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The Cold war, far from being mere bipolar confrontation, was a complex tapestry of ideological struggle, proxy conflicts, and strategic alignment that reshaped global governance. Elaborate. Critically analyse historical dynamics of Cold war and its continuing influence on today's international relations.

Introduction

Cold war — era of bipolarity, which ultimately have several consequences after WW-II. This era leads to multiple ideological clashes, proxy conflicts and strategic alignment. The era of cold war was between two emerging ideologies of communism-expansionist ideology. whereas, capitalist a prevailing ideology in the contemporary world. This era has significance in contemporary world as well.

Overview of Cold war

Following mentioned are the era of cold war-

(1) Era of Tight Bipolarity:

Era of tight bipolarity starts from 1945-61. This era has significance due to the Arm race and multiple conflict. As USSR Test its first nuclear in 1949.

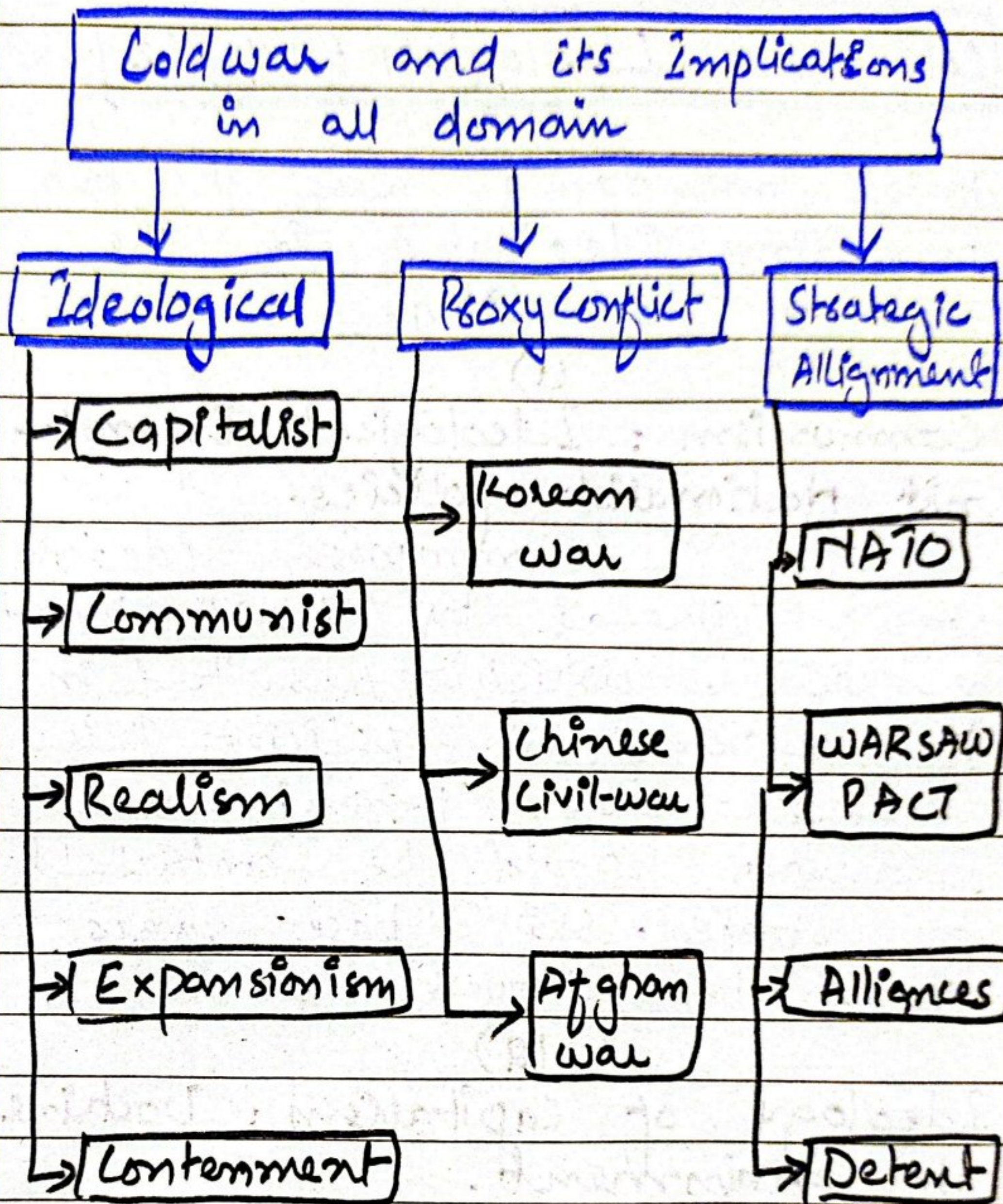
(2) Era of Lose Bipolarity:

