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Q:- How does the deepening Indo-US partnership impact Pakistan's strategic interests and regional dynamics and what are the challenges regarding Diplomacy, security and Economic relations?

Ans:- Introduction:

Indo-US partnership has evolved over time marked by various phases including Cold war, Post cold war era, Strategic Partnership deals; Civil Nuclear Deal in 2008 was the Bench mark in history. However, this it has created several regional and international obstacles for Pakistan's security economic relation and diplomatic status in region. Regional dynamics has changed eventually as China is transforming world order and it has several implications in the region regarding US interference. Pakistan's Role in the region is diversified in several Geo-Political and Geo-economic issues by this unwanted friendship.

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Indo-US Partnership implications  
on Pakistan National and Strategic  
Interest:-

a) Military Imbalance and Arms Race-

The strengthening Indo-US partnership will lead to increase defense activities, modernization and technology sharing between India and US. This may escalate tension between Pakistan and India, putting pressure on Pakistan to engage in Arms race for strategic parity. It will have dire effect on economy which is already fragile and divert state resources-

b) Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG)

membership race:-

Indo-US partnership could support India's bid for membership of NSG. This might further undermine Pakistan Aspirations for NSG membership, which create strategic imbalance and create discriminatory

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treatment in the context of nuclear non-proliferation efforts—

c) Pakistan's Bilateral relations with US may lose strategic depth :-

Pakistan will face challenges as it is growing stronger day by day - The US alignment with India is creating threshold for Pakistan in context of Aids and military cooperation which lead to the reduction of Pakistan ~~needs~~<sup>efficiency</sup> for its needs and developments

d) Pakistan National Interest regarding US interference in South Asia

National Security Policy (NSP) has re-defined and realigned Pakistan interest transition from Geo-strategic to Geo-economic but Indo-US relation will create hurdles for Pakistan to achieve her National Interest - Pakistan National Interest always diversity with mutual understanding and friendly relations but India isn't

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showing any sort of interest regarding state interest -

e) Indo-US ties implications on Regional dynamics:-

closer ties of Indo-US could affect regional security dynamics, potentially isolating Pakistan diplomatically and limiting its influence in Multilateral forums - US ties with India is disturbing Regional balance and opposing China, as US is evolving India as counter to China - Due to this whole region is facing instability and Block politics -

However, relation of Pakistan with India, China are getting closer as a counter balance for stability in region - China and Pakistan (C/PK) is the pathway which is balancing regional dynamics with sustainable and empowered future for region -

## Challenges for Pakistan regarding Indo-US relations

### a) Diplomacy:-

Diplomatic ~~isolation~~ isolation of Pakistan will rise when Indo-US ties get more stronger - Pakistan diplomatic position will diminish and lose its diplomatic standings on multilateral forums - Pakistan will feel itself as biased against its interests - Pakistan have to seek help and assistance to other blocs and countries which create gap between Pakistan and US -

As Pakistan is losing its standing in IMF and also on Kashmir Case -

Pakistan will face Narrative management problems in International forums and its perceptions about regional dynamics which create diplomatic problems for Pakistan. Pakistan may also lose support

in presenting its viewpoint effectively to counterbalance any negative narrative that emerge-  
Diplomatic efforts on counter-terrorism may not get strong stance due to Indo-US ties, as they urge to create further instability and security concerns in Pakistan-

b) Security Challenges for Pakistan

Indo-US partnership will must intensify security concerns for Pakistan regarding Afghan issue and terrorism - Intra state security concerns and revival of TTP, support from RAW, may create obstacles and security challenges for Pakistan-

Pakistan stance on shaping Afghan future and counter terrorism will weaken after such great ties due to the strategic depth of Pakistan-

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## c) Economic Challenges for Pakistan regarding Indo-US Partnership:

The deepening economic cooperation between India and Pakistan could create economic challenges in several aspects.

Foreign Investment will likely to reduce due to US attraction towards India, improved relation of Indo-US-

Trade agreements of Pakistan will not get recognition as it should be, due to the relation of Indo-US-

International Economic support will go down due to the Indo-US relations - US is acting as superpower and if bilateral relation will not work well then Pakistan will certainly face challenges as it is facing in front of IMF.

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