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Skim the following excerpt from page 4 of *War in Afghanistan and Iraq* for the main idea.

### AFGHAN CONFLICT

There are many different tribal groups in Afghanistan, and they sometimes fight among themselves. The country has suffered through several civil wars (fighting between groups within a country).

A group called the Taliban ruled in the 1990's and is now trying to retake the government of the country. Military forces from the United States and other countries are fighting to keep them from returning to power.

The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_

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