

# Fareed Zakaria

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CNN Host  
Analyst  
*ABC News*

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**Editor of *Newsweek International*, columnist and CNN Host** Fareed Zakaria, described by *Esquire* as “the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation,” is widely respected for his ability to spot economic and political trends around the world.

Dr. Zakaria oversees all of *Newsweek*'s editions abroad, and his cover stories and columns — on subjects from globalization and emerging markets to the Middle East and America's role in the world — reach more than 25 million readers weekly. He also is the host of a weekly international news program, *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, that airs on CNN worldwide.

His new national bestseller, *The Post-American World* (April '08), is about the “rise of the rest” — the growth of China, India, Brazil and many other countries — and what it means for the future. His previous bestseller, *The Future of Freedom*, has been translated into 20 languages and was called “a work of tremendous originality and insight” by *The Washington Post*.

Born in India and educated at Yale and Harvard, he has served as an analyst for *ABC News*, a roundtable member on *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*, and host of *Foreign Exchange* on PBS. At age 28, he became the youngest managing editor in the history of *Foreign Affairs*.

One of Jon Stewart's favorite guests on *The Daily Show*, Zakaria has appeared on *Charlie Rose*, *The NewsHour* and *BBC World News* and written for such publications as *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. His numerous honors include the Overseas Press Club Award and the Deadline Club Award for Best Columnist. ❖



## SUGGESTED TOPICS

*Globalization: A New World*

*The Future of Freedom*

*The Energy Problem - And Solution*

*The Next Security Crisis: Global Threats & U.S. Foreign Policy*

*Emerging Markets: Challenges & Opportunities*

*The Politics & Culture of the Global Economy*



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## BIOGRAPHY

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**F**areed Zakaria was named editor of *Newsweek International* in October 2000, overseeing all of *Newsweek's* editions abroad. He writes a regular column for *Newsweek*, which also appears in *Newsweek International* and often *The Washington Post*. He

has served as an analyst for ABC News, a roundtable member on *This Week with George Stephanopoulos*, and host of *Foreign Exchange* on PBS. In Spring 2008 he launched a new weekly foreign affairs program for CNN Worldwide called "Fareed Zakaria GPS." On the program Zakaria conducts in-depth interviews with a world leaders, such as Henry Kissenger, Tony Blair, Condoleeza Rice and Barack Obama.

Zakaria came to *Newsweek* from *Foreign Affairs*, the widely-circulated journal of international politics and economics, where he was managing editor. Prior to joining *Foreign Affairs*, Zakaria ran a major research project on American foreign policy at Harvard University, where he taught international relations and political philosophy. He has written for such publications as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic*, and the webzine *Slate*. He is the author of *From Wealth to Power: The Unusual Origins of America's World Role* (Princeton University Press), which has been translated into several languages, and co-editor of *The American Encounter: The United States and the Making of the Modern World* (Basic Books).

Zakaria's new book, *The Post American World*, is about the "rise of the rest" – the growth of China, India, Brazil and many other countries – as the great story of our time. It was published in May 2008 and became an immediate *New York Times* bestseller. He also wrote *The Future of Freedom* (2003), a global analysis of how democracy has changed every aspect of our lives — from economics and technology to politics and social relations. This book also became an international bestseller and has been translated into about 20 languages.

Zakaria has won two Overseas Press Club Awards with *Newsweek* reporting teams and has been nominated for two National Magazine Awards. He won the Deadline Club Award for Best Columnist and numerous honors for his October 2001 *Newsweek* cover story, "Why They Hate Us," which the *Boston Globe* said, "ought to be mandatory reading in every home in America." In 1999, he was named "one of the 21 most important people of the 21st Century" by *Esquire* Magazine. He serves on the boards of the Trilateral Commission, the International Institute of Strategic Studies and The Council of Foreign Relations, among others.

