

A weak Pakistan would always need China or America to survive

Outline

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: It is true that as long as Pakistan remains a weak state, it would have to remain under the wing of either of the two superpowers, America and China. It would need a godfather to keep it from facing economic crises and foreign hostilities. To attain ^{independence} ~~independence~~ from both these powers, Pakistan would have to ~~strive~~ ^{strive} for the establishment of a healthy relationship with them and the development of its economy.

2. The meaning of the term 'weak Pakistan' and an overview of Pakistan's reliance on major powers.

3. Factors that cause Pakistan to be weak

- a) Failing economy
- b) Recurring political crises
- c) Lacking ideological politics
- d) Rampant terrorism
- e) Impending ethno-linguistic strife
- f) Abysmal education

4. Why does weak Pakistan need a godfather?

- a) To sustain its economy
- b) To provide it with protection in times of hostilities
- c) To provide it with international support
- d) To assist it in times of crisis
- e) To help it acquire means to protect itself.

5. What are implications for Pakistan for relying on superpowers?

- a) Lack of indigenous development
- b) Inability to formulate an independent foreign policy
- c) Risk of being pulled into unwanted conflicts
- d) Involvement of superpowers in national politics
- e) Lack of respect in international arena

6. Possible solutions to the predicament of Pakistan

- a) A strong economy
- b) Political stability through political consensus
- c) Machiavellian principles of foreign policy
- d) Socio-economic equality to end ethno-linguistic strife
- e) Eradication of extremism

7. Conclusion

Essay

From living on the billions of dollars

given in the form of debt and ~~defence~~ military aid by the US to needing China help it not get declared a terrorist state in the security council of the United Nations, Pakistan has always relied on external help to survive. Since the country has failed to attain sustainable economic development and political serenity, it has become an extremely weak state. Moreover, terrorism and ethno-linguistic strife has torn the very social fabric of its society. At the moment, the country is in such a condition that it has become necessary for it obtain help from both the US and China to help sustain its economy, to maintain a good international image, to avert crises and assist it during the times of hostilities. When Pakistan acquires help from these powers, it relinquishes the power to maintain an independent foreign policy, loses its respect in the international arena and invites unwanted involvement of these powers in its domestic politics. A strong economy, being a pre-requisite for the development, is a necessity for Pakistan in order to keep these powers at bay. Similarly, by putting an end to political instability and extremism, Pakistan can take steps towards being a strong state. However, as of now, it is true that as long as Pakistan remains a weak state, it would

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