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Evaluate Pak-U.S relations and its changing trends.

Introduction

Relations of Pakistan and United States seems unclear since independence of Pakistan. Whenever U.S finds their interest, at that time diplomatic relations remain with Pakistan were good and friendly. Although, both countries cooperate in various circumstances, on the other hand, U.S has imposed various sanctions and embargos on Pakistan, which is inadequate and discriminatory behaviour.

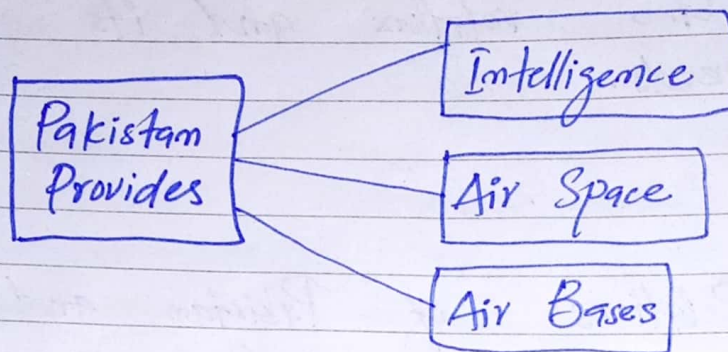
Pak-U.S relations

Bilateral experience with U.S is divergent as earlier mentioned whenever U.S wants Pakistan's geo-strategic help at that time relations remains good enough. Moreover, policies remains unclear regarding relation with Pakistan. Despite Pakistan stands with U.S in many circumstances shoulder to shoulder like war either against terrorism or ~~in~~ wars in Somalia and Bosnia.

Bilateral Experience After Independence.

After independence in 1947, Pakistan was an ally of United States in the cold war against Soviet Union. The high point of this relationship was the collaboration of both countries to resist the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Moreover, at that time U.S provide military as well as economic aid to Pakistan to resist Soviet from expansion in Afghanistan. Once this objective was achieved in 1989, Soviet left the Afghanistan then policy of U.S towards Pakistan changed. It caused by various number of factors and two countries drifts apart.

Pak-U.S relation after 9/11



lets unpack this flowchart;

After September 11, Pakistan not only condemned the terrorist attack, but also offered her open handed ^{support} and cooperation in the war against terrorism.

According to the Georgetown Journal of Intl. affairs, when Bush administration asked Pakistan for her geostrategic help and cooperation in the war against terrorism his request ~~is~~ certainly granted. Moreover, Pakistan provided intelligence with United States, permitted the use of air space and also provide the logistic support provided three air bases.

After operation, according to the Journal of Intl. affairs, American president emphasized the critical role played by Pakistan in the war against terrorism.

American president said in his remarks to the media and said,

"President Mushraf is a leader with great courage and his nation is a key partner in the global coalition against terror."

In nutshell, relations with U.S at the time of 9/11 were good because of strategic location of Pakistan and U.S claimed that 9/11 was planned from the soil of Afghanistan.

Changing Friends of Pak-U.S Relations

- ↳ U.S non-proliferation policy
- ↳ Administration of George W. Bush
- ↳ Pakistan's tilt towards China
- ↳ U.S - China Rivalry

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U.S non-proliferation policy

After Soviet Union, U.S impose sanctions over Pakistan regarding nuclear weapon proliferation, despite friendly relations in the past with Pakistan. Pakistan viewed this policy inadequate and discriminatory as it sought to prevent Pakistan from developing nuclear weapons. ~~At~~ Pakistan was developing nuclear deterrent in the response of India's acquisition of nuclear weapons capability in 1974. On the otherhand, this policy was not effective for India.

Administration of George W. Bush — Revive policy

With the election of George W. Bush, as the President of United States, efforts were made to revive relation with Pakistan and South Asia. Numerous high-level talks were held during that year and decision was that sanctions were taken from Pakistan and India just before the incident of September 11.

Pakistan tilt towards China

Pakistan and China have friendly relation, As one of the diplomats from both countries that stated that Pak-China friendship is deeper than ocean and stronger than iron. Both countries engaged in the economic & developmental projects like China's BRI project etc. China want to become economically stronger and wants to connect the world economically engage within trade through its projects like CPEC and many more around the world. On the other hand, U.S does not want China becomes a future superpower country. So, U.S main claim is that, China want to erode capitalism and follows expansionist policy of communism around the world through their projects.

Moreover, Pakistan faces trouble in the form of Sanction from United States because she engaged in the developmental ~~and~~ projects with China and also due to trade with China.

US - China Rivalry

As previously mentioned, China is from communism block and U.S belongs to capitalism block. So, U.S ~~has~~ ~~not~~ ~~wants~~ ~~China~~ ~~becomes~~ ~~dominant~~ ~~player~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~through~~ ~~their~~ ~~trade~~ ~~expansion~~ ~~policy~~ ~~around~~ ~~the~~ ~~globe~~. Moreover, to counter China's dominance U.S is intervening in South China sea and support Taiwan against China. Not only this, for protecting his interest or counter China's dominance he is applying every possible mean. Furthermore, Pakistan is ~~entering~~ ~~neighbouring~~ ~~of~~ ~~China~~ ~~as~~ ~~well~~ ~~as~~ ~~economic~~ ~~partnership~~. So, also Pakistan faces sanctions because of diplomatic and partnership relations. Recently, U.S impose sanction over Pakistan, because of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline and U.S claimed that he imposed sanctions over Pakistan because Pakistan import nuclear arsenals from Chinese companies. On the other hand, India signed to use Iran's Chabahar port for 10 years and there was no sanction on ~~state~~ India imposed by U.S.

Conclusion

In all previous discussion, we saw that how relations of Pakistan and United States ~~countries~~ were remain divergent. Whenever, U.S saw their interest in South Asia - the relations with ~~Pakistan~~ Pakistan remained friendly and fair. Pakistan's geostrategic location also plays important role in relationship with United States and China. ~~that's why~~ we see the changing trends in relations with United States due to tilt towards China, and other factors.