

The Indian Way

Dr Jaishankar exposing hypocrisy on world's indexes

I saw some strange index which somebody had done saying these are countries press freedom countries okay I think I was amazed at the number you know I thought we had the most controllable press and I mean somebody is getting something fundamentally wrong uh so I found I don't know Afghanistan was Freer than us, I mean Afghanistan can you imagine I mean where they actually, so, look these are all I mean I see a democracy index Freedom index religious freedom and express Freedom index these are all ways of playing mind games of you know elevating somebody you like doing down somebody you don't like I think we have to absorb it we have to combat it I agree with you we need to counter it

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To be very honest if there's one thing which baffles me about American thinking currently and to some extent European thinking

it is the obsession with Russia you know I think it's it's so emotional uh it's so this is Pakistan you know in a way we haven't yet passed laws of sanctions against [] in our own part of the world we get advice from other people saying you know be practical to be rational you can't not talk to the other guy okay they may be doing bad things but you've got to live with it you've got to get them into that then now you know for eign and I'm not sure it's even smart

S Jaishankar questions the credibility of UN

India will probably overtake China as the world's most populous country within this year is this effect of any political significance to India or is it just a mere statistic I would still say to a large extent it is a statistic large extent but you will have a situation where the world's most populous country is not among the permanent members of the Security Council and what does it say about the state of the U.N if that is the case

S Jaishankar explained India's position in new global order

There will always be two axes at this point I think it's an it's an understood accepted fact that you have the West U.S led you have China as the next uh potential access where does India fit into this which are you planning to not because no I'm sorry that is exactly where I disagree with you this is this is the construct you are trying to impose on me and I don't accept it I mean I don't think it's necessary for me to join this access or not and if I'm not joining this I must be with the other one I don't accept I mean I think I I am I'm one-fifth to the world's population I am bought today the fifth or sixth largest economy in the world I mean forget the history civilization bit everybody knows that but I I think I'm entitled to have me own side I'm entitled to weigh my own

interest make my own choices and my choices will will not be cynical and transaction but they will be a balance of my values and my interests

S Jaishankar on diplomacy

if I see you factually wrong if I see you selectively using facts if I see you distorting reality don't think diplomacy means I will shut up and put up I will not

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we do stand for something what I would not like to be defined as is standing against something or somebody because that diminishes me that makes it out as though some other people are the center of the world and I am only there to be for their mortgage I don't think actually I think I'm the center of the world but that doesn't matter