

Q- Considering the historical fluctuations in Pakistan-US relations, evaluate the potential trajectories of this bilateral relationship within the context of the emerging global order. How might recent geo-political shifts and evolving regional dynamics influence the future of Pakistan-US interactions?

## 1- Introduction: Pakistan-US Relation In The Changing Geo-Political And Regional Paradigms:

“The enduring partnership between our countries is crucial for global and regional stability”

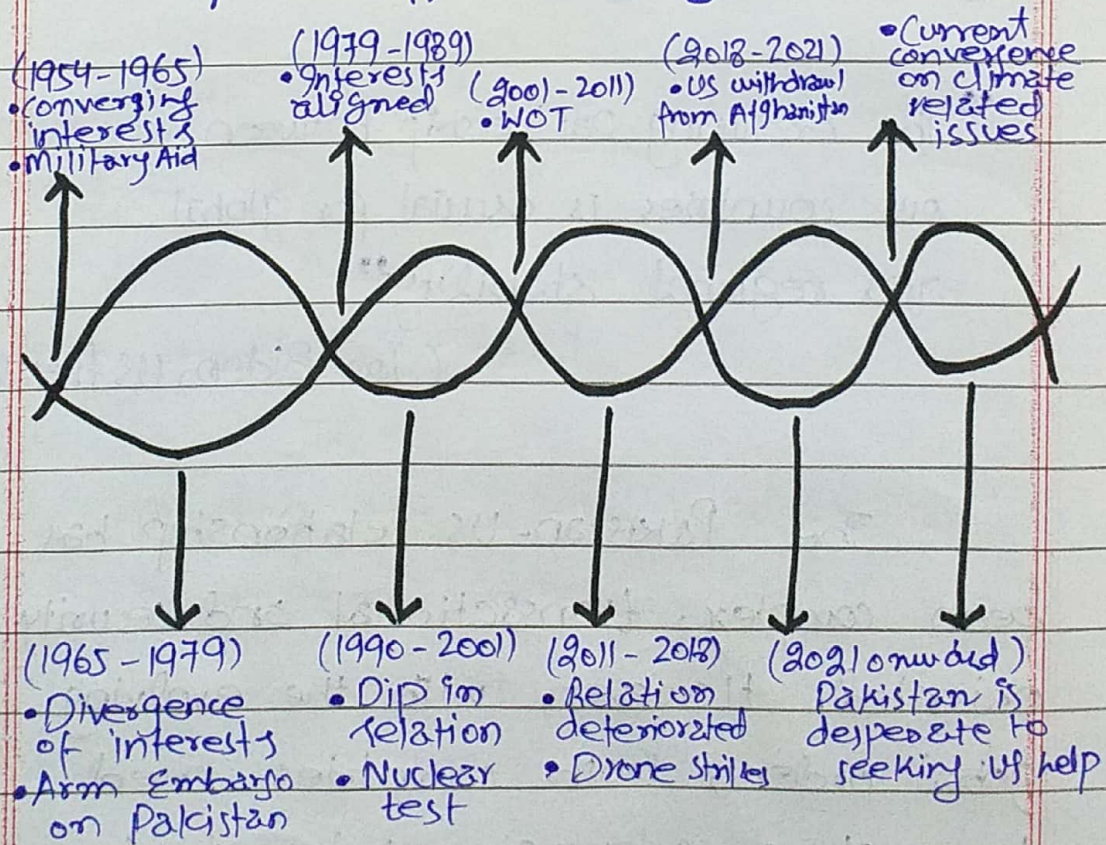
(Joe Biden, US President)

The Pakistan-US relationship has been complex, transactional and security oriented. However, with the evolving global order, both countries need to explore converging interests in other sectors, including economy,



bilateral trade, climate investment and regional security. Indeed, the future relationship between both countries will rely on Pakistan's endeavours in balancing ties with global powers while securing good relation with the USA. It will determine future policy of Pakistan with the USA.

