

# SHIFT FROM GLOBALISM To REGIONALISM:

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The ongoing decade has been witnessing many changes in the dynamics of the world. The most clear and vivid alteration is the shift from globalism to regionalism. There is no doubt progress of states holistically depends upon globalism. Unfortunately, the amendment of globalism into regionalism has halted the way of prosperity for many countries. Meanwhile, it has brought several positive impacts for few countries. Interestingly, Pakistan is one of those states which have been observing both positive and negative repercussions of global shift.

Meanwhile, there is need to view the manifestations of global modifications. The most prominent among them are expansion of trading centres within the west, unbated tariff war and the dismal conditions of the Middle East region. However, this scenario has two

facet just like a coin in terms of ramifications on the states especially on Pakistan. It has been harnessing both good and bad effects. The beneficial consequences include reinforcing ties with other nations, cashing of geostrategic location and the developing harmony among the Muslim states. On the other hand, negative implications include interest conflict among states, plotting of countries and the ~~undesired~~ tourism. However, repugnant effects are needed to be resolved by adopting some pragmatic measures like consolidation of diplomatic relations and the unflinching support for regional states. Thus, the world has been shifting from globalism to regionalism, which has both beneficial and harmful effects for Pakistan; however, the country needs to adopt some affirmative measures to overcome the losses of negative impacts.

There are various manifestations of

changes from globalism to regionalism. They are as elaborated below:-

First, expansion of trading centres within the west is the most crystal personification of alteration from globalism to regionalism.

The major reason behind this shift is to show the ascendancy of the region to the world. The most glaring example of this modification is calling the seminar of artificial intelligence only in Paris-France. It is planned over and over again in the specific region to make it the hub of the emerging trend in the universe. Therefore, expansion of trading centres within the west plays a significant role in the alteration of globalism to regionalism.

Second, uncontrolled tariff war is another incarnation of modification of globalism to regionalism. It is evident that, now, there are two major rivals in term of economy, one is china and the

Other is the United States of America. After the emergence of new president of America, it has been chasing and following the notion of "America-First." Therefore, the country has started the tariffs war against its opponent countries along with its allies to show its power. In result, weak and fragile states decided that they would stand with their neighbouring countries in order to secure them. Meanwhile, China had also announced that it would have right to take steps for its sovereignty. Thus, unbridled tariff war is only conducted by the developed countries to empower their region.

Third, ridiculous abrogation of agreements are another reflection of restructuring from globalism to regionalism. This mean of shift is usually only adopted by the developed states. The main reason behind this activity is to harm the integrity of developing states by showing

supremacy. Meanwhile, another reason behind this act of progressed States is to suppress the developing states programmes. For this purpose the United States of America had abolished the nuclear agreement with Iran in 2018. The aim of the US behind this act was to debilitate the nuclear programmes of Iran.

Thus, baseless cancellation of agreements are the vivid embodiment of shift from globalism to regionalism.

"Think globally  
and act  
locally."

(Rene Dubos)

Fourth, coercing the peaceful usage of uranium is also depicting the change of globalism to regionalism. The bitter reality behind the fact is that developed countries especially - the US wanted to rule

universe by hook or by crook. To acquire this aim it has been utilized all of its means. The recent escalation between Iran, Israel and the US is the crystal instance of this desire. ~~of the world developed state~~. Therefore, the US and its allies had attacked Iran's nuclear site to dwindle ~~at~~ its national security. Thus, coexisting ~~is~~ the peaceful usage of uranium is portraying the image of shift from the universe convergence to limited integration.

Fifth, dismal conditions of the Middle East region are also manifesting the alteration of globalism to regionalism. Till date, the ongoing third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century has proved disastrous for the Middle East countries especially for Palestine and Iran. The bitter reality behind their destruction is the war of ascendancy among states. Therefore, the developed states are supporting their allies especially Israel in their abhorrent goal. Currently, in the

ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine — more than 57000 palestinians lost their lives. Surprisingly, Israel's powerful friends are still stand with it. Thus, dismal conditions in the Middle East region manifest the picture of change from globalism to regionalism.

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Globalization connects all with the needs, but regionalism connects few for their needs."

(Theodore Levitt)

Loss, pursuance of vested interest is another gloomy picture of the shift from globalism to regionalism. It highlights that behind the depictions of the palestinian people, there are few ~~inter~~ interest of developed countries especially the US. To attain those goals the country along with its allies has been inflicting the people

Gaza. Thus, seeking of some objectives is highlighting the change from globalism to regionalism.

The shift from globalism to regionalism has both positive and negative effects for Pakistan. Both of these implications are as described below:-

First, reinforcing ties with other nations is the clear advantage of regionalism. It is only happening due to the change in the global dynamics. The major driving force behind this implication is the fear of alienation. Therefore, the emerging ties of Pakistan with Libya is the most crystal personification of consolidating ties with other nations. Thus, developing ties with other nations reflects the foreign policy agenda of Pakistan due to the change of globalism to regionalism.

Second, cashing of geostrategic location is another beneficial impact of the shift from globalism to regionalism. Pakistan is located at the prime

location in the global map. It helps the countries in fulfilling their commitments by allowing them to pass through its land. Therefore, Pakistan and China had started a lifeline project - named the China-Pakistan-Economic Corridor in 2015. It is helping the country in cashing the geostrategic location. Thus, taking advantage of key location on the global map is a positive aspect of regionalism.

