

Q: No: 01 Is the world moving toward a new form of Cold War

1) INTRODUCTION: Global Political Polarization and Emerging new cold war between the U.S and China

"In a world of alliance making, silence is not the option." ²²

~ Fareed Zakaria, author & journalist

Global politics is displaying a grave polarization among states. Particularly the west and the East are becoming arch-rivals. New alliance making, trade restriction and quest for multi-polarity and independency have polarized the world more. In the backdrop this polarization, previous cold war scenario is repeating itself but in another way. China and the U.S are becoming more

fundamentalists defending their own sphere of influence. Therefore, political, economic, security and technological are shaping the cold-war scenario which is not traditional one.

9) GROWING POLITICAL POLARIZATION IN THE GLOBE: FACTORS CONTRIBUTING

2.1) Growing competition over hegemony between the US and China

The US is more interested in military hegemony, while China is using economy as a tool for creating hegemony.

According to European Union experts, the Trump has asked the NATO Nation to increase their share GDP to security purpose. From 2 to 5 percent, the GDP share increased. one

the other hand, China is increasing investment in Middle East, central

Asia, South Asian other ASEAN countries.

2.2) Ideological clash between the US and China

The polarization is further evident in ideals of two arch-rivals. As Samuel P. Huntington has wrote in his book "The clash of civilization" that after the cold war, the epicenter of conflict will be civilization. Therefore, US hegemonic ambition are in contrast with Chinese cooperative economic model.

2.3) Growing competition on controlling Natural Resources

The ownership of natural resources such as rare earth metal has fueled the polarization. Both countries are using coercive tactics for hurting each other's economy. Trump reciprocal tariffs are evident in this regard.

3.4) Polarization is evident to
growing economy of China

According to Bloomberg, Chinese economy is growing at the rate of 5000%. Since 1990s. The Chinese economy was at 0.5 trillion, now it has crossed 17 trillion. While the US economy is growing at 500%. Since 1990s and now it is almost 30 trillion. So, the US fear that China may compete it.

3) A NEW COLD WAR BETWEEN

THE U.S AND CHINA?

The rivalry between the U.S and China has become so much fierce that it looks like emergence of a new cold war. Following factors are responsible for growing unrest;

3.1) Political war Between
US and China

China rejects the old political order of the U.S and brings its own model for politics in terms of **BRICS**. China seeks to make an alternative to U.S-led institutions. BRICS would work as new IMF because of a new investment bank proposed which will give smart loans at lower rate.

3.2)

Economic rivalry between the U.S and China

Before 1990, the Chinese economy was fully dependant on U.S but now it has grown that much offsetting the U.S economy. Due to Trump's 2025 tariffs, China has diversified the trade with South America, Arab countries and ASEAN countries. So, economic rivalry is becoming fierce and it is portraying like a new cold war.

3.3) Security Imbalance between the U.S and China
The U.S has less alliance partner as compared to China in "Indo-Pacific Region". (Russia, North Korea and Iran). China is also practising security drills at the Persian Gulf with Iran and Russia. Though U.S possesses heavy military, yet Chinese presence is largest because of Europe's slogan of sovereignty and interdependency.

3.4) U.S - China chip war fueling cold war agenda

The U.S is expert in artificial intelligence and its patent, whereas, China holds 85 percent of global rare earth metals reserve. Both countries are using their capabilities as economic & security tool to keep each other interdependent. However,

both are not willing to cooperate.

4) CONCLUSION

Global political polarization is widespread due to struggle for hegemony, ideological clashes, competition on natural resources and growing economy of China.

In the backdrop of political polarization, the rivalry between the U.S and China is more fierce due to political, economic, security and technological tussles. Though it is not a traditional cold war yet the competition looks like it.



Q: NO: 03

1) INTRODUCTION: Decline of Western Dominance and transformation in world Order

How is the 21st-century world order being reshaped

by the rise of non-Western powers and the relative

decline of Western dominance? Examine the key

economic, military, technological, and diplomatic

"The world stops for no one, perhaps it moves ahead."

~ China's President
XI Jinping

The 21st-century world order is in drastic changes, challenging the norms set by the U.S. The western dominance is declining due to continual trade despite sanctions, hypocrisy in Palestinian cause, questioning non-proliferation regimes and bypassing the U.S-led financial system. The new world order is emerging in the wake of economic competition (trade war & sanction), military

alliances (AUKUS vs. Russia and China), technological war (Rare earth metals and Taiwan issue) and diplomatic tussles (BRICS, SCO).

2) DECLINE OF WESTERN

DOMINANCE AND RISE OF

NON-WESTERN POWER: HOW?

