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Critically evaluate unconditional support of USA for Israel and its image in Arab countries and how it provide space for China and Russia to Penetrate into Middle East.

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## 1) Introduction:

With the creation of Israel's State, USA and UK has been the ardent supporters. In fact status of Israel is as a Protectorate state that was created by Britain as a result of Balfour declaration. United States also enjoys good relations with Middle eastern countries, war in Gaza not only impacted Israel image all around the world but also effected USA relations with Middle Eastern countries as the opinion of the people around the world is changing so does the geopolitical landscape. This was provided opportunity for China and Russia to penetrate in the Middle Eastern countries like never before. China in pursuit of its economic goal provides an opportunity for Middle eastern countries and Russia changed its policy after Ukraine war from negotiator to active player in Middle East.

## 2) October seven attack by Hamas and response of Israel:

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Twenty-five Hamas fighters launched attack on October seven through air, war and land about 1400 people were killed and 240 were taken as hostages by Hamas. Thirteen Israeli's city was targeted by nearly 500 missiles launched by Hamas.

## 2.1) Response of Israel and USA Policy

Within an hour of attack Israel forces IDF respond by launching air strikes and ground invasion of Gaza Strip by October 26. USA supported Israel decision. John Measheimer argued

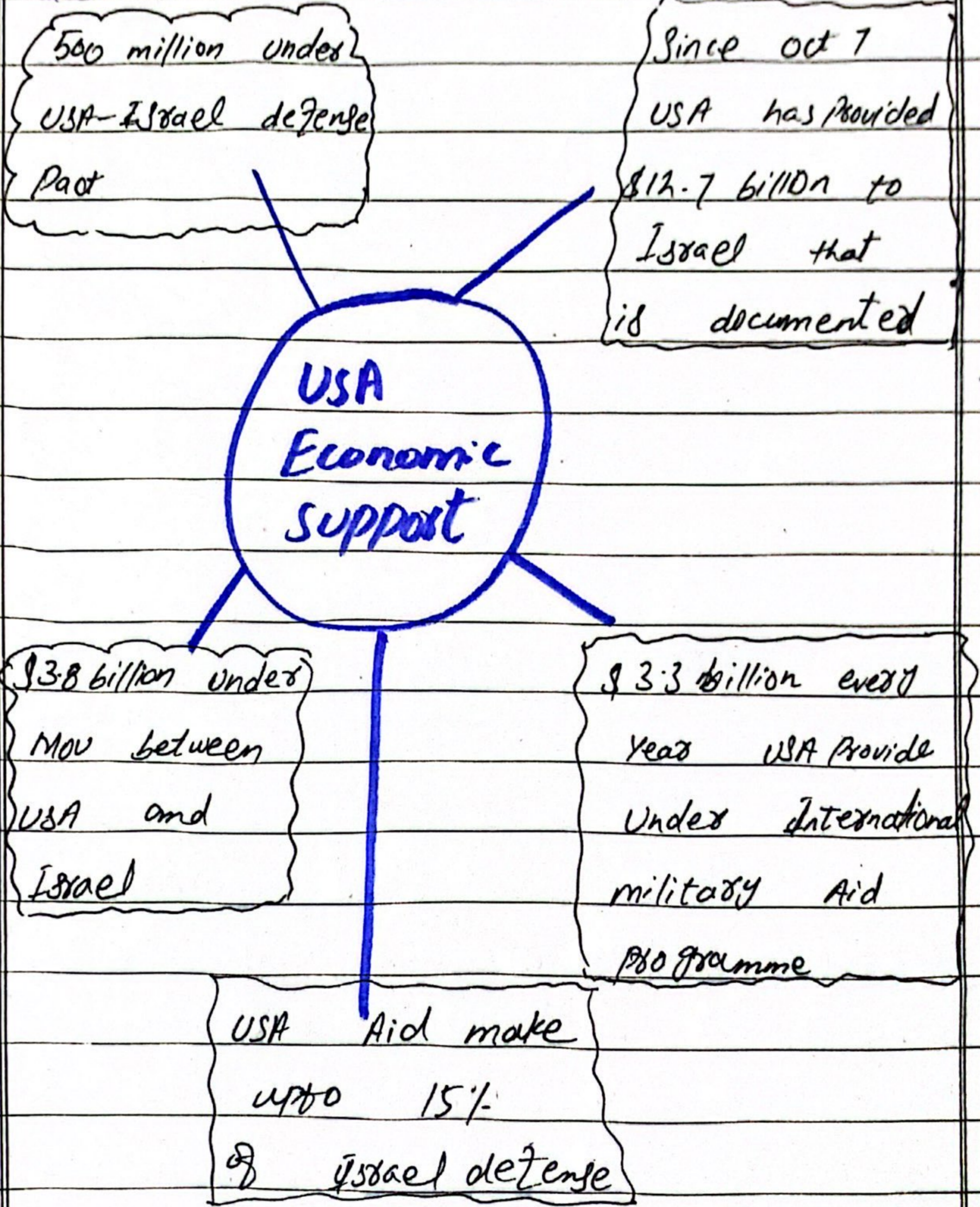
" By supporting Israel's decision to invade Gaza USA made its first mistake it should have reviewed the policy and then respond "

