

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

Referring to the application of theoretical framework for the thesis, this research seeks to answer the question ‘Why would the United States continue conducting military intervention in Afghanistan and Syria despite its shortfall to fulfill the R2P principles?’ This thesis concludes that the continuity of the US military intervention in Afghanistan and Syria persist albeit the fact that the R2P pillars not being fulfilled responsibly due to the existence of US’ Vital Interest at play which correlates with the prospect over its survivability. The existence of terrorism, concerning human rights atrocities, and extensive use of chemical weapon in Syria and Afghanistan categorizes as part of contention in the US national interest, which result to its determination to continue its military intervention over the possibility of threat it poses towards the US survival. Hence, the action of military intervention pursued by the US signals its willingness to ensue the ‘defense of the homeland’, resulting in the degree of disregard to the fulfillment of R2P by the US.

The extent of disregard towards the R2P conducted by the US can be seen as a behavior towards the absence of higher authority which can ensure its survival, thus enabling the US to undergo a self-help condition in the matter. The US has made significant efforts through UNSC such as raising the concerns in regards of the atrocities faced by the Syrian population. The actions are in line with one of the R2P aspects which calls for the recognition of ‘early warning’ to enable

international community prepares for a collective action in handling the mass atrocities crimes in Afghanistan and Syria. However, the vetoes by Russia and China impacted the US narratives to pursue UNSC authorization to act earlier in Syria. After entering its era of military intervention in Syria, this research also found the lack of moral obligations by the US in Syria supported by the fact over lack of accountability that leads to undocumented and high number of civilian casualties across Syria.

In Afghanistan however, the US can be seen to have it success ever since the establishment of Afghanistan Interim Government which gained fast recognition for its legitimacy in support for the political reconstruction that were suggested as solution by the US in regard to the concerning situation in Afghanistan. Even so the US has provided significant assistance towards the Afghanistan government, this research finds that the amount of aid from US precede more than 400% in comparison to the Afghanistan' government military spending. Without overlooking the fact over its massive economic and military assistance towards Afghanistan, the towering amount of US foreign assistance led this research to belief that Afghanistan had become under the US reign.

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