2.1) Continual trade despite U.S Sanctions

Despite U.S sanctions on Iran, Russia and North Korea, these countries are enjoying trade partnerships eroding U.S role of policeman. Iran signed a 25-years long deal in terms of economic, security and infrastructure which is a challenge to U.S dominance.

Despite U.S sanctions on Russia, India (U.S security partner is Axis) is also keeping trade ties with Russia importing millions of oil from Moscow.

2.2)

U.S double standards in
Palestinian cause exposes being
global peace maker.

Many western news channels along with Trump condemn Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, the same bodies call Palestinians terrorist fighting for their fundamental rights. this kind of double standards exposes U.S role of gross global peace maker.

2.3)

U.S led Non-Proliferation
regimes are challenged

U.S dominance over world has been diluted owing Iran's aspirations for nuclear bomb. As IAEA reported in June 2025 that Iran's nuclear enrichment went to 60%, close to bomb making. This exposes U.S control global order.

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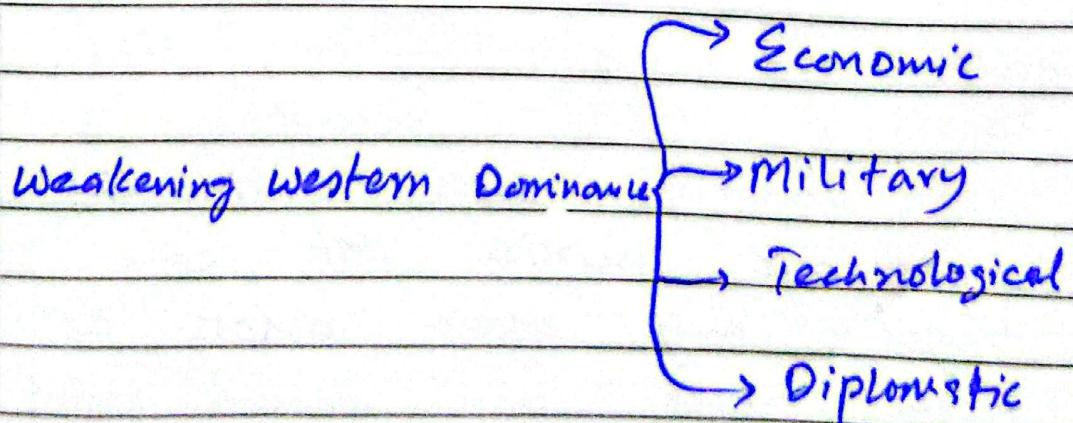
Emerging Alternative to US led Financial System

Countries from global South have been badly affected from U.S led financial system called SWIFT. They claim that the U.S misusing the system for gaining political interests such as imposing sanctions on Russia, Iran and Brazil. They have come under the umbrella of BRICS to counter the U.S hegemony on financial sector.

3)

TRANSFORMATION OF NON-WESTERN

POWER : FACTORS



3.1)

Reshaping Economic Order and trade diversification

China, Russia, Iran, India and other countries have changed the U.S centric economic policies to diversified economic policies. Such that India, despite relying on U.S has promoted trade ties with Russia and China. Recent, Modi's visit to Beijing is a brilliant example. Frequent trade restrictions have helped countries diversify their trade destinations. China now is more interesting in trading with South America and Middle East.

3.2)

Changing Scenario of Military Strength

While U.S is called a big military state, China is still exceeding it by inventing cross continental hypersonic missile that can target anywhere across the globe. Chinese air defence system (HQ-8) and aircrafts (J-10 & F-16)

used by Pakistan in 4-day war against India is vital example of Chinese weapons against western ammunition.

Intersection of almost 6 Rafal jets exposed the vulnerability of West in military arsenals. So, militarily East dominates the West.

3.3) Technological bargaining of East democratized the western achievements
though the west owns the inventions of artificial intelligence yet China possesses the key to all of this. The rare earth metals which are used in manufacturing cars, jets, machines and nuclear weapons are under Chinese ownership. China produces 75% of REMs and there are 85% of the global reserves of REMs in China (World Energy Agency). So, West now heavily rely on Chinese REMs exports leading towards its global dominance in technology.

3.4) Non-western countries overweight
west at diplomatic fronts

Majority of non-western countries are together under the ambit of SCO and BRICS. SCO single handedly shares the 40% of global economy and half of world's population (SCO exports). BRICS also share approximately 30% in global trade. So, the east has enormous potential to affect the west on diplomatic fronts.

4) CONCLUSION

In 21st century, the world has witnessed the decline of western dominance in terms of trade continuity, exposing U.S. double standards in Israel-Palestine war, and challenging west-led non-proliferation regime. The global order is transforming towards multipolarity and autonomy due to western tariffs, military alliance and evolving diplomatic fronts.