He received a B.A. from Yale and a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard. He lives in New York City with his wife, son and two daughters. ❖



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Emerging Markets:  
Challenges & Opportunities

The Future of Freedom

The Future of the Middle East

China's Rise:  
The World's Biggest Story

Globalization:  
A New World

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*Change*  
*China*  
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*Democracy*  
*Developing World*  
*Diversity*  
*Economics*  
*Elections*  
*Emerging Markets*  
*Finance*  
*Foreign Affairs*  
*Free trade*  
*Freedom*  
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*Globalization*  
*Hate*  
*History*  
*India*  
*International Relations*  
*Iran*  
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## AUDIENCE COMMENTS

“He was excellent. Thank you! The clients that I talked to found him to be brilliant and engaging.”

*Driehaus Capital Management*

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“Fareed Zakaria was absolutely superb... He’s a remarkable person, an invaluable global thinker and an extraordinarily nice and gracious person.”

*World Affairs Council of Jacksonville*

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“Fareed Zakaria did a wonderful, wonderful presentation. Everyone was raving about it, and actually the (University) President said he was looking forward to having him come back.”

*University of Central Florida*

“Fareed is an outstanding speaker... He provided an interesting perspective on the state of the world that included political, social, and economic factors. He is exceptionally credible and his handling of the Q&A session was as good as any I have seen.”

*T. Rowe Price*

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“It was an amazing event...We sold out of all tickets. (He) spoke for over an hour without a note. Applause went on and on both after the speech and the Q & A.”

*Kaplan JCC of the Greater Palm Beaches*

“He was great. The audience was really impressed. They finally had to cut off the questions and answers because dinner was waiting and they had to go eat.”

*EMC Corporation*

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“Cogent...Intelligent...Incredible sense of history & philosophy applied to current world events.”

*Chautauqua Institution*

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“Perfect for a business audience – a superb mix of insights, out-of-the-box thinking and good humor.”

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“...mesmerized his listeners with insights into the current international situation...a life-changing and inspirational event for many of our students.”

*Cameron University*

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“...extremely provocative and informative and I think he delivered exactly what we were looking for...”

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“The Singapore audience was dazzled by his wit, intelligence and persuasive arguments. They were very impressed.”

*The Institute of Policy Studies*

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“Wow! Fareed was a powerful speaker. He enlightened us all.”

*Town Hall South*

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“Fareed was absolutely terrific. A superb speaker and a delightful person.”

*Hoover Institution, Stanford University*

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“The event went exceedingly well and in fact Fareed was voted the best speaker.”

*BOC Group, PLC*

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“Thanks so much for a wonderfully cogent presentation last night. You made us see things so clearly, and it was a delight to follow your thoughts.”

*Cheltenham Township Adult School*

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“Fareed delivered an excellent, thought-provoking presentation.”

*Novo Nordisk A/S*

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“I wanted to take a moment to thank you personally for an excellent presentation. It was thoughtful, on point and stimulating.”

*Baker Capital*

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“...down to earth, did his homework — clearly targeting his remarks to us. ...received positive reviews from all the participants.”

*Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc.*

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“Enlightening, engaging, intelligent all describe Dr. Zakaria and his talk...a standing ovation from the crowd of 500.”

*Wilkes University*

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“Fareed was great. His speech was pointed, punchy and delivered with panache.”

*India Today Group*

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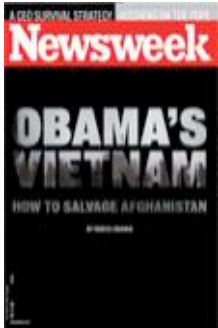


#### **Newsweek cover story: Learning to Live With Radical Islam**

(February 28, 2009)

We don't have to accept the stoning of criminals. But it's time to stop treating all Islamists as potential terrorists.

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#### **Newsweek cover story: How to Salvage Afghanistan**

(January 31, 2009)

We're better at creating enemies in Afghanistan than friends. Here's how to fix that —and the war, too.

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#### **Newsweek cover story: How To Fix The World**

(Dec 8, 2008)

Wanted: A New Grand Strategy - The next U.S. president faces a unique opportunity to put in place an architecture of peace for the 21st century.

