

# Sovereignty: Reality or Mirage?

## Outline

### A. Introduction

a. ~~Definition of sovereignty~~

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b. Importance of sovereignty in geopolitical and international landscape

c. ~~Thesis statement~~

### B. How Sovereignty is a ~~an~~ Mirage

1. Economic globalization: the influence of multinational corporations on domestic policies;

a) ~~Case in point: financial crisis of 2008 and global bailouts~~

2. Developing nations reliance on international credit

a) Pakistan's economic crisis and IMF bailout program

b) ~~These economic outflows and European Union influence on it~~

3. ~~Role of international organizations in overriding national decisions;~~

a) ~~Invasion of Iraq in 2003~~

and Libya in 2011 under UN resolutions

4. Military interventions undermining state sovereignty;

a) NATO's war on terror in Afghanistan

b) US airstrikes in Pakistan

5. Vested interests of major powers in war-torn countries

a) US' repeated veto in resolution seeking cease-fire in Gaza

b) Trump's statement, "all hell will break out in the Middle East"

6. Rise of international terrorism and cyber warfare disrupting state control;

a) Rise of Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and TTP

b) Arab spring and others by digital platforms

7. Influence of social media and digital platforms in controlling narratives;

a) Case in point: Prevailing culture of fake news

8. Spread of western culture affecting local traditions and sovereignty

a) English - a dominant language worldwide

b) The prevalence of western dress code in Asia

## C. Sovereignty: a Reality

1. Recognition of territorial sovereignty under international law:

a) Case in point: Russian invasion of Crimea condemned by global leaders

2. Rise of new wave of global nationalism:

a) Trump's rhetoric of 'America First'

## D. Conclusion

### Essay

In the ancient times, there was no concept of state system and the people were totally unorganized, leading towards war and civil disunity. The need of a state system led to a modern state system, defining territorial boundaries and supremacy of state within that territory. The concept of sovereignty. Sovereignty is a concept of supremacy of power within predefined ideological and territorial boundaries. It carries undeniable significance in the geopolitical and international landscape. However,

the prevailing realpolitik and growing nationalism have blurred the concept of sovereignty and proved it mere a mirage. The influence of multinational corporations, domestic power and heavy reliance of developing countries on international creditors have compromised their sovereignty. Moreover, vested interests of major powers in war-torn countries and their military interventions in that areas undermine state sovereignty.

There is also threat of rising terrorism, hybrid and cyber warfare and digital opinion building which still disrupt the state and harm its sovereignty. Although these evidences justify that sovereignty is a mirage in contemporary era, there are multiple perspectives that ensure the existence of sovereignty. Recognition of territorial boundaries under international laws, and rise of wave of ultra nationalism protect the real sovereignty of states. In summation, sovereignty is a mirage in present era due to growing interdependence and influence of earlier in economic, political, and social paradigms, instead of a reality which is theoretical only.

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