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Question: Write a note on fluctuation
nature of relations between Pakistan
and USA

Fluctuating Relation

↳ based - differ of Interest / no common interest

- Clientism

- Use & abuse.

- geopolitical change influence.

Post Position
USSR
Afghanistan
Post 9/11

Introduction

US-Pakistan relations are highly influenced by the change in geopolitics of the region. This is a unique form of clientism, use and abuse, interest based cooperation. The fluctuation is mainly due to difference of national interest of both states. One is competing for the power and other is for its security and economic stability. Pakistan holds that position in the Region which cannot be left ignored by the US administration due to its relations and territories significance, ideological relations and multifaceted approach with all other major states of interest-bound by USA. USA-China (hegemony), US-Afghanistan, US-India and US-Arab World relations are linked with the Pakistan bilateral relation of all these state.

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Post Partition (1947)

After the formation of Pakistan in 1947, the era of block formation and bipolar world is on peak in which on block is influenced by communism and other socialism. Pakistan instead of having no interest in alignment is diverged towards USA due to its security and economic dilemma. US provided it aid militarily and economically and use it as a tool to stop and control the spread of communism in south and central asia.

During this period we joined **SEATO** in 1954. but we don't gain that much security against India so Paks decided to join a Muslim military block **CENTO** in 1955. It's a form of give & take benefit. (Mutualism)

Soviet Afghan war

One again pre Soviet afghan war Pakistan fought its major wars of 1965 and 1971 with India having no military and diplomatic support from America. So it move out of the SEATO and 1979 marked by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and here Pakistan is used as a frontline state to fight against USSR expansion in Asia in exchange of aid and economic cooperation. During this time period the Pakistan nuclear problem is even ignored to fulfilled its major interest in region.

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Post-Soviet Afghan War:

Post-soviet-afghan war Pak and India both conducted their nuclear test so faced sanctions from USA but the sanctions we faced are far more severe than India while India is provided with support in nuclear regime. Here once again US-betrayal and use and abuse nature is shown.

9/11-Incident is ^{benchmark} ~~marked~~ in the relation of both state in which the Pakistan is given no option other than with terrorist or with ^{measures} ~~measures~~ and forced to provide the logistic support to attack in Afghanistan. Once again Pakistan came under the headlight of US as no other country can be use best as a mean for Afghan invasion.

Post 9/11 Post-9-11 when USA decided to invade Afghanistan, Pakistan provide with the logistic support in the form of transit route from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Beside military doctrine in Pakistan is benefitted from us and all sanctions are ^{taken} ~~taken up~~ from Pakistan. Mujahideen force is prepared and Pakistan in this support bear the Burden of refugees and terror culture in its own region till today.

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Post US-Afghan War:

Once again after the prolonged US fight war now US need us to avoid boom from afghanistan and once again we step it for a peaceful evaluation of US troops and satisfied on it as they want something else in the form of "winner of war". So we are removed from the status of Non-Nato align state and the designation is authorized to Qatar for the non-alignment.

Major Reasons of Fluctuation

Lack of Common Interest

One of the reason of the fluctuation is no common interest b/t the states. US wants to maintain its hegemony at any cost and Pakistan want eco and military gain for its development & progress. When interest end the relation end.

USA egoistic nature of hegemon

USA want to maintain its hegemony in global world for this purpose. He has diverging interests towards states its not with us even with all of its allies. To maintain its control on its ally he used to exploit it with his changing policy.

Geopolitics shift

A regional politics changes US interest changes. The policies were converted and states are used as just after May incident US entered its cooperative towards Pakistan and sanctioned India for its act of mediation in trade by buying Russian oil.

SWOT analysis

The analysis of US-Pak relations shows that:

Strengths

The strength of these relation is Pakistan has become a need for the US in the region against China emerging power. which cannot be left unchecked.

Weaknesses

One of the major weakness is the hurt of sovereignty of state and policies.

Opportunities

There lies opportunities of economic, IT, industrial cooperation and trade between both.

Threats

The major threat in case of good-relation is overreliance on US aided economy and stepping back marked by the geopolitical threat of US-major ally India.

Way Forward

For Pakistan Pakistan being a regional actor must align its position with its own national interest instead of being a part of regional power politics. As global political mediator the policy must be designed that will not hurt the sovereignty of the state and the integrity of its boundaries and image.

For USA Instead of playing clientism, use and abuse politics, US must position Pakistan at its due place. Instead of supporting the country in according of its own national and regional interest the policy must be cut and clean whether its offensive or defensive.

Conclusion

Pakistan-US relations stand at the place where leaving an ideological state alone is not a good option in the world which is moving towards multipolarity. There need a clear-cut approach whether cooperating bilaterally, respecting the sovereignty and integrity or align the interest of the state otherwise the global geopolitics and power politics is making pace for every country to move towards the most just world.