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## Aid Groups Dismiss US Claims of Afghan War Progress

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The Obama Administration's [repeated official claims in the past few weeks that the Afghan War has turned some sort of corner and is improving](#), however slightly, is drawing increased scorn from the aid groups and other NGOs that have to face the actual security situation, as opposed to the reported situation.

[“The situation is a lot more insecure this year than it was last year,”](#) noted NGO Safety Office director Nic Lee, adding that [“we don't see COIN has had any impact on the five-year trajectory,”](#) which has been, of course, a precipitous increase in violence coupled with repeated escalations by the US.

But while a number of aid workers are expressing a sentiment that is afoul of the President's recent public “report” on the war, it is in strong keeping with the Pentagon's publicly available, but much less publicized, [report](#) to Congress that was released just weeks prior.

That report also made vague claims of “progress” early on, but its content was universally negative and painted the picture of a war getting seriously worse and an insurgency getting stronger despite all the efforts against them.