# ARRIVAL COMING TO AMERICA

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#### My conversation

I had an interview with a student that is part of the recently arrived student population here at Highland High School.

He was from afghanistan.



## Short History of the last two decades in Afghanistan

#### 2000

By now considered an international terrorist, bin Laden is widely believed to be hiding in Afghanistan, where he is cultivating thousands of followers in terrorist training camps. The United States demands that bin Laden be extradited to stand trial for the embassy bombings. The Taliban decline to extradite him. The United Nations punishes Afghanistan with sanctions restricting trade and economic development.

#### Aug. 26, 2021

Two suicide bombings occur outside the Kabul airport as thousands of Afghans try to flee the country following the Taliban's takeover. The bombings killed at least 169 Afghans and 13 U.S. troops. The extremist group ISIS-K, the affiliate of the terror group ISIS, which uses the "K" to reference an old name for Afghanistan, Khorasan, claimed responsibility for the explosions. That group first appeared in eastern Afghanistan in late 2014. Aug. 26 is the deadliest day for American troops in the country since 2011.



## Issued face by Refugees from Afghanistan

#### Economic issues



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Food insecurities



#### Issued face by Refugees from Afghanistan

Human Right violations from the Taliban



#### CONVERSATION

- 1. What made you decide to come to the U.S. and why?
- 2. Who came with you and how did you cross over? Was it a big challenge?
- 3. How can you explain to me how you felt in the moment when you left and who did you leave behind? Was it hard to leave your culture and adapt to a new culture?

#### CONVERSATION

- 1. When you arrived in the U.S what state were you in and what did you do to survive to get a home and a job?
- 2. Was it worth going through what you did to get here in the U.S.?

#### Responses

ShaFiqullah responses were very clear and how he expressed his feelings about him leaving the question was Was it worth going through what you did to get here in the U.S.? he said "i don't regret leaving because i know my family is doing better and has a better future in school and in studying.." he knows the life he is living now is better than it was over there.

#### Responses

Why he moved here was because of money problems and the problems that were they going through the question was "what made you decide to come to the U.S. and why?" he took the question and really thought about it he didn't say much but he does miss his family that is over there but he knows they made the right decisions to come down here.

#### My Take Away

- I am glad he made it to the US so he can have a fresh start in life after the war, famine, and government takeover by the Taliban.
- I am glad I live in a country that can help out political refugees.

