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Profile

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Host and blogger of CNN's *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, Editor at *TIME*, and columnist for *The Washington Post* Fareed Zakaria, PhD is a widely respected public intellectual best known for his in-depth analysis of geopolitics, economics, and international relations. *Esquire* described him as one of "the most important people of the 21st century."

Zakaria's weekly international affairs program, *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, and its companion blog, [Global Public Square](#), take a comprehensive look at news, trends, and policies breaking down the big issues and promoting conversation. Winner of a [2012 Peabody Award](#), the Emmy-nominated *GPS* features Zakaria leading fascinating panel discussions and one-on-one interviews with politicians, analysts, and newsmakers.

Considered a top global thinker, his articulate and engaging articles for *TIME* and [The Washington Post](#) reach more than 25 million readers every week. His work has also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Slate*. The recipient of numerous honors, Zakaria has won the Deadline Club Award for Best Columnist, a National Magazine Award, two Overseas Press Club Awards, and the Padma Bhushan.

Born in India and educated at Yale and Harvard, Zakaria became the youngest managing editor of *Foreign Affairs* at 28. [From 2000-2010](#) he was the editor of *Newsweek International*, overseeing the magazine's editions outside the US, in addition to writing a bi-weekly column for *Newsweek*.

Zakaria's books include *The New York Times* Best Seller *The Future of Freedom*, since translated into 20 languages; *The American Encounter*; and *From Wealth to Power*.

His international bestseller, *The Post-American World*, explores the "rise of the rest" — specifically the growth of the BRIC nations — and what this means for the future. In the most recent edition, [The Post-American World: Release 2.0](#), Zakaria reviews the power shifts he had identified, marvels at this quick evolution, and discusses new political and economic implications.

A favorite guest on *The Daily Show* who has also appeared on *Charlie Rose* and PBS *NewsHour*, Zakaria is recognized for his good humor, wit, and unique approach to international relations that combines the knowledge of a historian and the theoretical command of a political scientist. *The Boston Sunday Globe* observed "Zakaria...may have more intellectual range and insights than any other public thinker in the West."

Audience Comments

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

Suggested Topics

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The Rise of the Rest: The Post-American World

The Rise of the Rest: The Post-American World Fareed Zakaria 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. How should the United States understand and thrive in a rapidly changing international climate in which it will no longer dominate the global economy, orchestrate geopolitics, or overwhelm cultures? How will the global shift in power from West to East impact different parts of the world? Dr. Zakaria will explore what it means to live in a truly global era.

Is the American Dream Out of Reach?

Is the American Dream Out of Reach? The shifting global economic landscape has placed new and powerful pressures on the average American. And now a subpar-turned-floundering recovery in the U.S. and much of the developed world is creating new risks for the whole economic system. Fareed Zakaria describes these pressures and risks and analyzes whether governments have the capacity to make the changes that societies need to survive and flourish. Americans have assumed that hard work and a good education lead to good jobs, rising wages, and secure retirements. Is this a realistic prospect for the future or a dream?

The Future of Energy: The Challenges and the Solutions

The Economic Crisis: Lessons Learned -- and the Way Forward

The Economic Crisis: Lessons Learned -- and the Way Forward The bursting of a housing bubble in the U.S., unsustainable debt burdens, and highly leveraged banks triggered a financial crisis and global economic downturn that called into question the Western model of capitalism. Government spending, notably in the U.S. and China, along with repeated and the often concerted interventions by Central Banks have at various turns produced waves of liquidity, quelling fears of contagion and producing asset inflation in equities and commodities, the repair of corporate balance sheets, social unrest and complaints about the nationalization of bank bondholder losses, and signs of economic recovery from depressed levels. Hopes that a subpar recovery by historical standards will reach "escape velocity" and broad expectations that a new global downturn will be avoided are now met by concerns that there has been a kicking of the can down the road -- that the European sovereign debt crisis and the severe risk of contagion persist, and that money printing by Central Banks ultimately will result in a competitive debasing of currencies and varying degrees of stagflation in a multi-speed global economy. In this talk, Fareed Zakaria will explore the economics

and politics of where we've come from, what we've learned, and what the prospects are for companies and countries in a world of uncertainty and rising new powers on the global stage.

