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Defence And Strategic Perspectives Of Indo-US Relations In Post-Cold War Period

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ABSTRACT: The Indian sub-continent, as a matter of fact, has figured significantly in the security perceptions and policies of the US only spasmodically and mainly when it has been a theatre of involvement in larger confrontations, especially embracing the Soviet Union and sometimes the People's Republic of China as well. Therefore, the US security relationship (Defence and Strategic Relations) with and concerns regarding the nations of the Indian sub-continent should be viewed in the light of US global security policies and interests. They have been complicated by the conflictive relations that have usually prevailed between India and Pakistan, and by the efforts of the US, without conspicuous success, to maintain tolerable relations with both nations. That is why, the basic problem of Indo-US relations lies in the divergent security interests of the two states. Although many Americans are perplexed about various aspects of India's defence policies, few-if-any regard India as in any way a security threat to the US. But the Indian perception of the US seem to regard the country as a complicating factor in India's security efforts largely because of the military assistance given to Pakistan over a long period-starting from the fifties. But after the formation of NDA government in 2014 in India, there is a drastic change in Indo-US relations and the US has become more close to India. The present research paper highlights some major defence and strategic perspectives of indo-us relations

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INTRODUCTION: Actually, the US military aid to Pakistan has been a key factor in Indo-US security relations. From the very beginning of her relations with South Asian countries including India and Pakistan, the US showed more interest in her security relations with Pakistan. The US military aid to Pakistan created many problems for India in security relations with the US. But in spite of some critical events in Indo-Pak relations, India showed keen interest in her relations with the US particularly after Rajiv Gandhi's visit to USA in 1985. US defence industry was permitted to cooperate with India in the development of a light combat aircraft (LCA). In early 1987, India signed a contract to buy eleven