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## THE RECENT STANDOFF BETWEEN CHINA AND US AND ITS IMPACT ON PAKISTAN. (PMS, 2020)

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(who rule's the world by Noam Chomsky  
+ China world's view: Demystifying  
China to prevent Global conflict  
by David Li)
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China
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Semiconductor war and the  
thucydides trap.  
(sanctions on SMIC and Apple)
  - 4b. Taiwan conundrum: Sovereignty  
claims and US policy flux  
(Nine dash line, law of  
Sea convention)
  - 4c. Russia - Ukraine war: a  
bone of contention.  
(US dual containment policy)

5. Impact on Pakistan

5a. Opportunity for Pakistan  
(to increase trade)

5b. Reduce US engagement in  
major sectors like education

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China financing.

6. Critical Analysis

7. Conclusion

In the complex landscape of geopolitics, the relationship between the US and China serves as a defining feature of 21st century. According to Thomas Donald, Both <sup>the</sup> US and China have elements of competition and cooperation. In the recent standoff, semiconductor serves as a linchpin between both states.

their vie for power and to grow their influence in the geopolitical landscape, both countries are putting sanctions on each others major tech industries. In addition to this, Taiwan and Russia-Ukraine war serves as a bone of contention between the two. This standoff has a ripple effect on the landscape of South Asia, especially Pakistan. It has impacted Pakistan in various ways; for instance, it reduces the US engagement on various sector as the US has changed its foreign policy. In addition to this, with the help of China's



financing; the country can bolster its economy. For China, Pakistan serves as a gateway to the west, whereas US view Pakistan through the lens of geopolitical chess. Thus, the standoff has a substantial impact on Pakistan, but both countries recognize the importance of Pakistan, and this recognition make them willing to accept Pakistan's relation with other nations.