# Pondering Pakistan

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## Online Resources

1. The New York Times provides a brief profile of Pakistan that covers the country's basic history, current status in the world, development concerns and potential or current conflicts. Also included within the profile are links to current news features about the country and its leaders. Photo galleries, maps, highlights of updates about Pakistan, recent articles and links to outside resources are also provided.

   http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/pakistan/index.html

2. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the Government of Pakistan considers itself to be the gateway of information regarding the country. Not only does the website provide local, national and international news resources but it also serves to introduce the country of to outsiders, from the government's perspective.

   http://www.pak.gov.pk/

3. The U.S. State Department Bureau of Public Affairs provides a profile of Pakistan that includes information about the country's history, cultural traditions, basic demographic facts and economic prospects. Maps and photos are provided as are special sections on the country's independence and partition. Attention is also paid to the previous leadership of Bhutto and Musharraf as well as information on current government and political organization.

   http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3453.htm

4. The BBC maintains a profile on Pakistan that includes information on the country's leadership, media outlets, history and development characteristics. Special video and audio features are available on the country's current political crisis including an analysis of Pakistan following Musharraf's time in office, information on the coalition spilt and background facts on rivalry within the government.

   http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/country_profiles/1157960.stm

5. Human Rights Watch — an independent, non-governmental organization — is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. The organization's profile on Pakistan highlights the country's issues with violence against women, the juvenile death penalty and election fairness.

   http://hrw.org/doc/?t=asia&c=pakist

6. The World Bank is an international organization that provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. The group has a number of projects in Pakistan including educational development, municipal service plans, environmental assessment and poverty assistance. Information on these projects along with data and research analysis are available on the website.

   http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/SOUTHASIAEXT/PAKISTANEXTN/0,,menuPK:293057~pagePK:141159~piPK:141110~theSitePK:293052,00.html

7. PakPositive is a collection of interactive blogs that allow visitors to explore and share issues as they relate to Pakistan. In addition to commentary and analysis on international, national and local news events, the website also hosts a commentary forum in which readers can communicate about political issues, social justice campaigns and theories of democratic governance in the region.

   http://www.pakpositive.com/pakistanibloggers/

8. The Guardian newspaper in the United Kingdom offers its own news, commentary and analysis on the country of Pakistan. A recent interactive guide on the political crisis in the country will allow students to better understand the current state of affairs. Along with expert analysis, anecdotal evidence, recent articles and photos, the Guardian also has a number of videos on former President Musharraf and future political leadership.

   http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/Pakistan

9. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is an international development finance institution with a goal of helping its members reduce poverty and generate a higher quality of life. The bank's profile of Pakistan includes information on equitable development, urban services and investment opportunities — along with recently updated data profiles, statistics, research initiatives and policy proposals.

   http://www.adb.org/Pakistan/default.asp

10. The Economist maintains a website dedicated to news updates, policy analysis and historical information on Pakistan. Unlike other profiles, this one provides a number of resources on the country's economic data including recent statistics, basic indicators, charts and graphs that serve to tract and monitor Pakistan's economic progress. Historical information and political updates are also available.

    http://www.economist.com/countries/Pakistan/

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