The Politics & Culture of the Global Economy

The Politics & Culture of the Global Economy How will globalization affect you, your business, your country? Understanding this requires mapping out the forces that have produced the global economy, assessing the lessons learned from the economic crisis, and determining how the different dimensions of globalization will change and exert their influence in the future. Understanding the global economy -- and how people, corporations and governments fit into it -- requires a far more complex understanding of the interaction of politics, culture, technology and economics.

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

The Future of the Middle East

Emerging Markets: Challenges & Opportunities

China's Rise: The World's Biggest Story

The Future of Freedom

The Future of Freedom 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, Dr. Zakaria will explore the tensions between democracy and freedom and between markets and mass politics.

Globalization: A New World

Globalization: A New World Since the end of the Cold War, there has tended to be in the United States a sense that the whole world was moving in one direction. The destruction of Soviet Communism meant that all of a sudden there was one economic model, one paradigm, one world, and we were all hurtling toward it. You just had to catch the globalization train, open up your markets, and you would grow rich and be happy -- and look a lot like America. But a funny thing happened along the way to this global nirvana. We realized that the world was a lot more complicated. What we forgot was that while economic forces were propelling countries to give up state socialism and central planning, and while technological forces were bringing the world closer--there were other things going on as well. Many countries had their own ways of getting economic growth, their own political history, political preferences, institutions, and culture. So that capitalism in Sweden, China, and Brazil all look very different from each other. And none looks that much like America. ...Sometimes these

historical, cultural forces play a larger role, a more damaging role. One of the things we have been obsessed with lately in the world is Islamic terrorism. The parts of the world where this problem comes from have a peculiar relationship to globalization. They can see, but they cannot touch. If you go around the Middle East, there are people who, because of the oil money, have access to the wealth, the consumerism and all the goodies of American capitalism, of Western capitalism. They can buy the cars, they can see the movies, they can eat the fast food, they can drink the soft drinks, but they can't make any of it. They can't truly own that process. They can't master it, because the oil money itself has produced a kind of weird dependency: It has made it unnecessary to modernize these societies. Why go through the hard work of building laws that favor entrepreneurship, that create sound money, that protect private property, that encourage economic growth, when all you need to do is dig a hole in the ground and sell the oil? These societies-I call them trust-fund countries-have easy access to unearned revenue, so the government doesn't need to do this hard stuff. This produces, however, economic stagnation and something worse: political stagnation. When a government doesn't have access to easy revenue, it has only one choice: to tax you. But in taxing you, it is making you very aware of that government, making you demand something of that government. You begin to demand things like accountability, transparency and good government. ...But the focus on this part of the world has obscured a broader phenomenon, of which the Middle East is just a part. Around the world, countries are finding a way to marry economics and technology with their own politics, culture and history. Brazil and Turkey: ten years ago, you would have thought of these two countries as completely classic Third World basket cases-1,000 percent inflation, nothing working, the government owns too much of the economy, no prospects. If you look at those countries today, they are impeccably managed, with very sound financial positions. Growth is at 5 percent or higher. Inflation is under 10 percent. Their credit ratings are good. They get clean bills of health from the IMF and the World Bank. But what's most astonishing is that they have democracies. They found a way to make it work. And it's actually happening not just in Brazil and Turkey. It's happening in the heart of Africa, with 14 countries growing at 4% or more, most impressive among them is the extremely well-managed regional giant, South Africa. Most importantly, it's happening in China and India. This is an extraordinary process, being fueled by economic and technological forces, but married to local context, culture, and politics. The natives are getting good at global capitalism. But they are doing it their way. Over the last five hundred years, the world has seen three seismic shifts of power with huge consequences. The first, around the 16th century, was the rise of the West, which has dominated the globe economically, politically and culturally ever since. The second, in the late 19th century, was the rise of the United States of America, the single most powerful country the world has ever seen, which has shaped global order for 75 years now. And the third is the rise of Asia, first Japan, and now China and India. This last shift is taking place before our very eyes. We, or children, and their children, will live with its fallout.