John Measheimer:  
author of The Great Power Politics

## 3.2) Reasons for unconditional support for Israel by USA

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There are many factors involved in the unconditional support of USA for Israel goes behind its history and till now USA has been the largest aid giver to the Israel.



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### 3.1) Horror of world war: USA Support for Jews

After the horror of Holocaust the Americans sympathy was increased for the Jews and American supported them and hosted them on their land.

### 3.2) Americanization of the Jews: Post world war

For Americans to accept and respect Jews it was important for Jews to adopt the American culture and they did it

[ Amy. Kaplan:

Our American Jews ]

### 3.3) Shared colonial history and support for Nationalization:

Both American and Jews shared the colonial experiences and just the behavior of colonizers towards them reflects in their actions but also their treatment with Native Americans and Palestinians respectively. The idea of Jews nationalism was highly supported by Americans.

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and it shifted the wave towards unprecedented support for Israel.

### 3.4) Israel as Rebuttle to Fascism and beacon of Democracy

American views Israel State as 'perfect rebuttle to Fascism and best land among the authoritarianism in Middle East for Democracy.

### 3.5) 1967 war and USA View:

1967 war, 6 days war presented Israel in the eyes of USA as undefeated power and bond shifted from cultural support to Strategic Alliance.

### 3.6) Israel Lobby groups Past to Present:

Israel lobby is operating in USA since long time and its agenda is promote Israeli values among liberal Americans. Many American President accepted its presence.

"Americans ought to know and Israelis do not want to know what is going

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On Gaza is a grave human rights violation which is far more transcends than any outsider could imagine and no senator in USA could call Israel to draw back to its legal boundaries or publicise the plight of Palestinians. It is given to some powerful forces in America like AIPAC."

Timmy Carter

#### 4) Impact on its image in Middle East.

USA image after the Israel invasion as Stephan walton (Author of Israel lobby and USA Foreign Policy) argued that is shaping as weak state with less control on Israel.

#### 4) Impact on USA relations with Saudi Arabia:

USA was working on peace deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia, Gaza war put the deal on

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ic as KSA Foreign Affairs Minister mentioned.

Peace talk with Israel are off the table, till the solution of Palestinian Nationalism

( Faizal bin Fakhad  
Ibn - Saud: Foreign  
Minister KSA )

## 4.2) Reversal of Peace Efforts: Abraham Accords

USA brokered a successful peace deal in 2020 as a result UAE, Oman, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan started diplomatic relations with Israel before that Egypt recognized Israel in 1979 and Jordan in 1994. This war created crisis on the borders of Egypt and Jordan and Presidents of both countries vehemently criticize Israel and wars of several at peace talk this impacted USA image as well.

5) Provided opportunity for Russia and China in Middle East.



## 5.1) Opportunity for China in Middle: USA two Front was

USA is fighting its front war in Palestine and in Ukraine it provided an immense opportunity for China to pursue its Economic goal in Middle East. Recent visits of Chinese delegations to Qatar and UAE in October 2024 where several memorandum of understanding were signed for cooperation on Energy, Transport Technology and Chinese Premier Li Qiang visit to Saudi Arabia provided opportunity for China to draw investments.

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## 5.2) Opportunity for Russia

Russia changed its Policy after the Israel launched attacks, Israel and Russia were cooperating in Syria, this was provided opportunity for Iran as it pushed Iran closer to Russia

"USA failed policies and handling of the war in Gaza pushed Iran in arms of Russia"

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Russia is pushing further in Middle East and UAE, ~~an~~ Egypt Joint Russian led organization BRICS is an example of that.

**Conclusion:**