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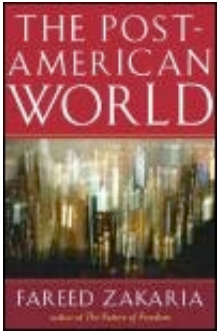


#### **Newsweek cover story: The Bright Side**

(October 11, 2008)

The crisis has forced the United States to confront bad habits developed over the past few decades. If we can kick those habits, today's pain will translate into gains.

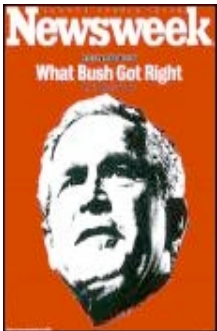
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### **The Post-American World** (Publication Date: May '08)

"This is not a book about the decline of America, but rather about the rise of everyone else." So begins Fareed Zakaria's important new work on the era we are now entering. Following on the success of his best-selling *The Future of Freedom*, Zakaria describes with equal prescience a world in which the United States will no longer dominate the global economy, orchestrate geopolitics, or overwhelm cultures. He sees the "rise of the rest"—the growth of countries like China, India, Brazil, Russia, and many others—as the great story of our time, and one that will reshape the world. The tallest buildings, biggest dams, largest-selling movies, and most advanced cell phones are all being built outside the United States. This economic growth is producing political confidence, national pride, and potentially international problems. How should the United States understand and thrive in this rapidly changing international climate? What does it mean to live in a truly global era? Zakaria answers these questions with his customary lucidity, insight, and imagination.

(Source: W.W. Norton)



### **What Bush Got Right** (Newsweek Cover Story August 2008)

**For the next president, simply reversing this administration's policies is not the answer.**

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### **The Rise of the Rest** (Newsweek Cover Story May 2008)

It's true China is booming, Russia is growing more assertive, terrorism is a threat. But if America is losing the ability to dictate to this new world, it has not lost the ability to lead. This cover story is an excerpt from Zakaria's latest book, *The Post-American World*.

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### **"India Rising: Asia's Other Powerhouse Steps Out"** (Newsweek cover story, March 2006)

China's got company. Bursting with energy, India's having its moment in the sun. In this *Newsweek* cover story, Fareed Zakaria looks at what this means for America " and the world.

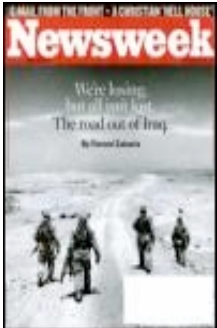
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### **After Bush** Newsweek Cover story

*Newsweek* International Editor Fareed Zakaria writes an essay about restoring America's place in the world after the Bush administration hands the reins over to a new president. Zakaria also discusses presidential hopefuls and his hopes that they will not make the same mistakes of the past or follow the same route as the Bush administration. As a whole, the United States needs to move past its fear of being attacked by terrorists and focus on how to best respond and bounce back. "To recover its place in the world, America needs to recover its confidence," Zakaria writes.



### **Rethinking Iraq: The Way Forward** (Newsweek cover story, November 2006)

It is past time to confront reality says Zakaria. To avoid total defeat, the United States must reduce and redeploy its troops and nudge the Iraqis toward a deal. In this cover story, he explains how.

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### **"The Earth's Learning Curve"** (February 2006, Newsweek Special Edition)

In this essay, written exclusively for *Newsweek's* Special Edition, "The Knowledge Revolution: Issues 2006," produced in cooperation with the World Economic Forum, Zakaria explains how the spread of knowledge defines our times and what nations that learn faster need to do, not only to prosper, but to endure.



### **"China's Might"** (Newsweek cover story, May 2005)

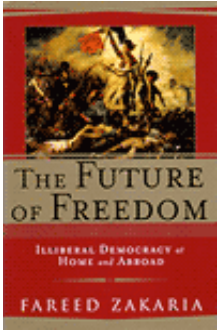
Great powers are not born every day. The list of current ones " America, Britain, France, Germany, Russia " has been mostly the same for two centuries. Now China has arrived, its rise no longer a prediction but a fact. With its epic growth, how soon until China rivals U.S. pre-eminence? In this cover story, Zakaria investigates whether the world can handle a second superpower.



