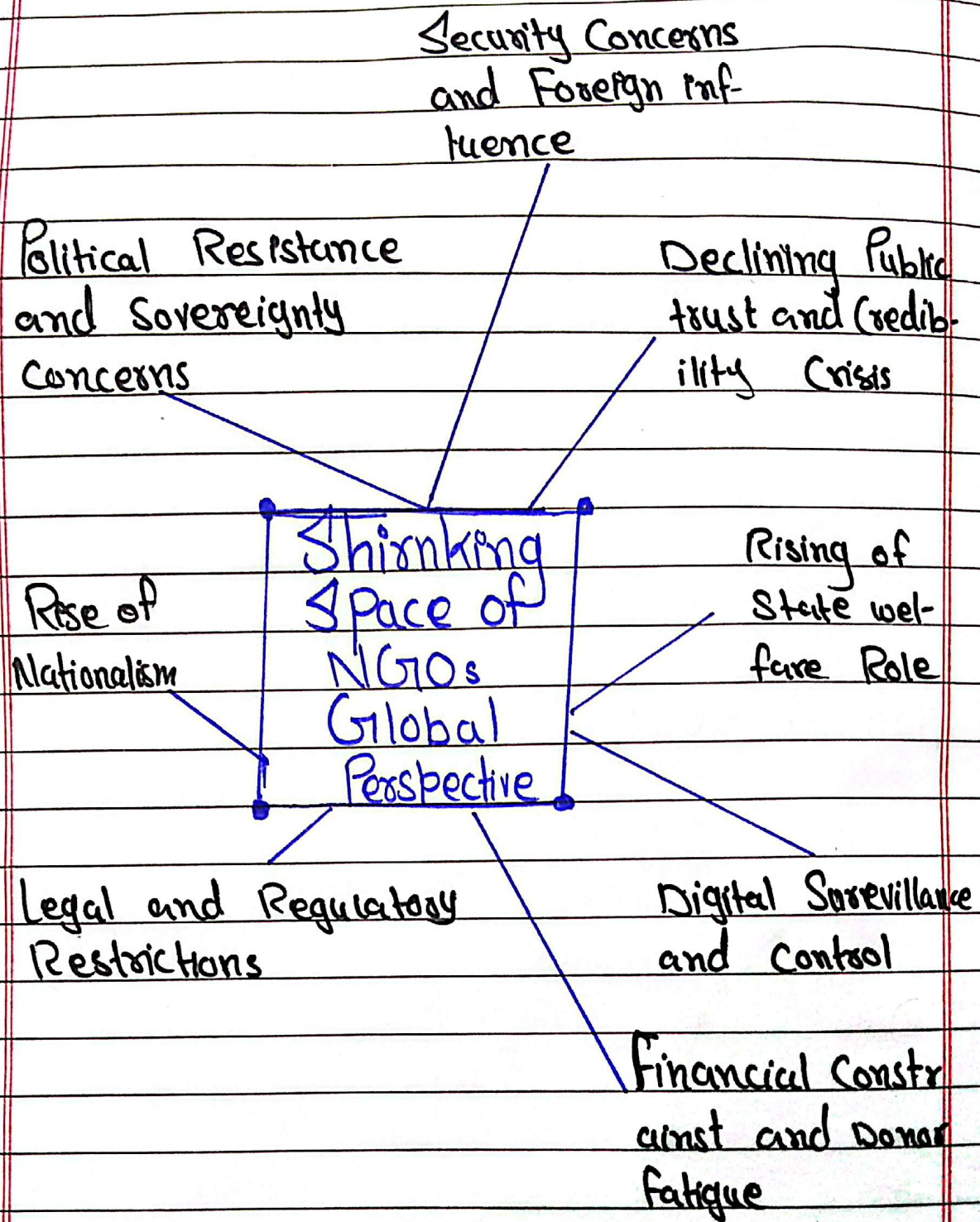


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Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) once called "force multipliers" are now having trust issues as public skepticism about the virtues and advantages of NGOs has deepened. Critically examine why NGOs space is shrinking in many parts of the world with specific reference to Pakistan.