Third, widespread energy related projects in the country are also reflecting the beneficial feature of regionalism. It is evident that Pakistan has been confronting the <sup>energy</sup> economic crisis since its independence. The shift ~~is~~ from globalism to regionalism has paved the way for the country to harness the potential of neighbouring ~~po~~ countries.

Therefore, under the shadow of the CPEC, various energy projects are being installed in the country. The Quaid-e-Azam Solar Power Plant in Bahawalpur is the ~~co~~ vivid instance of

establishment of new energy power projects  
in the country

"Regionalism is  
the concept of  
development of  
the region."

(Joseph Stiglitz)

the Muslim states ~~is the~~ Lastly, developing harmony among another positive aspect of the global shift from globalism to regionalism. The third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been observing the strengthening of relationship among the Muslim states. The world has witnessed its common manifestation during the conflict between two nuclear states - Pakistan and India and the escalation between ~~Iran and~~ Israel. Thus, the emerging trend of harmony among the Muslim countries is an advantageous implication of regionalism for Pakistan.

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Meanwhile, the change in the world dynamic has proved harmful for Pakistan in many aspects. They are as attested below:

First, interest conflict among states is a dire impact of regionalism upon Pakistan. It is proving disastrous for the country's economy. The most common and crystal incarnation of this abhorrent effect is the unresolved Kashmir issue between Pakistan and India. It highlights that regionalism has been instigating the fear of war between two states for their interests. Thus, regionalism proves disastrous for Pakistan.

Second, plotting of countries is also manifesting the repugnant effect of regionalism for Pakistan. The main purpose of archaic rivals of the country is to halt the way of prosperity. In order to acquire their aims, some rivals have been promoting anti-Pakistan economic corridor named as "The BRICS." The major driver

behind spreading the anti-Pakistan emotions among states is India. Therefore plotting of countries against Pakistan is a matter of concern of the concept of regionalism.

"The world has adopted the notion of regionalism."

(Michael MacLuhan)

Third, unbridled terrorism is also a disgusting impact of regionalism for Pakistan. It is evident that the strengthening of coalition of anti-Pakistan states have sparked the wave of terror in the country. Its most vivid instance is the involvement of <sup>the</sup> Fitna-tul Hindustan on the school bus attack in Balochistan. The main purpose behind this nefarious invasion is to threaten the people of the state. Thus, unbridled terrorism is an abhorrent repercussion of regionalism for Pakistan.

Lastly, abatement in foreign ~~sector~~ investment is another grave effect of regionalism for Pakistan. Basically, it is connected with the aforementioned repercussions. Mainly, the foreign investors feel shaky in the terrorism affected country. Unfortunately, the present era has been reflecting the gloomy picture of terrorist attack in Pakistan before the world. Therefore, the Foreign Direct Investment ratio in the country is still ~~stand~~ <sup>stood</sup> at \$1.98 billion. Thus, abatement in foreign ~~sector~~ investment in the country is another grave impact of regionalism for the country.

Additionally, in order to harness the benefits of the global shift, the country should adopt some pragmatic measure to overcome the challenges of regionalism. ~~The~~ Some related steps are as described below:

First, consolidation of diplomatic relations with other regional countries may prove fruitful in this regard.

As the current era has witnessed the active role of diplomacy in resolving disputes among states and in bringing states close to each other. In this way, it is predicted that it may bear fruit for Pakistan in maintaining cordial ties with regional states. Thus, consolidation of diplomatic relations with other states may help the country into taking most of the advantages of regionalism.

Second, enchanting foreign investors can help the country in the developmental process. It is obvious that no country can attain prosperity without ~~investment~~ investment in progressive programmes.

For this purpose the state needs <sup>completion of</sup> investor for the development projects.

It requires cordial ties with neighbouring states, and frequent visits at diplomatic level. It helps in attracting foreign investors to invest in the country by briefing them about the working strategy of the country. Thus, cajoling foreign investors may prove fruitful for

the country in taking the benefits of regionalism.

Lat, unflinching support for regional states can also help the country in taking profits of regionalism. It may develop a sense of friendliness among neighbouring states. Therefore, they may expedite their activities in search of areas where they can further ~~strengthen~~ <sup>strengthen</sup> their linkage through collaboration. Thus, it may pave the way for Pakistan to garner the fruits of regionalism.

In long and short, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the dynamics of the world has been shifting from globalism to regionalism. This change has been affecting developing countries more severely as compared to developed nation. Therefore, it has been affected the policies of Pakistan, but surprisingly, this reformation has been emerged both fruitful and disastrous for the country.

Meanwhile, it has showed its some features before the world included expansion of trading centres within the west, and

the pursuance of vested interest. However, its positive effects for Pakistan are reinforcing ties with other nations and the developing harmony among the Muslim states. Conversely, it has some negative impacts for Pakistan included interest conflict among nations and unbridled terrorism. Therefore, these issues are needed to be addressed by adopting some pertinent steps like consolidation of diplomatic relations and enchanting foreign investors. However, the world has been changing its geopolitical concept from globalism to regionalism, which has both good and bad repercussions for Pakistan that are needed to be maintained by taking affirmative steps.

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Regionalism is  
not a concept;  
it is a reality.”

(John B. Larson)