**India and Pakistan’s 70 Year Tension**

The tension between India and Pakistan is a strain dating back to the year of 1947 when the local ruler, also known as the maharaja, chose to accede to India instead of Pakistan after both of the countries' declarations of independence from Britain. This decision initiated a war between the two countries, as this arrangement was also providing India with reign over a region of land dubbed "Kashmir." Kashmir, being a holy contested between the two countries, was very much sought after by Pakistan, therefore motivating the country’s desire to start a war from the beginning. Despite the war only lasting two years, contempt for one another still hung heavily between the two countries, which still lingers today.  
  
 In recent news, it was reported that fifteen Muslim men were arrested for celebrating a Pakistan victory over India in a cricket match by locals within the country of India itself. From an American eye, this judgement is completely ridiculous and unfair. These men are simply proud of their country's victory in a simple sport and are partaking in harmless celebration, earning them jail time. As people growing up in the society such as ours, our instant thought isn’t “This must be a threat to us.” Unfortunately, the social construct of India is not the same as it is in America as many might assume at first. Praising your country in a place where the tensions are still high within said country can get you arrested, as mentioned prior. This is because of the fact that from each countries’ perspective, any indication of support for the opposing country can be interpreted as disloyalty, or even as far as a call for sedition, alike to the men arrested. This also isn't the first time a charge similar to one such as this has happened in either of these countries, and it certainly won't be the last. In countries similar to India and Pakistan, long-held grudges are very easily triggered and are difficult to avoid when you have simple passions similar to the fifteen men arrested.  
  
 Knowing all of this, it can be easy to recognize why there is so much severity between the two countries. With each country having trust issues with the other, it's hard to confirm or deny if they can overcome any obstacles. Seeing as though these issues are not only carry long historical ties, but emotional ties as well. These issues are open to be solved at any point in time, but with such a profound history between the two countries and a deeply rooted grudge, it can be almost an impossible issue to overcome. A probable solution could possibly be for the leaders to form a compromise to ease the tensions between the two powers. At least to protect the citizens choosing supporting any opposing country harmlessly from being unfairly judged by their own court system. Knowing that these issues may not be solved overnight, taking the first step should be considered in order to begin the journey to create any form of understanding or solidarity between the countries.