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- Deliver scoops, e.g. [revealing](#) that Joe Biden greenlit Donald Trump's largest arms deal; [uncovering](#) tensions [among](#) key Democrats over Yemen; [exposing](#) how U.S. partners [detained and tortured](#) an award-winning journalist; [obtaining](#) an unpublished State Department probe into a key Mike Pompeo aide; and [detailing](#) Jim Mattis's secret effort to help the United Arab Emirates.
- Craft enterprise stories on key trends and personalities, e.g. [profiling](#) top Biden Middle East advisor Brett McGurk; [analyzing](#) Ukrainian civilian resistance; [digging](#) into Biden's broken promises on Saudi Arabia after [documenting](#) the network restoring the kingdom's global standing; [decoding](#) a telling dispute between Trump and Mitch McConnell; [delving](#) into the lobbying battle over Afghanistan; [tracking](#) the evolution of progressive foreign policy in a feature on Elizabeth Warren; [highlighting](#) how the military-industrial complex out-played Trump; and [profiling](#) Yousef Al Otaiba, D.C.'s most influential ambassador.
- Sustain an extensive source network in executive branch agencies and Congress; the diplomatic and political spheres; in the policy and humanitarian communities; and abroad.
- Use relationships and credibility on the beat to secure exclusives, e.g. interviews with [Israel's deputy foreign minister](#) and the State Department's first-ever [chief diversity officer](#); breaking news on moves by [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#), the [Koch network](#), [Ilhan Omar](#), [Chuck Schumer](#), [Ro Khanna](#), and other Washington power players.
- Report internationally, e.g. [becoming](#) the first Pakistani to secure an Israeli press credential, [covering](#) pan-European elections with a focus on the far right, [gaining](#) unprecedented access for a deep dive on China's investment in Pakistan, and devising a [series](#) on Syria's Kurds including never-before-seen historical documents.
- Provide expert commentary, e.g. on MSNBC, BBC and Al Jazeera, and at events like SXSW.
- Pitch sharp angles on the news cycle to produce distinctive pieces on tight deadlines, e.g. [assessing](#) Russian President Vladimir Putin's calculus in Ukraine, [tying](#) the investigation of Tom Barrack to a broader gap in accountability for foreign election meddling, [highlighting](#) a lack of accountability from Susan Rice as she was under consideration to be Biden's vice president, and [linking](#) the George Floyd murder to American diplomatic failure.

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NEWSLINE Karachi, Pakistan

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Education

YALE UNIVERSITY New Haven, CT

Graduated May 2014

B.A. in Global Affairs (international security track; one of 50 students accepted annually)

- Yale Journalism Scholar; alumnus of selective graduate-level Grand Strategy seminar

Activities: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung transatlantic media fellow 2022; Atlantic Council LGBTI fellow 2019-20; member of SPJ, AAJA, SAJA

Languages: Urdu (fluent), French and Hindi (conversational)