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Abstract

The end of cold war era saw a change in the international order with America's emergence as a sole super power in the international arena. This also marked a starting of a positively transformed relation between India and United States, which reached its peak in the presidency of George W Bush that is the post 9/11 world order. Today the convergence of interests between the two nations in this new world order has led them to shed the bitterness and suspicion of the past and both of them strongly seek a stronger partnership in future. Hence this thesis will seek to analyze indo-us strategic relations with special emphasis on defence, economics and the strategic environment that affect both countries directly with special attention on long term prospects for a future alliance. In the year 2009, the leader of these two great countries came up with an ambitious target: to transform their "natural bilateral partnership" into a strategic and global partnership". This requires a lot of systematic efforts indeed, as there are a lot of foreign policy differences that act as obstacles in their relation turning into a formal alliance. Yet we see there are many common grounds and signs that indicate the potential of the U.S.- India partnership successfully turning into one of the world major alliances; with a significant impact on the development of the international relations in the 21st century. Hence the purpose of this thesis is analyze and trace the emergence of a likely D2, that is a strong partnership between US and India, two largest democracies as the most crucial strategic alliance of coming decades.

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