

Comprehension 2: CSS 2021

Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end. (20)

Prime Minister Tony Blair has consistently argued that the only option in the face of hyperpower is to offer wise counsel. But increasingly this is a course that governments and people across the world have refused. The mobilization for war against Iraq split the United Nations and provoked the largest anti-war demonstrations the world has ever seen. And through it all, America maintained its determination to wage war alone if necessary and not to be counselled by the concerns of supposedly allied governments when they faithfully represented the wishes of their electorates. Rather than engaging in debate, the American government expressed its exasperation. The influential new breed of neoconservative radio and television hosts went much further. They acted as ringmasters for outpourings of public scorn that saw French fries renamed 'freedom fries' and moves to boycott French and German produce across America. If one sound-bite can capture a mood, then perhaps it would be Fox News' Bill O'Reilly. At the height of the tension over a second Security Council resolution to legitimate war in Iraq, Mr. O'Reilly told his viewers that the bottom line was security, the security of his family, and in that matter 'There's no moral equivalence between the US and Belgium'. It is, in effect, the ethos of hyperpower articulated and made manifest in the public domain of 24-hour talk. And America's willingness to prosecute war has raised innumerable questions about how it engages with other countries. Afghanistan has seen the removal of the Taliban. But there are no official statistics on the number of innocent civilians dead and injured to achieve that security objective. The people of Afghanistan have witnessed a descent into the chaos that preceded the arrival of the Taliban, a country administered not by a new era of democracy under the tutelage of the hyperpower, but merely by the return of the warlords. Beyond Kabul, much of the country remains too insecure for any meaningful efforts at reconstruction and there is enormous difficulty in bringing relief aid to the rural population.

Questions:

1. Why does the doctrine of power set by neo-imperial America deny space to counselling? (4 Marks each)
2. What is the essence of 'moral equivalence' whereas War has no moral justification?
3. Why do countries occupied and under the tutelage of hyperpower have no peace?

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4. Arguably Europe and hyperpower US are at cross purposes over the concept of war.
Are they? Why?
 5. What Tony Blair's meant by 'wise counsel', and did it prevail?

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Ques 1 Why does the doctrine of power act by neo-imperial America deny space to counselling?

Ans The doctrine of power set by neo-imperial America deny space to counselling because America wants to maintain its determination to wage war alone if necessary. The America not be counselled by other allied governments that wish to counsell of their electordes. Even America shows aggression on them.

Ques 2 What is the essence of 'moral equivalence' whereas war has no moral justification.

Ans There is no moral justification of war. According to Bill O'Reilly moral equivalence is way that American uses to manifest in the public domain to engage war with other countries. In this way, America invaded in Iraq.

Ques 3 Why do countries occupied and under the tutelage of hyperpower have no peace?

Ans Countries occupied and under the tutelage of hyperpower have no peace because there are no democracy and superpower wants the warlords to govern the countries. For example,

In Afghanistan superpower USA removed the Taliban government and return the power to warlords. So, there is no peace.

Ques 4 Arguably Europe and hyperpower US are at cross purpose over the concept of war. Are they? why?

Ans Europe and hyperpower US both have different

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"moral equivalence" on war. Because Europe does not consider moral equivalence just as war. For example, European countries did not agree with America for invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq. While America uses moral equivalence to manifest the public to engage into war.

What Tony Blair's meant by "wise course" and did it prevail?

According to Tony Blair's Superpower has only one option for restraining through wise counsele. But this policy become fledge due to its participated in the invasion of Iraq.

