

Ukraine :-

Internal demographic changes

- The population of Ukraine is mostly Russian background.
- And Orthodox Christians
- Since 1991 - disintegration of USSR
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Ukraine got independence.
- Increasing westernization.
Western, central, south western etc overwhelmingly westernized.
- And this westernized is 70% + over whole
- Eastern and south eastern is pro Russia.
25 - 30%

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Same divide in the politics of country

→ 70% of the parliamentarians are pro west.

→ Pro russia max 30%

→ Zelinsky won by 2/3 majority and made Govt.

Westward Mobility of Ukraine :-

Dimensions

→ Increasing relations with Europe

→ Increasing trade relations with Europe.

* Trade deal start in 2012

* Deal extension in 2021

* Free trade relation

b/w european union and Ukraine

* Demographic mobility.

Border relaxation of Ukraine

with Poland and Baltic countries.

Two strengths of EU.
 * Job opportunities for each others (Europe & Ukraine).
 * Visa relaxation

Ukraine Applied for the membership of EU

It's increasing ties with NATO
 Organization of US, Canada, Turkey, etc. \Leftarrow 30 countries
 → Collective defence.

→ Ukraine growing ties with NATO countries.

→ Joint military exercise with NATO

→ Poland

→ Baltic sea

→ Black sea

in 2020 and 2021

→ Increasing purchase of

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weapons from nato countries
US / France / UK / Spain etc.

→ Ukraine applied for the
membership of NATO in 2022.

Concerns of Moscow: -

→ Geo strategic interest of
Russia being badly hurt
Ukraine's westward mobility.

→ Trying to move away from
Russia sphere of influence
to NATO

→ NATO expansion in
Russia's immediate neighborhood.

Further explanation: -

→ Cold war started at the
end of WWII

→ Ended in 1991
disintegration of USSR

→ World divided into
two blocks.

→ ① Capitalist block lead by US

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- NATO
- CENTO
- SEATO
- military alliance.

② USSR Alliance (WARSA Pact).

→ Countries from the eastern Europe.

→ Russia can't afford NATO expansion into its immediate neighborhood.

Immediate neighborhood.

* Countries that remained part of USSR.

Like Baltic countries, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

* Already part of NATO.

* Russia want don't expand at Baltic sea.

* Countries that remained part of WARSA Pact don't become part of NATO.

* NATO expansion

Russia claims that US guaranteed that NATO would not expand eastward.

But

→ 1999, 2004 expansion
8 countries joined.

→ 2008 Georgia tried
but Russia stopped it.

Now Ukraine is
trying:-

→ Reasons of Russia attack.

→ Russia attacked Ukraine
and its implications.

Russia attack:-

→ Russia launched an all out

→ More ^{war} than
200000 troops participated
in it.

- Russia attacked from eastern, southern, Belarus.
- Russian airforce, navy, armored core Artillery, Infantry (32 جند), they all attacked in Feb 2022 on Ukraine.

Destruction in Ukraine:-

- Majority of the eastern and southern are being captured by Russia and Kherson.
- Luhansk, Donetsk
- Four breakaway regions by Russia.
- Referendum (separated from Ukraine)

US resolution in UNSC

(Vetoed by Russia)

- Maximum coastal areas like Black Sea are being captured by Russia.

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- Seaport (naval bases of Ukraine).
- Major urban centres, airbases, highways, motorways are being hit by Russia.
- Civil nuclear reactors captured by Russia.

Ukraine the World four
largest agriculture producer
and exporters.

- It was hit.
- Fields are destroyed.
- From Feb 2022 - Feb 2023.
(more than 600 bn \$ loss to Ukraine).

The biggest loss to
any country after WWII

- After WWII ^{following} destruction occurs.
- Vietnam 1960's
- Afghanistan 1980's
- Now Ukraine. (Largest).
because highly developed).

Demographic impacts:-

- More than 4 million refugees
- mostly goes to Poland.
- 5 million IDPs (displaced from their cities).

Implications on Global Political Economy.

War in Ukraine
Sanctions on Russia

Sanctions

- Export of uranium
- gold
- most imp export of oil and gas.
- Russia the world largest exporter of gas to Europe.
- World 2nd largest exporter of oil to Europe, China etc

(Oil and gas)
→ Hydrocarbon is the largest contributor to the eco of russia.

→ Sanction being imposed by Europe and US.

→ Specially cut down the import of russian oil by europe.

→ Impacts:

→ Increasing pressure on other hydrocarbon producer.

→ US can meet 75% of it's need from internal production.

→ Iran and Venezuela are already under sanctions.

→ Massive pressure on Middle East.

→ Couldn't meet the demand of Europe.

→ Resulted into price hike of Oil.

→ Oil hike resulted to

price hike of gas.
→ Coal also get expensive.

* Hydrocarbon is the key factor in rising inflation.

* Largest commodity is oil, gas and coal.

* Price hike of hydrocarbons trickle down effect on every part of life.

e.g. Transport cost, electricity cost increased.

→ 40% electricity is from oil, coal and gas.

So,

Industrial product and agricultural products shoot up.

As a result Global inflation

* Already price hike in the post covid market resumption (Because demand was more

supply less).

