

# **India's foreign policy : Culture and its consequences**

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This paper will focus on India's foreign policy from pre independence to the present day. It is divided into three distinct sections with impact of culture and its consequences. It will also attempt to explain the underlying reasons for these policies, India's initial orientation, and subsequent shifts that occurred over time. The first section deals with the period from pre independence to 1962, and India's aspirations evolve: interaction with international culture and socialization, the second deals India's aspirations evolve during (1962 to 1991), and the third India's stand After-1991 to the present. The choice of these seven segments is far from arbitrary. This brings to the fore the issue of Indian strategic culture and its impact on shaping Indian foreign and security policy. This chapter examines the contemporary Indian foreign policy culture and the consequences it has had on Indian foreign and security policies.