

# Changing world order and Pakistan's Foreign Policy

## I- Introduction

## II- Significance of proactive foreign policy in the realm of changing world order.

## III- What are the indicators of changing world order?

(a) Transition of alliance from geopolitics to geoeconomics leads to the new era of global competition

(b) The pivot to Asia is a seismic shift in global power dynamics

(c) Countries are following their independent foreign policy to challenge the status quo

(d) The potential failure of the west in dealing with global issues is creating trust deficit among nations

(e) The decaying of liberal world norms is reshaping the world order

IV- What are the opportunities for Pakistan's foreign policy in a changing world order?

(a) Strengthening ties with multiple nations help reduce dependency on traditional allies

(b) Pakistan's active participation in regional organizations significantly enhances its influence

(c) Engaging in global climate initiatives leverages Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change

V- What are the challenges to Pakistan's foreign policy in the realm of changing world order?

(a) Economic weakness of Pakistan shrinks foreign policy choices

(b) India's Indo-Pacific strategy is threatening the sovereignty of the country

(c) Rising terrorism in the garb of Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan poses threats to foreign policy decisions

vi- What should be the measures to make effective foreign policy in the era of changing world order?

(a) A balanced approach in navigating great power rivalry is the need of the hour

(b) Promoting regional and international trade results in the establishment of good relations with others.

(c) Cultivating soft image helps build global reputation

(d) Designing measures to curb terrorism ensures effective foreign policy choices

(e) Maintaining strategic neutrality by joining countries of the global south is necessary for attaining foreign policy goals.

vi- Conclusion

"The world is starved for change" (Veronica Parull)

The rapidly changing geo-political and geo-economic trends in the international domain prove that the change is inevitable. With reference to the dynamic scenario happening in the world like the emergence of geo-economic alliance and the decaying of liberal world order, the seismic shifts mark the global power dynamics. States are now reluctant to obey the hard power mantle of unipolar world. Ostensibly, there is a great test for nation states to revive and pursue their national interests <sup>simultaneously</sup> in the changing circumstance. According to Szamu Obenz, a renowned political analyst, writes in the journal of International Growth & Centre, "Significant developments are being observed in the contemporary world. Now, it is upon the countries to actively engage in formulating the effective foreign policies adaptable to changing power dynamics." Acknowledging the scenarios, Pakistan must design its foreign policy crucial to embolden its strategic and national interests. Fortunately, there are defined opportunities to

Pakistan in this dynamic world. The strong ties with the multiple nations and the country's active role in regional organizations could leverage its ambitions of achieving a global say. However, some challenges are present to hinder its smooth trajectory. Economic weaknesses & point formidable threat to its foreign policy as it thinsks the possible choices. Moreover, emerging India with its desire of regional dominance through Indo-Pacific Strategy depict the difficult foreign policy choices. Therefore, it is high time for Pakistan to optimize its objectives of positive recognition in the global arena through efficient foreign policy. Cultivating soft image and promoting regional and international trade could help Pakistan maintain cordial relations with all.

In the face of an increasingly complex and dynamic global landscape, proactive foreign policy plays a crucial role for the nations to survive the changing shifts. It helps countries to anticipate the

possible trends, such as shifting alliances, rising powers and the emerging challenges of climate change and pandemics. Having robust analysis of the scenarios, countries then direct their focus towards fostering alliances and addressing the possible risks before they can escalate. In this way, countries then could gain ample opportunities of economic growth, diplomatic agility and global recognition in the emerging world order.

In order to explain and understand the indicators of changing world order, several key factors must be considered. One of the most significant parameters to analyze the shifting global landscape is the rise of geo-economic alliances from the geopolitical era. Countries now prefer to develop cordial relations based on economy and trade. Fostering the global connectivity through economic corridors is the result of renegotiating hard power tactics. In this matter, Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), India, Middle-East Europe, Economic Corridor (IMEC) and BRICS collaboration have gained profound impact on the globe.

Because of the inclusion of provisions like free market trade, tariff free transportation, and financial development, the states pursue this cooperation as the factor of enhancing their interests. Thus, the emergence of geo-economic cooperation signals the global transformation

Another important point to perceive the new world dynamics is the diverging attentions towards Asia. Asia is the continent with immense potential of global trade and with a large consumption of human resource. Having the presence of China and India, the emerging economies, the pivot to Asia has become the necessity for many powers. In his book, "The Future in Asia", Parag Kanna writes, "In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the world was Europeanized, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was Americanized. Now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the world is irreversibly Asianized." In this domain region, China, Singapore, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia have gained tremendous well-being and expansion. Moreover, the USA-Japan alliance is the point of considering with the purpose of promoting Free and Open Indo-

Pacific Initiative. Precisely, it can be said that the Asian region holds the possibility of arising in the global arena as the major power.