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# (Political Science - II)

Ques: In the post World War-II period, what were the important patterns of the Balance of Power?

Ans:

## ① Introduction

There were multiple strategies of the world powers in order to maintain the 'Balance of Power' in the post World War II period. That included, the proxy wars, political engineering and regime change operation and the excessive spending on the military might.

## ② Understanding the Balance of Power

According to the international relations analysts, the Balance of Power is an act which is performed by the modern 'Nation-States' through different approaches for maintaining their Status-Quo power in the international relations.

### ③ Important Patterns of Balance of Power in the Post World War II (WWII)

3.1- Proxy Wars - A major strategy to nations to bring the Balance of Power

The proxy wars, in Asia, (Afghanistan, Korea, Vietnam) and in the Latin America by the two hegemon the USA and the USSR.

3.2- Economic Assistance - A method to make friends in order to bring Balance of Power

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This can easily be analysed by the economic assistance to European nations through W.B, IMF and other institutions by the USA

3.3- Supporting the Political Parties in a state where the Balance of Power can be disturbed

This was most probably

Military Cooperation Rice

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done by the USSR, e.g., supporting the communist political parties

### 3.4- Political Engineering and Regime Change Operation - A wide spread tactic of the era of post (WWII)

Similarly, that practise was practised by the USA and the regime change operations in then South Vietnam.

### 3.5- Formation of Defence Organization - A method through which the muscle can be flexed easily

The Warsaw Pact, Nato, SEATO, CENTO, are the prime examples

### 3.6- Nuclear Proliferation - A decade of Nuclearization of the World

The deployment of Nuclear arsenals by US in the Black Sea and by USSR in the S Pacific ocean is also due to it

### 3.7 - Space Race - A way of maintaining the soft power vis-à-vis Balance of Power

In order to maintain the Balance of Power in Space the space race started where the NASA and the USSR's space agency worked a lot.

### 3.8 - Propaganda - A major tool of Balance of Power

The Propaganda by the USA was the stronger it led to the fall of the Berlin's wall.

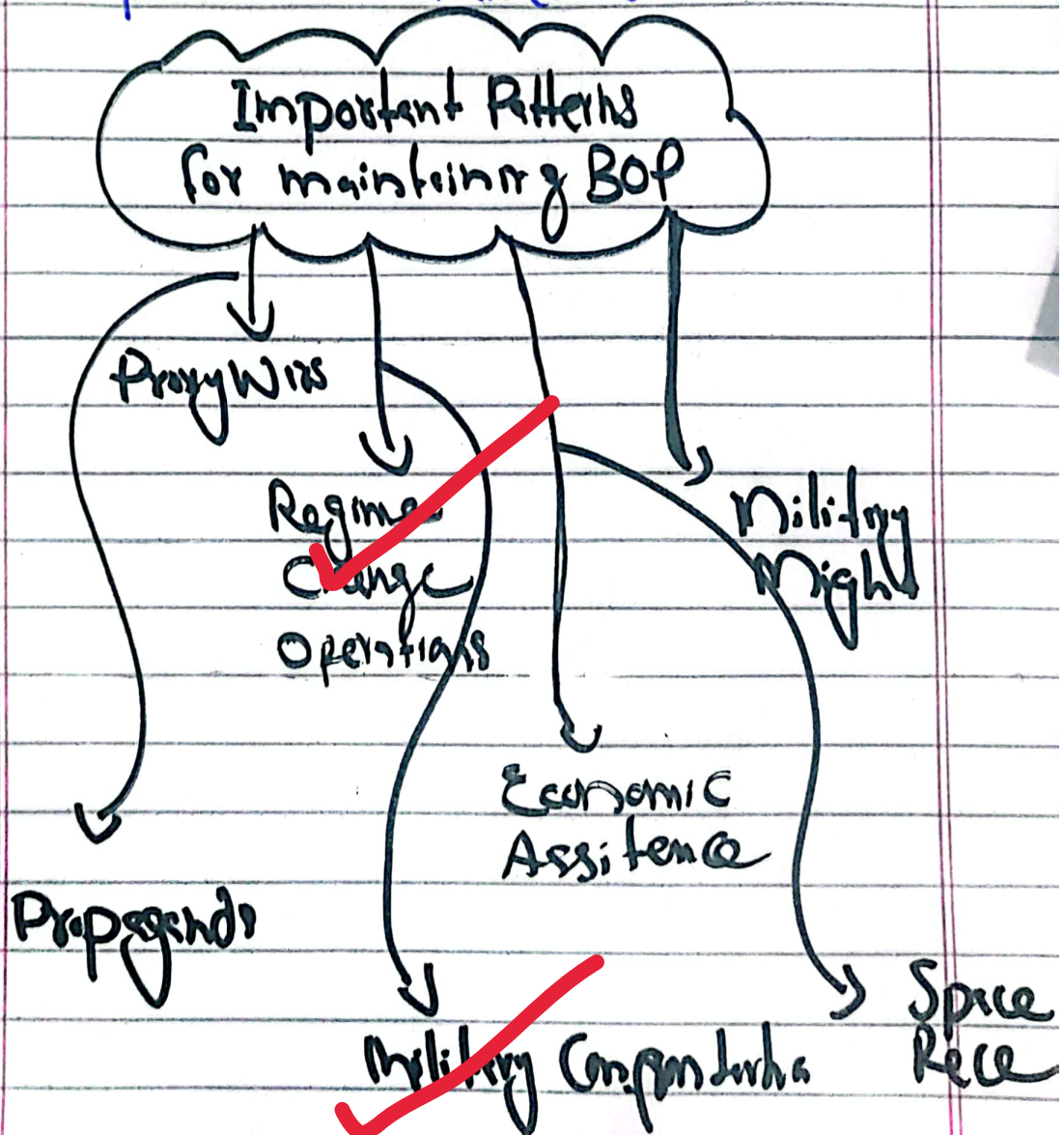
### 3.9 - Direct Military Confrontation Yet seen but unseen - A strategy to bring the balance of power

There are several examples of direct military aggression of two hegemonies, in order to maintain the Balance of power and two of them is Afghanistan and the Vietnam war.

### 3.10- Rapid Industrialization- As a method to maintain the Balance of Economic Power

The rapid industrialization of the western nations and steel steel mill programmes by the USSR were ~~the~~ key player in the Balance of Power

#### ④ Flow Chart Representing the important Patterns



## ⑤ Conclusion

In short, it can be said that, in the post world war II period, the hegemon used different methods in order to maintain the balance of power. The economic assistance, military aggression, proxy wars, and propaganda were some of many patterns of Balance of Power.

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