## 2- Overview Of Historical Patron-Client Relationship Between Pakistan And USA: Christophe Jeffrelot's Analysis:





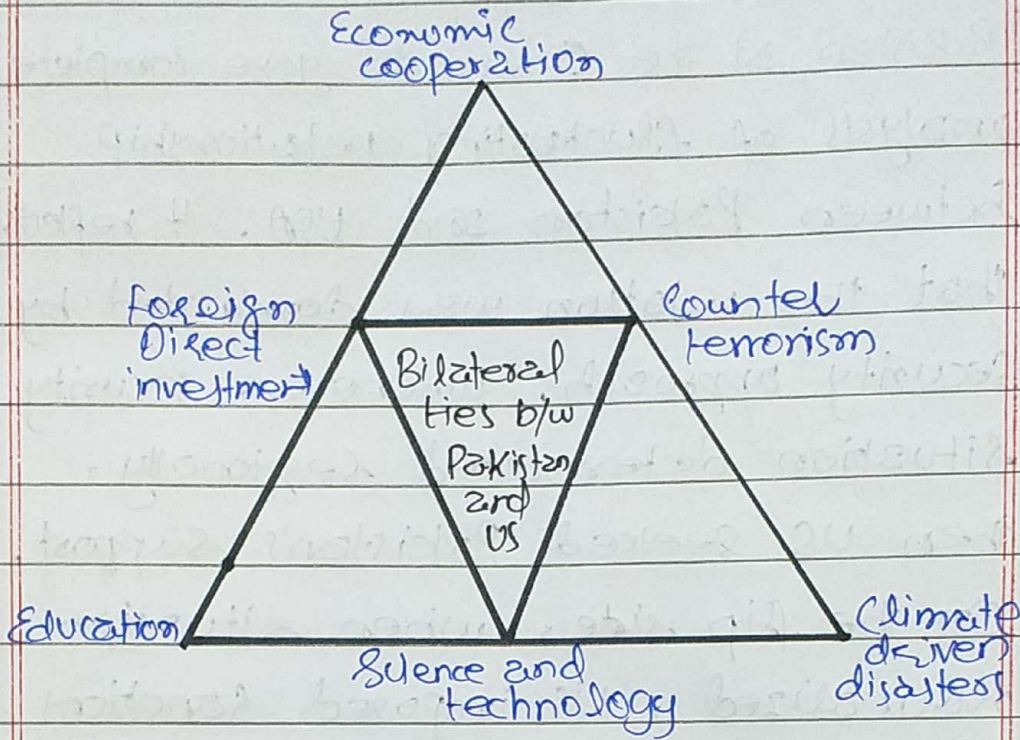
Christophe Jefferlot in his book 'Pakistan at the Crossroads' gave complete analysis of fluctuating relationship between Pakistan and USA. It reflects that the relation was dominated by security approach. Whenever, security situation deteriorated regionally, then US sought Pakistan's support. On the flip side, when situation normalized, US imposed sanctions on Pakistan for one season or another.

### 3- Exploring The Areas For Significant Bilateral Ties Between Pakistan And USA In The Era Of Emerging Global Order:

"Pakistan is the United State's most allied ally and relation with Pakistan was a cornerstone of US foreign policy."

(Richard Nixon, former US President)





3a- Foster economic cooperation through bilateral ties:

US is the largest export market of Pakistan. In 2023, US imported \$5 billion in Pakistani goods. Moreover, both countries signed Trade and Investment Framework Agreement. It highlights that bilateral trade ties can be improved further.

3b- Amplify support on counter-terrorism efforts and regional stability:

The revival of terrorism in



Pakistan can be an opportunity to seek help of USA and improve relation.

Pakistan has launched Operation Azm-e-Istehkam, which portrays its soft image to USA to improve ties with Pakistan.

3c. Bolster help on climate-driven catastrophs and tilt towards green energy:

Currently, US and Pakistan under the recently launched Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), building climate resilient infrastructure to tackle climate change, with the US and G7 countries pledging USD 600 billion under PGII by 2027. It is an opportunity to build good ties between countries.

3d. Strengthening cooperation on education:

Education is an important area of collaboration between Pakistan and USA. Pakistan's Full Bright Program is the largest in the world in terms of financial contributions by the US



government, providing scholarships for Pakistani students and professionals.

### 3e- Embolden collaboration on science and technology:

Pakistan needs to take robust actions on adopting new technology with the support of Pak-US Tech Exchange initiative. It will help to directly connect tech professionals, business students and government leaders with successful Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, allowing them to learn and exchange best practices on developing technology in country.

