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Barack Obama once said, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change we seek.” I am speaking about the relationship between the United States and India. They are indeed natural allies, these two countries are beautiful in their own way, and they come together in very similar ways. Both the United States and India need a helping hand getting to the right place. They need to see how they connect in culture, history and common interests, seeing this they can also help each other with economic issues, education, security and health. India has a population of about 1.25 billion people and is known for its diversity of culture. Indian culture and history are extraordinary. According to Know India, a website with diverse facts about the country, until 1896, India was the only source of diamonds in the world? India is the birthplace of Hinduism and Buddhism. Hinduism is making peace of the mind, body and spirit. They have organized belief and strict rules. Buddhism is based on the teaching of Siddhartha Gautama Buddhism teaches people to see the beauty of themselves. India is also known for their film industry. They began making movies around 1896 using themes from mythology and literature.

The United States has a population of about 318.9 million people, and is also known for having a wide diversity of culture. The U.S is the home of the brave and the land of the free, having all types of religion here and ways to express yourself. Like India the entertainment is loved in the U.S making films, music videos and other media. Thousands of artist come to make their mark and become famous.

The United States and India history have their differences but the United States and India both wanted their independence. India fought for their independence from Britain just like the United States. They both wanted their rights, and liberty. Both had leaders encouraging them during their war of independence. India had Mahatma Gandhi, one of the greatest leaders in

Indian independence. India began campaigning against Britain using a way more peaceful method than the United States. They won their freedom but soon split into two countries, India and Pakistan. Britain and America went into war too. The first battle was fought in Lexington and Concord. The colonists were split into loyalist and patriot. One main event for America and Britain was the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776, which Americans won their independence.

According to researcher Dario, both the United States and India are struggling economically even though India is known for their diversity of culture, it's also known for poverty; Soutik Biswas says, about 360 million of India's population lives in poverty today. The United States is working hard to decrease poverty on the land, with funding services like food stamps and Homelessness Prevention Funds. The US is working hard to make sure no one goes without a meal. In India there are shortages of jobs and housing, lots of its people live on the street, some with children! Most of India's population depend on and focus on agriculture Dario also says. This is where the United States can step in; we can start a funding service in India. It can be a similar funding program to food stamps and we can also try to get jobs out there. This program can be for all people who are in need of a job or just a stable meal. Different companies and business can work side by side to obtain jobs to help people. United States can also teach them how to farm their own food, so they will never have to go hungry. Teaching them to learn how to grow their own crops can also help improve their economy. They can sell a portion of their crops to grocery stores or at food market.

In addition, to similar economic challenges, India and the United States have similar education systems. Most of the schools are funded and run by the government. There are also choices in which type of school in one can go to; most parents in India send their children to

private school because public schooling struggles with insufficient funding and staff shortage according to the 2009 Right to Education Act. This also happen in the United States as funding cuts are being made in every state. They have to lay off teachers and other staff. United States classrooms are overcrowded; programs are reduced in preschool and kindergarten. But. President Obama is trying to make that change; he is investing in education. If India and the United States come together to talk about education, the can be stronger on both parts. India schools are competitive when it is only dealing with learning and memorization. They don't really incorporate creativity or extra-curricular activities into education. The United States can help build creativity and funds for extracurricular activities in India, while India can help with learning and memorization.

The United States and India can help each other to seek the change they want. They can help each other strongly in education and with economic issues. Other funding program that the United States have is ObamaCare. It's an affordable insurance that accepts millions of people. It was signed by President Barack Obama. President Obama's goal to give more Americans access to affordable health and health care spending. If the United States can expand this ObamaCare to India it can help millions of others out, by giving them access to medicine they need or just a checkup at the doctors. They can also build more funding programs between India and the United States. They can help each other get the economies back on track and help each other in schools. So the United States and India can be great allies. Together, both can achieve a lot.

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