- Worldwide 40 years highest inflation e.g. in Australia, Japan, Newzealand, ASEAN countries, US, Canada and more imp in europe.
- Especially UK, France, Spain, Italy and Germany price hike

How Europe affected specifically:-

- Europe overwhelming dependency on russian oil and gas. (Such as Germany 47%, UK/France 35%, Macedonia 100% Finland)
- All these countries cut oil imports.
- Middle east couldn't meet their demand.
- Price shool 78\$ to 127\$ per barrel.
- Russia played it's energy

card quite well."

* Reduced it's oil prices by 35%.

* Imports from China, India majorly.

→ Europe bound to resume it's energy imports.

Implications on Pakistan

→ Already facing price hike after covid and resumption of Market.

→ devaluation of PKR.

→ Political instability.

→ That cause more inflation

→ Fuel prices increase inflation in pak even more.

→ Balance of payment crisis.

→ CAD
(current account deficit)

→ 25bn \$ imports

→ 30% + of the trade deficit of pak is de to fuel import → fuel got expensive

→ Costed more dollar.

Diplomatic effect:

→ Visit of PM to Moscow coincided with Russia attack on Ukraine and as a result US and Europe antagonized.

→ And they demand from Pak to condemn the attack.

→ Pak refused and opposed war and support negotiation as a result US/Europe antagonized further.

→ As a result, a slight change in policy of Islamabad.

→ So,

→ Pakistan understand the strategic concern of Russia but oppose the belated attack on Ukraine.

→ Pak stopped the efforts

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to purchase oil from
russia. But once again
decided to buy oil from
russia.

Resurging Russia

- 1. Decline of USSR 1991.
2. End of the history.
3. No serious challenge for US.
4. World unipolar.

* Resurging of Russia began
with the arrival of
Putin beginning of 21st century.

* 2008 Attack on Georgia
and Resurgence of Russia.

→ Georgia tried to join EU
on hand and NATO on the
other as a result russia attacked.
and ^{with} in three russian troops
controlled georgia.

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→ Russia vacated Georgia on two conditions. 1. Russian military bases would continue in Georgia. 2. Georgia would stay neutral in Russia NATO rivalry.

→ Crimea was annexed by Russia, it was part of Ukraine. It was gifted by Russia to Ukraine in 1960 - It is immense strategic imp access to black sea.

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Causes of annexed.

→ Ukraine continued its increasing ties with EU and NATO in year 2011-14.

→ Russia applied different options but Ukraine didn't stop so at last Annexed.

How it is annexed.

Referendum was passed in Crimea.

→ 96% in favour of russia
so russia annexed it.

UN brought
resolution in UNSC:-

→ But vetoed by russia.

→ Russia also supported
Civil war in Eastern
and south eastern Ukraine
which was against pro-russia.

→ Russia weaponized and financed
by Moscow and continued
fight against Ukraine forces.

Two alliance formed
in syria:-

→ US/GCC/FSA/Al Nusra.

→ Russia/Iran/Hizballah/Asada
govt.

→ and At last with help
of russia and iran asada
govt won.

→ Russia carried out missiles,

- strikes, aerial strikes,
- Artillery, armed ~~the~~ core, infantry fought against FSA, Al Nusra and ISIS in the support of Assad govt.
 - More than 80% of the lost territories regained by Assad govt.

Veto UNSC resolution for a military intervention in Syria against Assad govt by US.

- Attacked on Ukraine
- Fear in Europe (Russia is back)
- War is at the doorstep of Europe.
- Fear among European and NATO countries.
 - who is next
 - either Poland, Baltic countries
 - Finland, Sweden.

→ The strategy of US and Europe to contain Russia by imposing sanction hasn't worked substantially.

→ Is it opportunity for the revival of NATO? :-

1 - Establishment of NATO in 1949 start from 12 countries and now are 30. Major reason the ~~-----~~ the fear of USSR.

2 - Fear of European countries after attack on Ukraine.

3. Collective defence

(Article 5 of nato charter, If any member nation being attacked by outsider all are bound to retaliate

4. (NATO countries are threatened from USSR (and resurging Russia)

4. Setbacks to NATO due to Trump because Trump blamed NATO countries not have

practically and substantially supported US in the military operation in Afghanistan. All other NATO placed troops in non-combat areas and America fought lonely.

→ Majority of the defence budget of NATO afforded by US.

But

→ Attack of Russia on Ukraine revitalized the opportunity for the revival of NATO.

→ So fear in Europe.

→ Resultantly increasing no of countries have applied for NATO membership.

e.g. Sweden, Finland, Ukraine.

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So NATO not only revival but expansion is occurring.”

→ Ukraine may not be

given NATO membership the sooner
Because,

In NATO rules, the country
 under war can't get membership

But

→ Nato increasing military, financial
 and human support to Ukraine

→ 26 countries are providing weapons
 e.g US/UK/France and giving
 fund to war against Russia

So,

→ Ukraine increasing capabilities to
 resist because Kherson been
 taken back.

→ The dominant opinion in the
 west is that Ukraine war
 would prove to be another Afghanistan
 for Russia.

Afghanistan. jihad from
 1979 - 89 lead US/KSA/PAK and
 west muslim world.

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To bleed russia in Ukraine.