Introduction:

Non Governmental Organizations were once viewed as force multipliers because they complemented state capacity in service delivery, humanitarian relief and governance support. However, rising skepticism has reduced their credibility and operational space globally. Governments increasingly question NGO funding, transparency, and political roles. The 2025 global civic space report by CIVICUS notes a continued decline in freedoms available to civil society. In Pakistan, security concerns and regulatory controls have intensified this trend.



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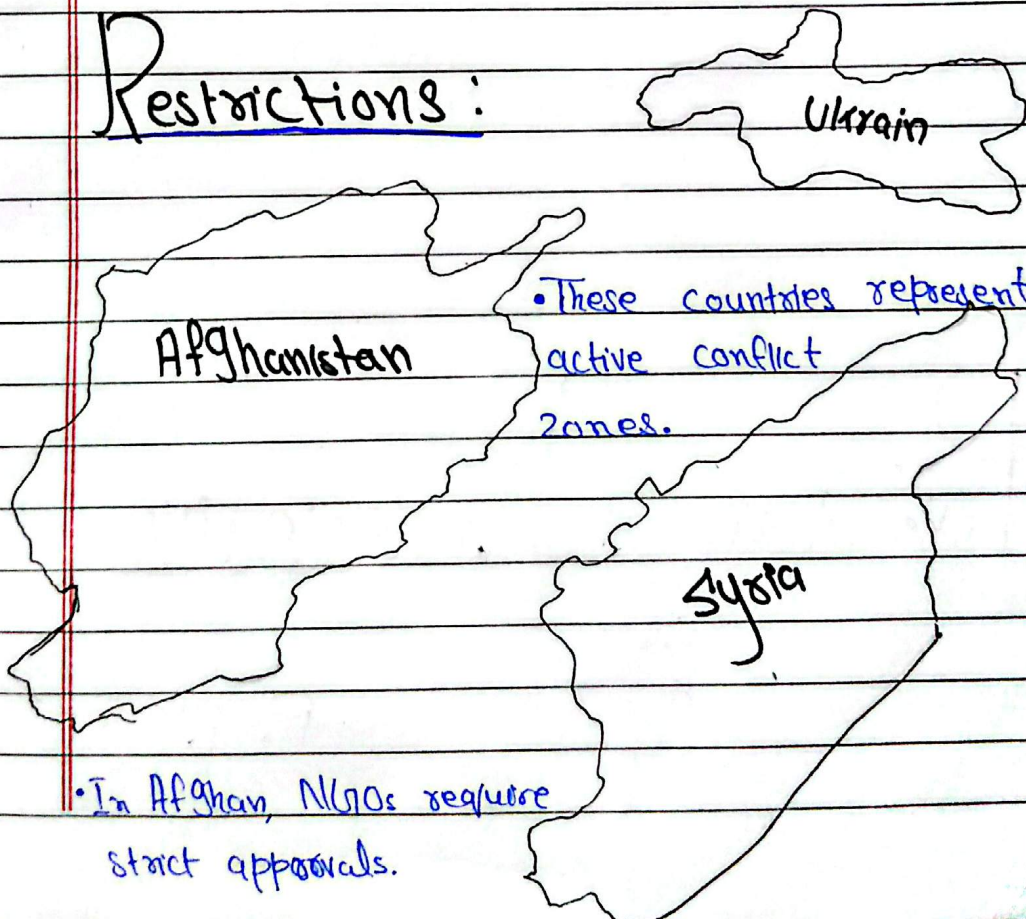
Security Concerns and Foreign Influence

States increasingly associate NGOs with foreign interference and security risks. According to the report of UNSRFA 2025 highlight that many countries impose restrictions citing national security.

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Conflict Zones and NGO

Restrictions:



Political Resistance

And Sovereignty Concerns

Governments resist NGOs that challenge policies or highlight governance failures. For instance, in 2026, restrictions in countries like Egypt and India increased against advocacy groups.

