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Topic: Cold war did not harm the world as much did the war on terror.

(1) INTRODUCTION

(a) Thesis statement

Many argue that cold war did not harm the world as much did the war on terror. However history is evident that the Cold war is responsible for starting war on terror. Hence cold war did more harm to the world.

(2) How cold war and war on terror effected the world.

(3) Why the Cold war did more harm on World than war on terror. (Thesis)

(a) Cold war started proxy wars

(b) The current race of countries for superpower is also an affect of cold war.

(c) Nuclear proliferation is also due to cold war

(d) Cold war started Space Race

(e) The events of cold war are responsible for current polarised world order.

(4) How war on terror has done more harm than cold war (Anti-thesis)

(a) There are high number of civilian casualties in war against terror

- (b) Human right abuse had become norm in war on terror, which has inflicted greater pain on humanity.
- (c) Due to war on terror, xenophobia has increased.
- (d) Because of war on terror, there is still instability in regions.
- (e) The war on terror is responsible for high economic loss.

4) Why Cold war did more harm to world than war on terror. (Synthesis)

- (a) The root cause of terrorism; Proxies were made and natured in cold war.
- (b) Tactics being used by terrorist, were developed and taught in cold war.
- (c) Xenophobia in cold war era; as governments were trying to spread their narratives and counter others.
- (d) The instability in war-affected areas is due to proxies; which have their roots in Cold war.
- (e) The expenditure on military during cold war was much more higher than war on terror.

15) Conclusion:

In his philosophy, the famous scholar Plato states that two events had greatly effected him and changed his mindset; these two events were: The War between Athens and sparta and execution of his mentor scorates. In

~~The same way two major events have shaped our world; Cold war and War on terror. Many argue that cold war did not harm the world as much as the war on terror has. However history is evident that cold war has harmed the world more than war on terror. As war on terror is due to consequences of cold war. Hence cold war did more harm to the world. During Cold war, proxy wars started, nuclear proliferation occurred, technology war started and events occurred which in present have made world polarised. On contrary War on terror has effected, the world; there have been high number of civilian casualties, constant human right abuses, instability in effected areas and huge financial loss. But the Cold war is the reason for War on terror and other issues being faced by the world. Hence it has harmed the world more than war on terror.~~

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After world war II had ended, there were two countries who had global influence: USA and USSR. Both countries were trying to dominate each other and in order to do so adopted a hostile approach towards each other. Both countries created blocs against each other. Although there was no direct fighting between both countries, but the situation was tense, both countries were racing each other on weapons and military might, which made situation even more tense. Both countries made proxies against each other. When the KOREAN war broke out, the U.S.A supported South Korea and USSR supported North Korea, subsequently both countries used other countries as their proxies against one and another. Hence when the cold war ended, there was lot of conflict going on in the world. Similarly after the attack of 9/11, the United States who was leading superpower at that time, declared war against terrorism. During this period the U.S.A, formed a coalition force and sent it to Afghanistan and then shortly to Iraq.

and other middle-eastern countries. However the forces have been recalled but it spread havoc. Afghanistan, middle-eastern countries and other regional countries were greatly effected by fighting, many human lives were lost and high economic loss were borne by countries. Hence both wars have effected the world.

Although both cold war and war on terrorism have harmed the world, but Cold war has done more harm to world than war on terror. When the cold war started both USSR and U.S.A, started to be hostile towards each other, due to nuclear deterrence none of the country attacked each other directly but through their proxies. In 1950, the Korean war broke out, the superpowers instead of meditating issues between the sides, they supported one side and tried to use it against other. In Korean war, the South Korea was supported by U.S.A, who supported capitalism, while the North side was supported by U.S.S.R, which supported it to advance its cause of capitalism. Similarly in Vietnam

War, the North side was supported by U.S.S.R and South side was supported by U.S.A. The war ended with victory of north side, which led to restoration of communism. Lastly in Afgan-soviet war, the Afgan ~~in~~ freedom fighters were supported and trained by U.S.A, who were successful in defeating USSR. The proxy war although did not threaten the world but their affects have greatly shaped the world-order.

~~Similarly another way the cold war has harmed the world is that it has shaped the current world order.~~
After the collapse of U.S.S.R, the world order changed from bi-polar to uni-polar. The U.S.A was the only country with the economic power and military might, who could dictate the world. Subsequently those countries who are trying to compete with U.S.A or trying to increase their influence are seen as threat by U.S.A, as a result there are many conflicts going on in the world. China who with a growing economy

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and large military force is trying to replace U.S.A, as a top superpower is facing hurdles. U.S.A along with its allies are blocking china's economic growth by tariffs and blocking trade routes. So that U.S.A's role of global policemen does not end.

Another way the cold war harmed the world was that due to cold war nuclear proliferation occurred. Due to intense rivalry between U.S.A and U.S.S.R, both countries developed large number of nuclear weapons. After U.S.A and U.S.S.R, their allies also developed nuclear weapons. Although no direct confrontation occurred except for Cuban missile crisis, but development of nuclear weapons have direct impact on the world. But the fear if nuclear weapons fall in wrong hands than the world will be doomed, is prevalent. Similarly if nuclear technology is not looked after properly than a large accident can occur. In 1986 an accident occurred in Chernobol; a nuclear reactor in U.S.S.R, because of which many lives were lost and the whole city

had to be abandoned. Hence large number of nuclear weapons developed in cold war can become source of doom for the world.

