- **Word usage:** Establishing a consensus within the team is an important task for a manager.

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