

# Indo-USA Relations: A Three-Level Analysis (Individual, National, and International) of the Cold War and Post-Cold War Era

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**Abstract:** *Indo-American ties have developed through intricate dynamics influenced by leadership, national interests, and global geopolitical changes. This article utilises a three-tiered analysis—individual, national, and international—to investigate the evolution of bilateral relations during the Cold War and post-Cold War periods. Prominent figures like Jawaharlal Nehru and John F. Kennedy significantly influenced the initial Indo-US relations, characterised by India's non-alignment policy and US geopolitical considerations during the Cold War. Following the Cold War, leaders such as Bill Clinton and Narendra Modi enhanced relations via diplomatic and economic collaboration. Nationally, policy changes in India, especially the economic liberalisation of 1991, profoundly altered Indo-US relations. The ideological disparities during the Cold War, coupled with India's strong affiliations with the Soviet Union, engendered tension. In the post-Cold War era, aligning economic and security objectives resulted in enhanced collaboration in commerce, defence, and technology. At the international level, Cold War bipolarity limited Indo-US relations, since the US preferred Pakistan for strategic reasons. The dissolution of the Soviet Union and China's emergence as a global power reconfigured geopolitical alignments, resulting in enhanced Indo-US cooperation on counterterrorism, regional security, and Indo-Pacific strategy. This three-tiered research underscores the dynamic and evolving characteristics of Indo-US relations, illustrating how leadership, domestic policies, and global power frameworks have shaped bilateral connections from the Cold War to the contemporary day*

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