Second leads to era of lose bipolarity from 1961-71. This era was majority unfavourable for USSR. As USSR was facing internal and external conflicts.

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Collapse of USSR into 15 states.

After the end of lose bipolarity, USSR was facing economic problems and military setback by USA. This results in the fall of USSR into 15 states as fall of Berlin occurred.



Doctrine of Expansionist Nationalism: USSR

vs

Doctrine of Containment: USA

Coldwar an Ideological Struggle

Below mentioned were the two prevailing ideologies in the era of colonialism.

(1)

Communism : Ideological Expansionist Nationalist policies.

Communism Ideology was spread by the proponents of USSR. which resulted in the expansionist policies. Their stance was property and ownership should be controlled by state. Skill base wages should be followed.

(2)

Ideology of Capitalism : Doctrine of containment.

Ideology of Capitalism was influenced by USA and global north countries. Their stance was to contain the ideology of expansionist communism. They were in favor that property and ownership should be controlled by states and there should be free Market.

How Cold war shapes Proxy Conflict

Following are events which ensures the events of cold war-

(1)

Korean war: Manifesto of coldwar. One of the significant event of cold war is Korean war. where North and South Korea was divided by Ideology. North Korea acquired the ideology of communism while South as a capitalism.

(2)

Chinese civil war ~ Expansion of Communism.

Chinese civil war was significant proxy war between the current Taiwan and China. Taiwan was influenced by USA. while China by USSR.

(3)

Afghan war: Fall of USSR in to states.

Afghan war plays pivotal role in the fall of USSR. This was the last war rather last Ideological ground level war.

Strategic Alignment at the Time of Coldwar

Mentioned is strategic alignment at the time of cold war.

(1)

Capitalist Bloc Backed by USA and NATO.

USA decided to counter the expansionist role of USSR. In order to implement this stance they need to form the NATO. which ensures security of All.

"Attack on one would be consider attack on all." → Article 05 of NATO.

(2)

Communist sphere led by USSR and Alliances: WARSAW Pact.

Communist ideology was considered as the expansionist ideology. To counter the Alliance of US led world order NATO, USSR decided to form a WARSAW. But unfortunately this pact did not come up with fruitful results after collapse of USSR, while fall of Berlin wall.

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Influence of Cold War on Contemporary relations

- Economic downfall of proxy countries
- Long Lasting ideological clashes
- Different model of governance
- Influence of Marxist school of thought-
- Political clout of Russia, China and North Korea

Cold war influence on Contemporary International Relations.

Below mentioned is the influence of cold war on international relations

(1)

Long-Lasting Ideological clashes of states.

The cold war results in the long-lasting ideological clashes. In contemporary world communist ideologies are retaking world order.

(2)

Different Model of governance in the globe.

Cold war shapes two ideologies which results in the different government models. This ultimately has significant effect on world affairs.

(3)

Influence of Marxist School of Thought.

Russians are influenced by Marxist school of thought their ideologies conflict with global north resulted in unfavorable events.

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Before - Now Analysis

Before

Now

Bipolar world → Unipolar world

Conflicts → Peace

Ideological clashes → Economic integration.

Alliances for war → Organization for cooperation

Realist Perspective → Liberal Thought

Hard Power → Soft Power

Stiff Diplomacy → Carrot Diplomacy.

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CONCLUSION

Conclusively, coldwar has significant impacts on contemporary world. While it gave us multiple off shoots at the times of post 1945. However these impacts can be counter managed by several strategies.