Areas of Interest and Expertise:

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| Afghanistan | Al-Qaeda | America |
| American Dream | Arab Spring | Asia |
| Brazil | BRIC | Business |

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| China | Columnists | Commencement Speakers |
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| Diversity | Economics | Egypt |
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| Free Trade | Freedom | Future |
| Geopolitics | Globalization | Guns & Gun Control |
| Hate | History | India |
| Infrastructure | International Relations | Iran |
| Iraq | Islam | Israel |
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| September 11th (9/11) | Sovereign Debt Crisis | Terrorism |
| Thought Leaders | Trade | United Nations |
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In Print

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TIME Cover Story: 'Obama's World'

Fareed Zakaria sits down with President Obama to discuss American foreign policy.

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(January 30, 2012)

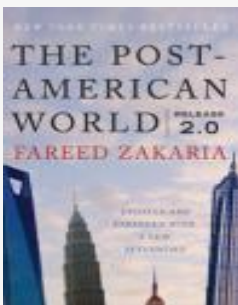


TIME Cover Story: When Will We Learn?

(November 14, 2011)

Either fix our schools or get used to failure.

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The Post-American World 2.0

The *New York Times* bestseller, revised and expanded with a new afterword: the essential

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update of Fareed Zakaria's international bestseller about America and its shifting position in world affairs.

"This is not a book about the decline of America but rather about the rise of everyone else." So begins Fareed Zakaria's blockbuster on the United States in the twenty-first century, and the trends he identifies there have proceeded faster than anyone anticipated. The 2008 financial crisis turned the world upside down, stalling the United States and other advanced economies. Meanwhile China, India, Brazil, and other emerging markets have surged ahead faster than before, coupling their economic growth with pride, nationalism, and a determination to shape their own future. In this new, 2.0 edition, Zakaria updates the original and makes sense of this rapidly changing world. He brings his trademark lucidity and intelligence to bear on America's toughest problem: in a new global era where the United States no longer dominates the worldwide economy, orchestrates geopolitics, or overwhelms cultures, can the nation continue to thrive?

Published 2011



TIME Cover Story: How to Restore the American Dream

(October 21, 2010)

The can-do country is convinced that it can't.

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TIME Cover Story: How Lessons of Iraq Paid Off in Libya

Winning from Behind: How The Lessons of Iraq Paid Off in Libya

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Time cover story: The Great American Downgrade

Why The Debt Crisis Has Hurt Growth and Our Position in the World

(August 8, 2011)

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TIME Cover Story: What If He Doesn't Go? Gaddafi's Last Stand

(March 24, 2011)

Fareed Zakaria asks, "How will the U.S. Get out of Libya?"

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TIME Cover Story: Yes, America Is in Decline

(March 3, 2011)

Fareed Zakaria asks, "Are America's best days behind us?"

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TIME Cover Story: Why There's No Turning Back in the Middle East

(February 17, 2011)

Why Fared Zakaria feels that this time in the Middle East, it's different.

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TIME Cover Story: Revolution. And What It Means for the Middle East

(February 3, 2011)

Fared Zakaria asks, "Can democracy work in the Arab world?"

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TIME Cover Story: Wen's World

(October 7, 2010)

The Real Challenge from China: Its People, Not Its Currency

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Newsweek Cover Story: How Bin Laden Lost the Clash of Civilizations

(February 12, 2010)

The Untold Story of the Triumph of Muslim Moderation.

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Newsweek Cover Story: The Post-Imperial Presidency

(December 6, 2009)

Our role as a strong and successful superpower is to make it possible for good things to happen—not just for Afghan schoolgirls, but for millions around the world.

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Is America Loosing its Mojo?

(November 14, 2009)

Innovation is as American as baseball and apple pie. But some traditions can't be trademarked.

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Newsweek Cover Story: Containing a Nuclear Iran

(October 3, 2009)

Zakaria says it's time to clarify the debate over Iran and its nuclear program.

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Newsweek Cover Story: Theocracy and Its Discontents

(June 20, 2009)

For three decades, the Iranian regime has wielded its power through its religious standing, effectively excommunicating those who defied it... For millions, perhaps the majority of Iranians, the regime has lost its legitimacy.

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Newsweek Cover Story: The Capitalist Manifesto

(June 13, 2009)

A case for why capitalism is still the world's most productive economic engine.