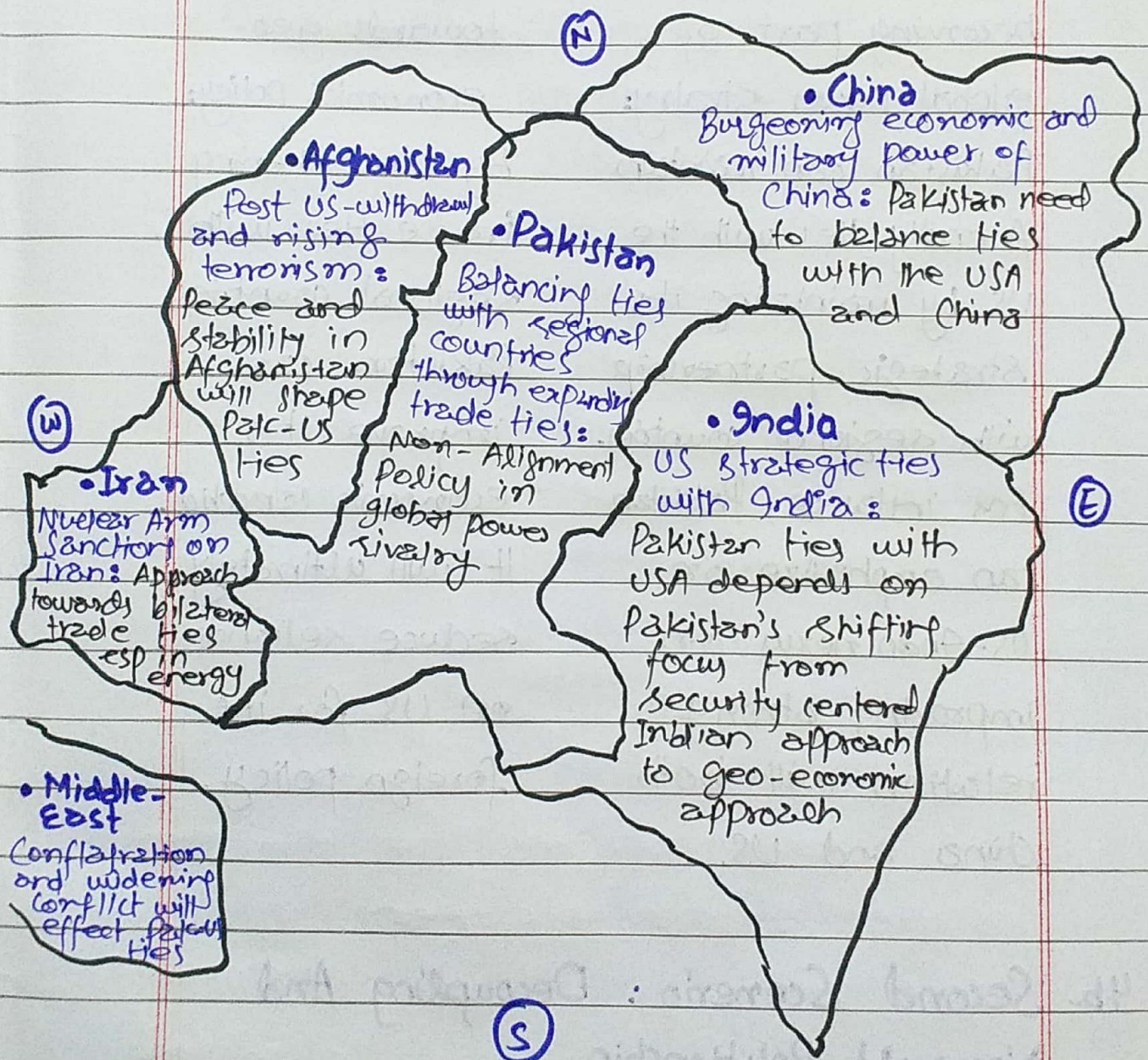
### 3f- Build capacity for foreign direct investment of USA in Pakistan:

Both countries can strengthen relation through investment in agriculture. For instance, US-Pakistan Green Alliance framework to advance cooperation in climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy and water-management



is a main vehicle of cooperation between both countries.

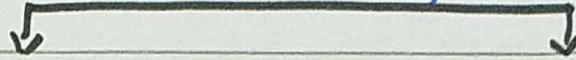
### 4- The Future Of Pakistan-US Relation In The Evolving Geo-Political And Regional Dynamics:



Map Showing Changing Global And Regional Dynamics



### 4a- First Future Relationship Scenerio : Total Engagement And Cooperation:



(i) Maintaining relationship with global powers and aloofness from becoming part of global power rivalry: Pakistan can maintain friendly ties with the US by maintaining its strategic partnership with regional countries. For instance, Pakistan can emphasize on US-India nexus on improving strong relation with both China and US.

(ii) Shifting focus from security-centered policy towards geo-economics policy: By strengthening trade ties with regional countries, Pakistan can improve its economic condition. It will ultimately reduce reliance on US for its foreign policy.

### 4b- Second Scenerio : Decoupling And Narrowed Relationship:



(i) Strained ties with US due to US-Israiel-India trika:

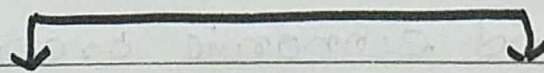
(ii) Indulgence of Afghanistan in terrorism and Refugees crisis:



US has strengthened defence ties with India to contain China. India can use sophisticated weapons such as advanced Ballistic Missiles under Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement 2020 against Pakistan, which will influence its relation with USA.

Post withdrawal of USA in Afghanistan, terrorism has revived in Pakistan. Moreover, repatriation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan is another issue raised after US withdrawal. Therefore, there is probability of rising terrorism globally and resultantly affected Pak-US relation.

### 4c- Third Scenario: Total Estrangement Between Pakistan and USA:



(i) In case of becoming China as global established power and Pakistan may need to choose side between China and USA. In case of Bi-polar world, Pakistan has

(ii) War on Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan and US may take complete side of India. The recent revocation of



to choose side of China as it is Pakistan's all-weather friend and China saved Pakistan many a times from economic collapse. Therefore, it would influence Pakistan-US ties.

Article 370 and 3(A) has fueled hostile relation between Pakistan and India. It reflects that future is bleak for both countries lies on contentious issue of Kashmir.

### 5- Conclusion:

Although Pak-US relationship is totally based on security-oriented bilateral ties, Pakistan can further explore opportunities in other socio-political and economic arenas to improve relation with USA. The current changing geo-political and regional trajectories will shape Pakistan-US relation and will determine their future relationship.