

Qno-3 What are the Russian objectives behind military intervention in Ukraine? Discuss whether western sanctions can prove effective as an instrument to counter the Russian act.

Ans: **INTRODUCTION:**

Russian's intervention in Ukraine has had its biggest impact on security dilemma of the world. Object of Russia's military intervention is to stop Ukraine from joining NATO. Ukraine wants to strength its military and defense capabilities. In response, Western countries imposed sanctions on Russia which aimed to effect Russia's economy and push Russia to stop the war, but effectiveness of these sanctions is still questionable. This will examine the Russian's actions through Realism perspective, and will discuss effectiveness of sanctions through liberalism perspective.

Objectives of Russia's Military intervention in Ukraine: Through the perspective of Neorealist:

According to the theory of ~~classical~~ ~~neo~~ neo-realism, a theory of 3rd grade debate of International relations, following the perspective of functionalism at state level. This ~~in this~~ This theory was best explained by Kenneth Waltz, he

that states works on anarchic system which is lack of trust, and this anarchic system exist due to different capabilities of state and this leads to unequal distribution of power which creates polarity in world and state choses to maximize power to secure of its own national interest. Russia's military intervention can be understood through neo-realist approach, in which Russia wants to ensure its security, its national interest, to maximize its power as a threat to west.

- (i) **First Objective behind military intervention**
 • **Preventing NATO's Expansion which is security threat to Russia.**

NATO's expansion towards eastern Europe is a threat to Russia's security but it increased when Ukraine decided to join NATO. If Ukraine joins NATO it means, presence of Western military forces at Russia's border which is a threat to national security of Russia. As neo-realist sees, there is an anarchic world which see security as a major concern to save national interest.

Russia's intervention is based to stop Ukraine from joining NATO to save its national security.

- (ii) **Second Objective behind military intervention**
 • **Securing economic interests which one of the major components of national interest.**

Ukraine is important for Russia's economy. Russia's major gas pipelines runs through Ukraine which supplies energy to Europe.

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If Ukraine will become fully western allied then it will impact on Russia's economy. Economy is one of the national interest which countries want to maximize to survive in anarchic world. This is another object of Russia's military intervention because Ukrainians' decision to join western squad is a threat to Russia's economy.

(3) Third objective behind military intervention Balancing the power of west.

Russia's another object of military intervention is to ~~give~~ balance the power of west and NATO. West had expanded its influence towards eastern Europe which created imbalance in power in this region. According to theory of state behaviour, due to unequal distribution of power, world lives in polarity world, where number of power countries exists in the world. It creates imbalance in world's power. Countries take these steps of military intervention is only to show their power and maximize it to retain balance of power in the world. Russia's intervention in Ukraine has main object of balancing the power. Russia wants to show power in this polar world.

● Objectives of Russia's military intervention in Ukraine:
Through the perspective of
classical realist.

One major theory of classical realist statistian, individual level theory, which is 1st grade debate using traditional has best explained the objectives of Russian military intervention. As classical realist believe that politics is the struggle for pursuit of power for the attainment of national interest. Russia's step of military intervention is the self-preservation step because Russia saw Ukraine's pro west approach as with lack of trust eyes, due to because these both countries also shares a history of war and Russia take step which will made it a preserve state.

(1) First objective: leadership and love for Power

As Classical realist explained that humans are egoistic in nature and human nature has its big role on power politics - Vladimir Putin has said at many platforms that Ukraine is a part of Russia's identity - This traditionalistic approach of Vladimir Putin shows his object of Russia's intervention.

(2) Second objective: A step for self Preservation. According to Hans Morgenthau explained that due to lack of trust states went for self-preservation means to maximize its power so that no one can get chance overcome their power. Russia has that thought of maximization of power to preserve itself - Russia sees Ukraine's pro west alignment as zero-sum game approach

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Russia sees it gain of Ukraine in this cooperation and lost for Russia itself.

- Discuss whether western sanction can prove effective as an instrument to counter Russian act:

1. Reasons behind failure in effectiveness of western sanction to counter Russian act.

- (i) ~~From Perspective of~~ Classical Idealism: ^{Failure in effectiveness of western sanctions}
 Western sanctions, are the important tools to ^{of western sanctions} stop Russia's invention. That is the ~~cooperation~~ step taken by west, to ~~so~~ but it is failed due to dominant nature of Realist approach of individuals. As John Locke explained that there is the need to ~~so~~ focus on Human development and they were forced to do war but the situation of Russia shows the failure of liberalist and could not stop its invention after facing sanction. So it is proved that without human enlightenment, cooperation at global level is not possible.

(ii) ~~Failure of Neo-Realist~~

- (ii) Failure in effectiveness of western sanctions: From the perspective of Neo-liberalism:

As Immanuel Kant explained how with multilateral institution can work for

perpetual time. He explained that for bringing peace in the world the institution must work with proper democratic norms and must make countries economically interdependent on each other. UN has applied economic sanctions on Russia from trade with Europe which some how stopped effected Russia's economy but can't stopped Russia's out because Russia has found other allies for trade like China, India and Iran. Russia has started to find other allies for trade.

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