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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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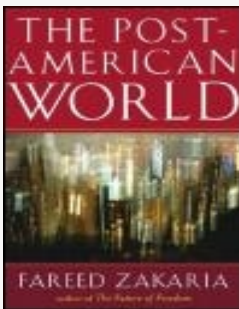


Newsweek Cover Story: The Bright Side

(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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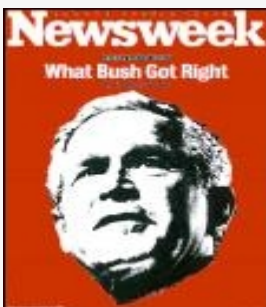


The Post-American World

"This is not a book about the decline of America, but rather about the rise of everyone else." So begins Fareed Zakaria's important 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.

Published 2008

(Source: W.W. Norton)



Newsweek Cover Story: What Bush Got Right

(August 2008)

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

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Newsweek Cover Story: The Rise of the Rest

(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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Newsweek Cover Story: India Rising: Asia's Other Powerhouse Steps Out

(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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Newsweek Cover Story: After Bush

(June 2007)

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.



Newsweek Cover Story: Rethinking Iraq: The Way Forward

(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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Newsweek Cover Story: The Earth's Learning Curve

(February 2006)

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.



Newsweek Cover Story: China's Might

(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.

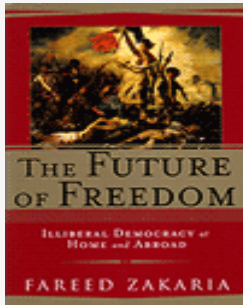


Newsweek Cover Story: What Bush Got Right

(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, 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*.

Published 2003

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



Newsweek Cover Story: So What's Plan B?

(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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Newsweek Cover Story: How to Win the Peace

(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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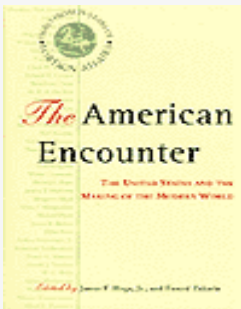


Newsweek Cover Story: Why America Scares the World

(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.

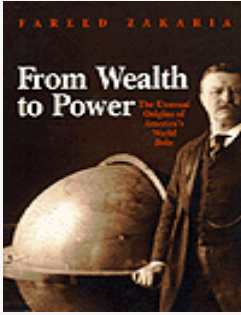
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The American Encounter: The United States and the Making of the Modern World

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.

Published 1997



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.

Published 1999



Newsweek Cover Story: After the Evil

(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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Newsweek Cover Story: Why They Hate Us

(October 11, 2001)

This *Newsweek* cover story is 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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Biography

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Since 2008, he has hosted *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, which airs Sundays worldwide on CNN. Dr. Zakaria's in-depth interviews with the Dalai Lama, heads of state including Barack Obama, Manmohan Singh, King Abdullah II, Dmitry Medvedev, Moammar Gadhafi and Lula da Silva, as well as countless intellectuals, business leaders, politicians and journalists have been broadcast in more than 200 million homes in over 210 countries. Within its first year, *GPS* garnered an Emmy nomination for an interview with Premier Wen Jaibao.

Dr. Zakaria was introduced as *TIME* Editor at Large in October 2010 after spending 10 years overseeing all of *Newsweek's* editions abroad. 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. While his columns have received many awards including a 2010 National Magazine Award, his October 2001 *Newsweek* cover story, “Why They Hate Us,” remains the most decorated. Before joining *Newsweek* in October 2000, he spent eight years as managing editor of *Foreign Affairs*, a post he was appointed to at only 28 years old.

The Post-American World, which is Dr. Zakaria's most recent book, was heralded in the *New York Times* book review as “...a relentlessly intelligent book” and *The Economist* called it “...a powerful guide” to facing global challenges. Like *The Post-American World*, his previous book, *The Future of Freedom*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and has been translated into over 20 languages.

Born in India on January 20, 1964, Dr. Zakaria went on to receive a B.A. from Yale College and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has received honorary degrees from numerous universities including Brown, the University of Miami, and Oberlin College. He currently serves as a Trustee of Yale University. He lives in New York City with his wife, son and two daughters.