

Current Affair

Question

Critically evaluate the Russia-China growing relations and its implications on global power politics.

Answer:

Introduction:

The growing relation between Russia and China holds a unique significance in the global dynamics. Both countries having same vision are growing ties in military, economic, cultural and technological fields. This increasing bond plays an essential role to counter Western bloc. However, these two countries have not publicly supported each other. The impact of this new block has influenced the western sanctions, dollars dependency and multipolar world. Thus, the increasing ties between Russia and China remain a central point in dynamics of global power.

key factors determining growing relation between Russia and China:

Frustration with the U.S led system:

Both the countries believe that U.S led system favours west than the global south.

Sovereignty issues:

Both China and Russia are more concern of their sovereignty. They don't want the U.S interference in Taiwan and Russia disintegrated neighbours.

Critical evaluation of growing ties between two emerging powers:

In 2021, both countries celebrated twenty years of neighborhoodness. Their growing ties results to counter the effect of global north and to reap maximum benefit from their relation.

1- Energy pipeline: to China - new market for Russia:

After Ukraine Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the U.S imposed sanctions on

Russia and the Europe also cut ties.
Then Russia started to sell its energy to China. Russia got new market while China had opportunity to buy in lower price. Thus, new energy plan power of Siberia II is also planned.

2 - Military support to China - Strengthening military ties to suppress U.S power
About 40% of military weapons are being purchased from Russia.
It provides mutual benefit to both states.

3 - Economic ties and trade - Use of local currency to reduce dependency on dollars.

In 2022, trade between two countries was \$200B which increased to \$245B in 2024. More of the trade is done in Yuan.

4 - Technology transfer to Russia -
A step toward digitalization to curb the western dominance.

The U.S imposed sanctions on Russia; China - a growing power - transfers 80% technology to Russia

Military joint drills:

Both countries have started military joint drills in the Sea of Japan.

	Soldiers	Nuclear power
U.S	1.14M	6750
China	2.015M	350
Russia	1.014M	6400

Limitations & weakness of growing ties:

1- Russia dependency on China:

After the U.S sanction, Russia has become dependant on China. Some expert say "junior" of China.

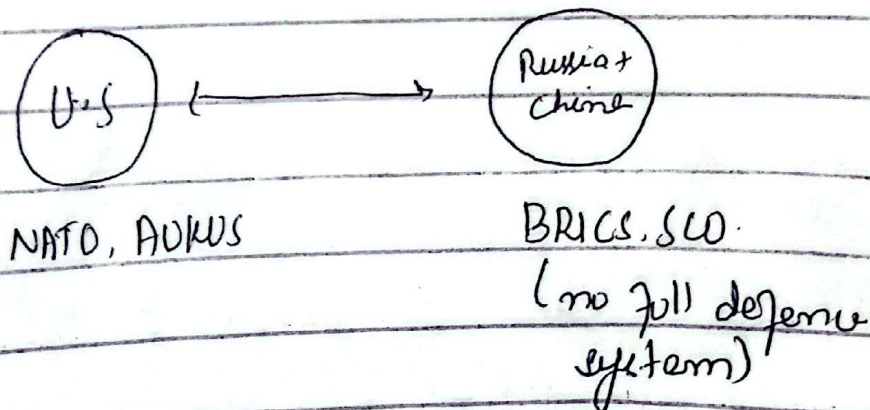
2- China's fear of West:

Despite this

growing relation, China does not want to anger the West. It has also quietly supported the Russia due to fear of Western sanctions.

3. No full defence system:

Both countries still have not developed the combined defence system. The U.S has NATO, AUKUS, but there is no system in Russia and China.



Implications of China-Russia bloc on Global power politics:

The growing relation of China and Russia has influenced the global power politics. It has

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changed the global power dynamics and envisioned of multi-polar world.

1- Russia-China growing tie has resisted the western sanctions:

After the U.S sanctions, Russia has continuously succeeded in building its economy and strengthening relations with other countries. The growing between two states is a manifestation of the U.S imposed sanction resistance.

2. Reducing the dollar dependency:

The U.S has standardized the oil purchasement in dollars, which has made the world dependent on dollar. However, recent trade in Yuan between Russia and China has decreased the dependency on dollar.

3. Rise of Global South:

The hegemony of global north has been predominant over the last few decades. Russia and China - both are part of global corporations (UNSC and BRICS) - have resulted in the rise of global south and multipolar world.

Conclusion:

To conclude, the end of cold war has brought two states Russia and China closer. These two states having frustration with the U.S led system work together for mutual benefits. This growing relation has also resulted in shift of global power. Moreover, hence, this growing ties between two state - Russia and China - mark a remarkable position in global politics.