### **"What Bush Got Right"** (Newsweek cover story, March 2005)

Slowly but surely, from Iraq to Lebanon, there is cautious optimism in the Arab world in the wake of President Bush's pre-emptive war against Saddam, a war that has, along with Arafat's death, given fresh urgency to the push for freedom. In this cover story, Zakaria explains "Where Bush was right" and how, if he can overcome "the little stuff, he'll change the world."

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### **The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad**

Liberty and Democracy. The two go hand in hand in popular thinking, fused by more than two hundred years of U.S. history. More democracy means more freedom. Or does it? At a time when democracy is transcendent, the one political system whose legitimacy is unquestioned, this deeply important book points out the tensions between democracy and freedom. "...a work of tremendous originality and insight," said *The Washington Post*.

(Source: Norton, W. W. & Company, Inc.)



### **"So What's Plan B?"**

(*Newsweek* cover story, September 2003)

When a truck bomb ripped into the U.N.'s Baghdad compound, terrorists killed more than 20 people and took the violence in Iraq to another level. In a special report, Zakaria explores why Washington's "plan A" for the peace isn't working and offers prescriptive solutions.

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### **"How to Win the Peace"**

(*Newsweek* cover story, April 2003)

Improving on Saddam's rule, says Zakaria, will be easy. "(Hint: Don't gas people.)" Democracy, on the other hand, will take hard work. "Don't believe that oil riches will make it easier," warns Zakaria. "And above all, don't rush in."

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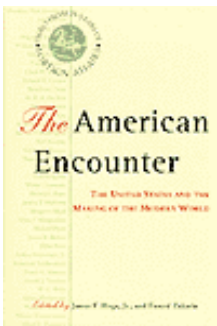


### **"Why America Scares the World"**

(*Newsweek* cover story, March 2003)

America's unprecedented power scares the world, and the Bush administration has only made it worse. Dr. Zakaria explains how we got here and what we can do about it now.

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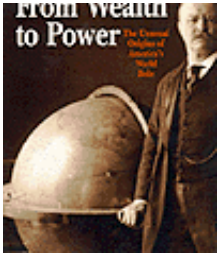


### **The American Encounter: The United States and the Making of the Modern World**

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of *Foreign Affairs*, the most widely circulated journal of foreign policy, this remarkable collection gathers the most important essays from the past and present issues.



### **From Wealth to Power: The Unusual Origins of America's World Role**



What turns rich nations into great powers? How do wealthy countries begin extending their influence abroad? These questions are vital to understanding one of the most important sources of instability in international politics: the emergence of a new power. Political scientist Fareed Zakaria seeks to answer these questions by examining the most puzzling case of a rising power in modern history--that of the United States.



### "After the Evil"

(*Newsweek* cover story, December 2001)

In this *Newsweek* cover story, Dr. Zakaria explains why Washington's hands-off approach must go and why the first step to undermining extremism is to prod regimes into economic reform.

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### "Why They Hate Us"

(*Newsweek* cover story, October 2001)

Fareed Zakaria has written the cover story in the October 15th edition of *Newsweek*, a comprehensive examination of anti-American sentiment in the Middle East, which ultimately led to the September 11th attacks. In this Special Report, Dr. Zakaria tells us what we must do as a nation to prevent such tragic events from occurring in this and future generations.

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## In the News

**Zakaria named India Abroad Person of the Year 2008 \* Rediff.com**  
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***The New York Observer* discusses the President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai's, appearance on CNN's *Fareed Zakaria GPS***  
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**Zakaria's *The Post-American World* read by President Obama \***  
***The New York Times***  
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**Zakaria analyzes President Obama's inaugural address and what it means for the American people \* CNN**  
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**Zakaria's *The Post-American World* included on UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown's current reading list \* *The Guardian***  
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**A Conversation With Fareed Zakaria \* *The Charlie Rose Show***  
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**Fareed Zakaria Joins CNN as Host of International News Program \* *Inside Cable News***  
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***Newsweek's* Fareed Zakaria may yet land in Washington - *MarketWatch***  
(April 2007)

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***LA Times* on Zakaria \* *A Beautiful Mind* Made For Our Complicated Times**  
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