Similarly the cold war also started space race. During the cold war, many countries especially the USA and U.S.S.R were competing against each other in technological advancement. In 1957, when U.S.S.R launched its first satellite, Sputnik, the U.S.A in order to counter USSR superiority launched Apollo aircraft and was the first country to land on a moon. Although this technology race did begin to benefit mankind, but it had its implications. After ~~technological~~ ^{technology} capacity was built for space, countries soon developed technology to use space for military purpose. The U.S. initially developed spy satellites which triggered the space war. U.S.S.R developed Zenth a space spy satellite to counter U.S.A. ~~Even in present times countries are racing towards space. China has revealed that it will soon build a nuclear reactor on moon. Hence the space race started during cold war era is still going on and can harm world.~~

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Lastly cold war is responsible for the current polarised world. During the cold war institutions like Nato were created. In order to counter Nato, USSR and its ally's created institutions like Warsaw, which had further polarised the world. However after dissolution of USSR, Warsaw ceased to exist but Nato still does, which still has influence in global politics. Recently UKRAINE was advocating to join Nato, however Russia felt insecure and warned of consequences. However Ukraine was adamant to join and eventually it resulted in war between Ukraine and Russia.

There are many who argue that war on terror has done more harm to world than Cold war. In war against terror, there are high number of casualties than Cold war. good and appropriate data AS per report in Cost of war project (2023), approximately 500,000 civilians have died in violence in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. Similarly 170,000 law enforcers had died during violence. As per report approximately total 1 million people had died in war against terror. Some people were effected by diseases which became common due to war. But on contrary

In cold war it was estimated that half million people had died due to violence. Hence there are more casualties in war against terror.

Similarly, there are many fundamental rights which were curtailed due to war on terror. Due to war against, many governments gave their law enforcement agencies unlimited surveillance authority. The government of United States of America, enacted Patriot act (2001) which gave intelligence agencies unlimited authority to monitor anyone they wished. Similarly as per NSA prism, the government was monitoring every individual's internet data. ~~In the same way there are many who have suffered cruelty of law enforcement agencies, just because they were suspected of terrorism.~~

The United States government built Guantanamo bay prison, where prisoners were incarcerated without any charges or went through formal trial. Similarly there are many civilians who were murdered by law enforcement agencies, just because they were suspected to be a terrorist. As per Amnesty International that more than 1200 people were killed by drone strikes by the NATO forces in Afghanistan between 2009 till 2015. Hence ordinary civilians who had no role in terrorism were killed. There

fore the human right violation are high in war against terrorism, which did not occur in cold war.

In addition war against terrorism has spread hatred towards other ethnicities, nations and religion. Terrorism has no nation or religion but it is unfortunate that a particular ethnicity or religion is painted as a terrorist. After the unfortunate incident of 9/11 many portrayed Muslims, Arabs and Afgans as terrorist. As per report published by White house in 2013, almost 500% increase in hate against muslims was estimated. Similarly the government policies of visa and extra screening of passengers arriving from middle eastern countries increased the discrimination. In 2017, the U.S.A government issued an order titled "Muslim ban", as per which passengers from certain countries banned from entering in U.S.A. Hence forth the war against terrorism has spread hatred against religion and race.

Lastly the war against terrorism has greatly effected economies of countries. because of war on terror, many countries

had spend more on security measures in order to secure itself. As per white house in its report of 2020, the united States government spent more than 1.1 billion dollars on homeland security in order to secure itself internally.

Similarly those countries who are effected by terrorism have poor economy. Countries who are effected by terrorism have low foreign direct investment, because many inves-tors fear their own security. As per report of world Trade organization, foreign direct investment in pakistan fell to 2.6 million in 2012, from 5.6 million of 2007. Henceforth, war on terrorism has greatly effected economies of countries.

~~The war on terror has negatively effected the world but the cold war did more harm to world than war against terrorism.~~

The terrorist groups which are prevalant today were orginally proxies of super power durring cold war. Al-Qaeda, the terrorist organization responsible for 9/11 was orginally a group of Afgan freedom fighters, who faught against U.S.S.R



during cold war. After the cold war had ended, many freedom fighters had reorganized and regrouped themselves and decided to fight against west, because it was against their ideology. Similarly many other terrorist organizations like ISIS, Boko Haram are also proxies who were trained and nurtured by U.S.A, but they got out of U.S.A control. Henceforth Cold war is responsible for war against terrorism.

Similarly the ^{basic grammar is fine good} weapons used by terrorist is also something which they learned during cold war and passed it on generation by generation. During the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the C.I.A trained ~~the Afghan freedom fighters~~, taught them ~~weapon handling and other military tactics~~, which are adopted by terrorist and used against state. Henceforth Cold war taught military tactics to terrorist who use it against civilians.

In addition, the root of racial hate were sown during cold-war, which is still prevalent. During the cold war, many programs were run against ideology of each other. Communist ~~was~~ spread hate against capitalism and capitalist.

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Spread hate against communism. During this period hate was spread against ~~nations~~ nations instead of political ideologies. Henceforth Cold War had sown the seeds of xenophobia.

Lastly military expenditures during cold war was much higher than war against terrorism. As per pentagon, the U.S government spent 14 trillion dollars during cold war but the amount spent on war against terrorism was 8 trillion dollars. Likewise during the ~~of~~ cold war, the global trade was low due to geopolitical complexity. Henceforth the cold war had much more economic implications than war on terror.

"In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers". (Neville Chamberlain), therefore the world has suffered greatly in both wars and is continuing to face the burnt of wars. But Cold war has damaged the world much more as it set the course for war on terror. Henceforth Cold war damaged world more.

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