

The Tyranny Of Color Coded Maps: What We Get Wrong About Measuring Control During Armed Conflict

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After a stunning military advance, the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in August 2021. This seemingly sudden takeover, with hundreds of districts falling like dominos, took most observers by surprise. After all, [maps](#) had long shown most of Afghanistan's districts under government control, with the Taliban holding just a small share.

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