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Too many graduates

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Among new university **graduates** in India and China, **unemployment** - and **underemployment** - are rising fast. Some fear that large numbers of educated, underemployed young people could cause **social** problems in these countries.

In India, five million students **graduate** from university each year. However, one in three graduates up to the age of 29 is unemployed.

In China more than 7 million students will graduate from the country's universities in 2014, and the number is **steadily** increasing. Unemployment among new graduates is somewhere between 15% and 30%.

Chinese workers without degrees are more **willing** to take factory jobs. However, the payment for factory jobs today is often higher than the payment for low-level office jobs.

Joseph Cheng, a professor at City University of Hong Kong, says that China's **leadership** is extremely **worried** about graduate unemployment, because it could lead to political problems.

Craig Jeffrey, a professor at Oxford University, is an **expert** on India's unemployed youth. He describes a similar situation in India. Government reports, he says, often describe underemployed graduates as "**hostile to the state**".

There are more than 160,000 underemployed graduates in Beijing alone. Around one third of them graduated from China's most **prestigious** universities.

But, surprisingly, researchers have found that these underemployed graduates in China and India are generally not angry – they are often **calm** and quite **optimistic**, because they still believe that they will find **suitable** jobs.

Vocabulary

graduate (noun)

a person who has a degree from a university

unemployment

the situation of not having a job

underemployment

the situation of not having enough work, or not having work which uses your skills

social

related to society

graduate (verb)

to finish a university degree course successfully

steadily

at a continuous rate, without stopping

willing

ready and enthusiastic to do something

leadership

(here) the group of people who are the leaders of an organisation

expert

a person with special knowledge on a particular subject

hostile

unfriendly, and ready to fight

state

a country, and especially the government

prestigious

admired and respected

calm

peaceful; not worried or excited

optimistic

believing that good things will happen in the future

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