## Afghan feminists should be on the first plane out

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**With the last American soldier** now <u>reinstituting</u> their Sharia rules about women never being able to leave their homes naked-faced or without a male minder.

<u>written</u> <u>honor murdered</u> their daughters and sisters for refusing to veil properly, and for developing friendships or romantic alliances with infidels.

I am not suggesting that such men are also likely to become terrorists or that Afghan boys will necessarily become radicalized in American mosques or via the internet. But it's a thought, yes?

While we can no longer afford to expend blood and treasure in Afghanistan, how much money can America afford in order to

feed, shelter, educate, and provide health care for a demographic that may not want to assimilate?

Do we have an alternative? Actually, we do.

If we are going to rescue Afghans from the barbaric Taliban, why not focus on the women who staffed the shelters for battered women in Kabul and Herat; the female physicians, teachers of girls, naked-faced television journalists, police officers, parliamentarians — or in short, those Afghans who have already rebelled against Islamist misogyny and who are most likely to embrace Western ways? They are the very Afghans most likely to be shot down dead by the Taliban for their "Western" ways.

Let's save them.

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