1. What will likely be the lasting political, strategic, and military repercussions on America from the defeat in Afghanistan, and how might it have been avoided?

2. Which superpower will now inherit concessions in Afghanistan and will it suffer the same consequences as all others?

3. Was the Afghan democratic military viable with air support, or doomed to fail no matter what the U.S. did?

4. Will enemies see the disaster as a one-off aberration or see the defeat as endemic U.S. weakness to be exploited globally?

5. Who is properly to blame for the fall of Afghanistan? The U.S. military? Intelligence services? The Biden administration? Prior U.S. policies under three previous presidents?