

Pakistan - Russia Friendship; Benefits and Losses.

Outline:

1. Introduction:

1.1 Hook

1.2 Background Information

1.3 Thesis statement: Historically, the relations between Pakistan and Russia have seen many ups and downs. However, in the field of defense, diplomatic and economic Pakistan has received many benefits with some losses in the fields of trade, diplomatic and many more.

2. Pakistan - Russia Friendship - a historical overview:

3. Benefits to Pakistan in Pakistan - Russia friendship:

3.1 Benefits in Energy sector; helping in energy crisis by ~~sup~~ importing Russian oil and gas

3.2 Benefits in Defense sector; providing military hardware and technology

3.3 Benefits in Economic sector; increasing trade, investment and joint ventures

3.4 Benefits in Nuclear sector; providing nuclear energy capabilities

3.5 Benefits in cultural sector; promoting mutual understanding by people to people contacts.

4. Losses to Pakistan in Pakistan - Russia Friendship:

- 4.1 Over dependence on Russia; a compromise on sovereignty
- 4.2 Facing US and EU backlash; in terms of aid and trade
- 4.3 Negative regional dynamics; affecting Pakistan's relations with neighbours
- 4.4 Potential for conflicts; Pakistan could potentially draw in Ukraine conflict
- 4.5 Domestic opposition; some domestic groups in Pakistan might oppose leading to political instability

5. Conclusion:

The Essay:

As it is rightly said by the former Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi that, "Pakistan's relations with Russia are a vital component of our diversification strategy." This diversification of relations has seen many ups and downs over a period of time. Resulting in the benefits and losses to Pakistan. With the historical perspective to the present day there are certain sectors which observed benefits in this friendship like energy, defense, economic, nuclear and culture sector. Over a period of time this friendship has seen many losses like facing of backlash of US and EU, affecting Pakistan's relations with the neighbouring countries, compromising Pakistan's sovereignty by potentially drawing in Ukraine conflict, and facing domestic opposition.