

“Today, the Oversight Committee welcomes four United States inspectors general to provide insight into the Biden Administration’s handling of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan—before, during, and after the fall of Kabul to the Taliban.

No single hearing can tell two decades’ worth of decisions that could’ve been made differently. Those decisions are debatable. What is not debatable is the catastrophe the Biden Administration delivered in the War’s final months, weeks, and days.

Americans watched as people so desperate to flee clung to the landing gear of airplanes taking off and fell from the sky when the planes did not stop. Americans watched as parents handed their infants over to U.S. soldiers. And they watched as billions of dollars of U.S. equipment—trucks, aircraft, weaponry—was just abandoned to the Taliban.

Today, the Taliban flag flies over Kabul... This is Joe Biden’s legacy.

The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan has consequences that will not go away overnight, despite the Biden Administration’s hope that the American people will forget.

Today’s hearing will be the first in a series to examine President Biden’s botched withdrawal from Afghanistan. The Inspectors General here today have years of expertise when it comes to monitoring U.S. taxpayer dollars in Afghanistan. They have identified billions in waste, fraud, and abuse in warfighting and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

The goal of today’s hearing is simple: explore the facts. These IGs will help us understand the factors and decisions that ultimately led to the collapse as well as the continued risks to U.S. taxpayer dollars going to Afghanistan.”