Role of Afghan Women

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Overview of Afghanistan

- Economy based on subsistence agriculture.
- Government consisted of ethno-tribes.
- Country’s identity is composed of: nationalism, Islam, and modernization.
Women’s Roles Before the Taliban

- Women were protected under the law.
- Women were given rights pertaining to basic human rights, marriage, divorce, and property rights.
- According to the Quran, women are seen as equal to men.
Examples

Civil Wars

- Late 1970s: prime minister versus Mujahdeen:
- 1979: Russian Invasion by the Soviet Union.

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Beginning of the Taliban

- Battle between Soviet Union and Mujahdeen:
- Religious schools for refugees.
Beginning of the Taliban Continued

- Taliban returns to Afghanistan.
- Afghanistan is destroyed by civil wars:
Taliban’s Rules

• Women were required to “bring up the next generation of Muslims.”
Women’s Roles During the Taliban

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Fall of the Taliban

• Taliban linked with al-Qaeda.

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Effect on Afghanistan Due to the United States

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The New Beginning…
Women’s Roles After the Taliban

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