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Happy Thanksgiving



USPAK would like to wish its readers a safe and happy thanksgiving. At this time of Thanksgiving celebration our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm appreciation. Our best wishes for a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving .

About Thanksgiving Day: Thanksgiving Day is a national [holiday](#) celebrated as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations. Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, and has long been celebrated in a [secular](#) manner as well. [Read More](#)

USPAK EVENTS

Youth Leadership Conference Video

A short video has been developed by Qaisar Shareef, Lena Shareef, and Nasib Hafeez to cover and highlight the activities of the 5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference held at that APPNA Summer Convention from August 14-16th at the Gaylord Convention Center, Washington DC. Video can be viewed with eth following link <http://youtu.be/OCeJCzYaUF8>

NEWS

Obama's immigration reform: How it benefits Indians in the US

On Thursday night, when US president [Barack Obama](#) took recourse to executive action to push through a much anticipated immigration reform plan, there were sighs of relief heard in many pockets in the US that are home to Indian students and skilled workers. However, there is some reading of the fine print that many of them will need to do before they can uncork the champagne.

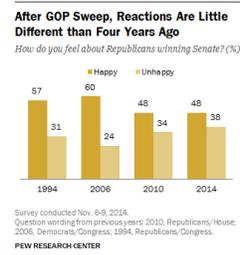
Unsurprisingly, the maximum benefits from [US immigration reforms](#) as far as Indians are concerned address the highly skilled workers — many of them on [H1B](#) and L1 work permits and waiting in long green card queues.

There are, in fact, thousands of [skilled Indians](#) in the US whose petitions (employment-based 2 & 3 categories) for green cards were filed many years back and have become subject to annual number caps and country-wise caps. "Thousands of Indians are waiting in the US in green card queues.

Most of them are on H1B extensions [beyond six years]. President Obama has directed the [US Citizenship](#) and Immigration Services and department of state to work things out so that visa numbers that remain unused from the total number cap are reallocated to those waiting in the line. How these unused numbers are to be allocated will become clear after the regulations are issued," says Mumbai immigration lawyer Poorvi Chothani. [Read more](#)

Little Enthusiasm, Familiar Divisions After the GOP's Big Midterm Victory

Most Expect Obama to Get Little Done Over Next Two Years

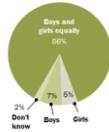


After a sweeping midterm election victory on Nov. 4, the Republican Party retook full control of Congress. But the public has mixed reactions to the GOP's big win – much as it did four years ago, after Republicans gained control of the House though not the Senate.

The post-election survey by the Pew Research Center finds that about half of Americans (48%) are happy the Republican Party won control of the Senate, while 38% are unhappy. That is almost a carbon copy of the public's reactions to the 2010 election: 48% were happy the GOP won control of the House, while 34% were unhappy. There was much greater public enthusiasm after the Democrats gained control of Congress in 2006, and after the GOP swept to victory in both the House and Senate in the 1994 midterm election. [Read More](#)

Most Pakistanis agree with Malala on educating girls BY RICHARD WIKE

Pakistanis Say It's Important to Educate Both Girls and Boys
Education is more important for ...

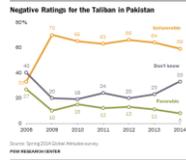


Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Malala Yousafzai's courageous advocacy for girls' education has inspired people across the globe, and today she [was awarded the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize](#). As a student at the school her father ran in Pakistan's Swat Valley, Malala became a well-known champion for educating girls. And ultimately, she also became a target for the Taliban, who violently oppose schooling for girls. A [Taliban gunman shot Malala](#) in October 2012, but today, at age 17, she has recovered from her injuries and now lives in Birmingham, England.

The vast majority of Pakistanis agree with Malala, not the Taliban, on the issue of girls' education. In a 2014 [Pew Research Center survey](#), 86% said education is equally important for boys and girls. This included 85% of men and 87% of women.

When we asked specifically about Malala in our 2014 poll, we found more Pakistanis expressing positive views about her (30%) than negative views (20%). However, roughly half did not have an opinion – something that could certainly change now that she's won what is arguably the world's most high profile honor.



Overall, the [Taliban has little support](#) in Pakistan. Anti-Taliban sentiments rose sharply in 2009, when, for a time, the militant group took control in much of the Swat Valley, which is within 100 miles of the capital Islamabad. [Read More](#)

INTERNSHIPS

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Other Internships

VIEWPOINT

Why's Al Qaeda So Strong? Washington Has (Literally) No Idea -Bruce Riedel

It's been more than 16 years since Al Qaeda declared war on America and its allies, civilians as well as military, whenever and wherever they could be found. Terror, said Osama bin Laden, was a "moral duty" against "Crusaders" like the Americans, and the Jews, and what he decreed to be their Muslim collaborators. The young people who answered the call of al Qaeda, he said, would be like knights of old under the Prophet Mohammed's banner.

That was well before 9/11. From the beginning, al Qaeda was building its plans for war on a foundation of ideas, and today its spin-offs like the self-declared Islamic State in Iraq and Syria are following much the same script. [Read More](#)

What a Republican-Controlled Senate Means for India - Alyssa Ayres

With the midterm elections in the United States decisively giving the Republican Party control of the Senate, and a stronger showing in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, speculation in Washington now centers on what a Republican Congress means for policy. In *The Water's Edge*, CFR's James M. Lindsay [argues](#) that Republican control will change foreign policy, but less than many might think. In *Foreign Policy*, Bruce E. Stokes argues that a more [aggressive foreign policy](#) might be on the offing. In the *Financial Times*, Shawn Donnan reports that Republicans have already offered up [trade as an area for cooperation](#) with the White House. So what does Republican control of Congress suggest for India and the U.S.-India

relationship? I'll focus on the Senate here since leadership transitions will take place in January for every committee. [Read More](#)

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