

Question

What role have ideological factors played in the conceptualization of Pakistan's foreign policy?

Answer

Introduction:

Ideological factors have dominant impact in shaping the foreign policy of Pakistan. The foundation of a country relies on Two-Nation theory which mainly focuses on freedom of practices of Islamic principles. ~~After~~ inception, Pakistan's ~~prevalent~~ foreign policy was shaped on ideological principles. It's mainly focus is strengthening relation with Muslim state, helping ~~oppressed~~ Muslim states and opposition to anti-Muslims notions and ~~extremism~~. Hence, country foreign policy is largely formulated by ideological factors prevailing in Pakistan.

Pakistan foreign policy based on ideology:

Afghan Jihad - On the basis of Muslim sentiments:

Afghan jihad was done to support Muslim Brotherhood on the basis of ideology. Pakistan always remains at the frontline to have cordial and friendly relation with Muslim brotherhood. During Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, 1979-1988, Pakistan foreign policy was formulated on ideological principle and helped Afghan jihad economically and morally.

Strengthening relation with Muslim state:

Pakistan

foreign policy is marked by strengthening relation with Muslim countries. due to same ideology.

Article 40 of constitution of Pakistan 1973 also deal with strengthening relation and promoting unity among Muslim states.

Helping Muslim states due to same ideology is a part of Pakistan foreign policy

Pakistan stands at the frontline to help Muslim states. Moreover, it also plays crucial role to highlight Muslim miserable conditions.

Pakistani solidarity with Palestine:

Pakistan always demonstrates solidarity with Palestinian people. With many humanitarian aid to Gaza, Pakistan always raises its voice in regards to Palestine at international forum. Pakistan has cast its vote in favour of Palestinian people in all the resolution of United Nations General Assembly.

Pakistan support to Israel does not reflect its foreign policy on ideology principle:

The country's foreign policy on same ideology

with other Muslim state motivates it to help Muslim state. Pakistan supported ~~Iran~~ during Iran-Israel conflict ~~2003~~. Pakistan also demonstrated its effort to bring peace in the region.

Pakistan's solidarity with Kashmiris shapes its foreign policy on same ideology:

Pakistan foreign policy is formulated on ideological principles. Having same ideology with Kashmiri, Pakistan foreign policy is ~~such~~ formulated such that Pakistan highlighted Kashmiri issue on international forum. Moreover, it also emphasizes on the self-determination right of ~~Pak~~ Kashmiri people. Hence, Pakistan always adopts foreign policy to stand with Muslim states based on similar ideology.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments.

Pak-India defence pact demonstrates
Pakistan foreign policy on ideological
principle.

With disturbances in the Middle East region, Pakistan showed its concern towards Muslim states. Pakistan steps forward for the protection of Muslim brethren. The recent strategic Pakistan-India defence pact reflect Pakistan positive attitude toward most sacred place of the Earth. "An attack on one is considered an attack on both states; this reflects that Pakistan foreign policy is always based on ideology."

Pakistan foreign policy against the oppression of Muslim

Foreign policy with India:

Pakistan shares Eastern border with India.

The relation between both countries does not remain stable. Having

fought three wars, Pakistan always demonstrates its solidarity with "Indian Muslims" against the ideology of "Akhand Bharat". Thus, Pakistan's foreign policy is dominated by its ideological principle.

use specific and self explanatory headings.

Foreign policy with Israel:

Israel - an emerging state - dominates in the Middle-East region and has fought many wars. Contrarily, Pakistan has raised its voice against the violent behaviour of Israel. Due to difference ideological perspective, Pakistan has not admitted Israel a sovereign country. Besides, Pakistan always stands against its blatant behaviour.

Conclusion:

To conclude, Pakistan foreign policy is ~~always~~ dominated

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by ideological perspective. Since inception, Ideological factors plays crucial role in formulation of country's foreign policy. Strengthening relation with Muslim states and raising voices against anti-Muslim narratives reflect ideological based foreign policy. Hence, country's foreign policy is marked by ideological perspective.