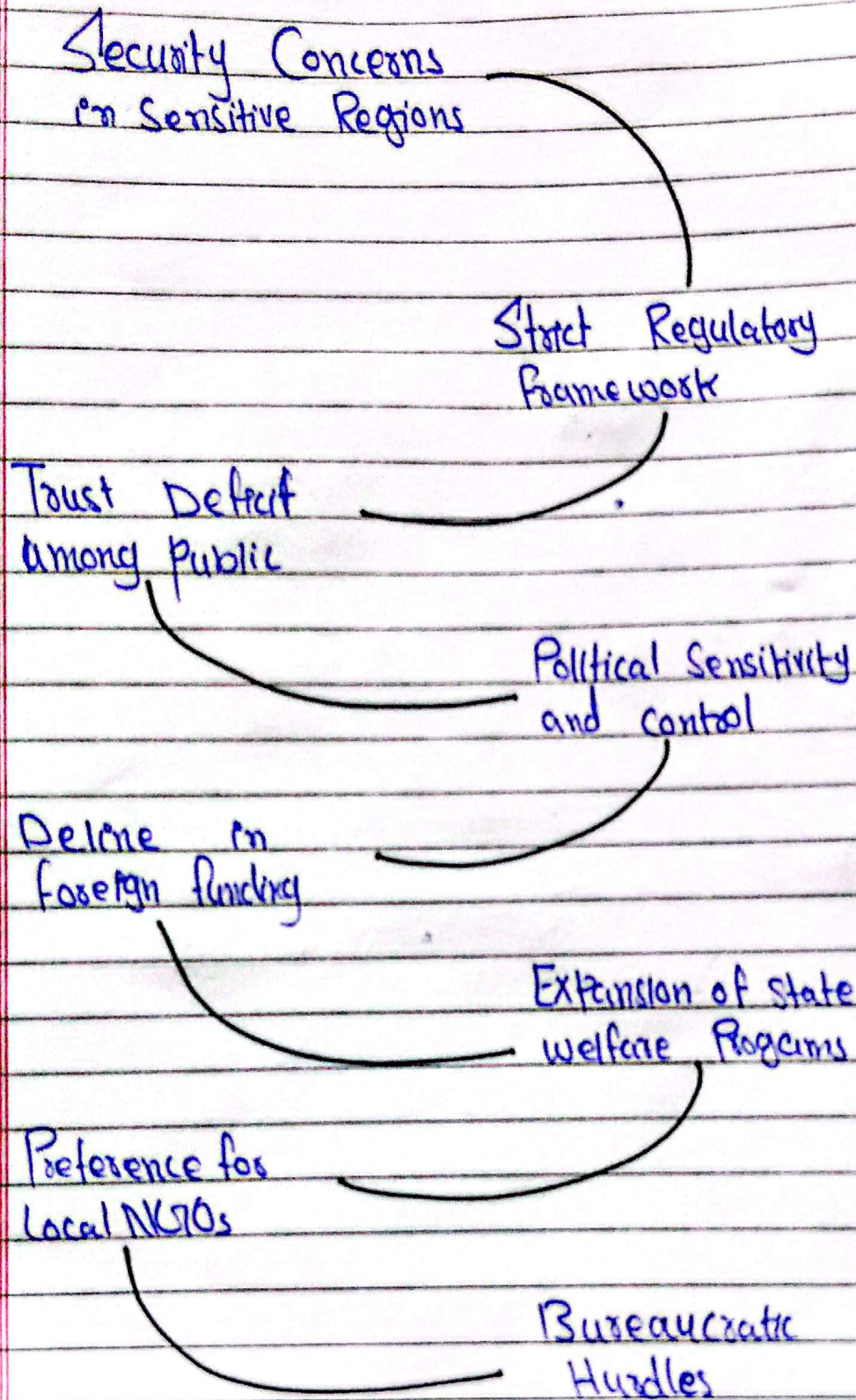
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Rise Of Nationalism

The global political climate is shifting toward nationalism and ~~sovereign~~ sovereignty. According to the report of WEF 2026 notes increasing protectionist policies.

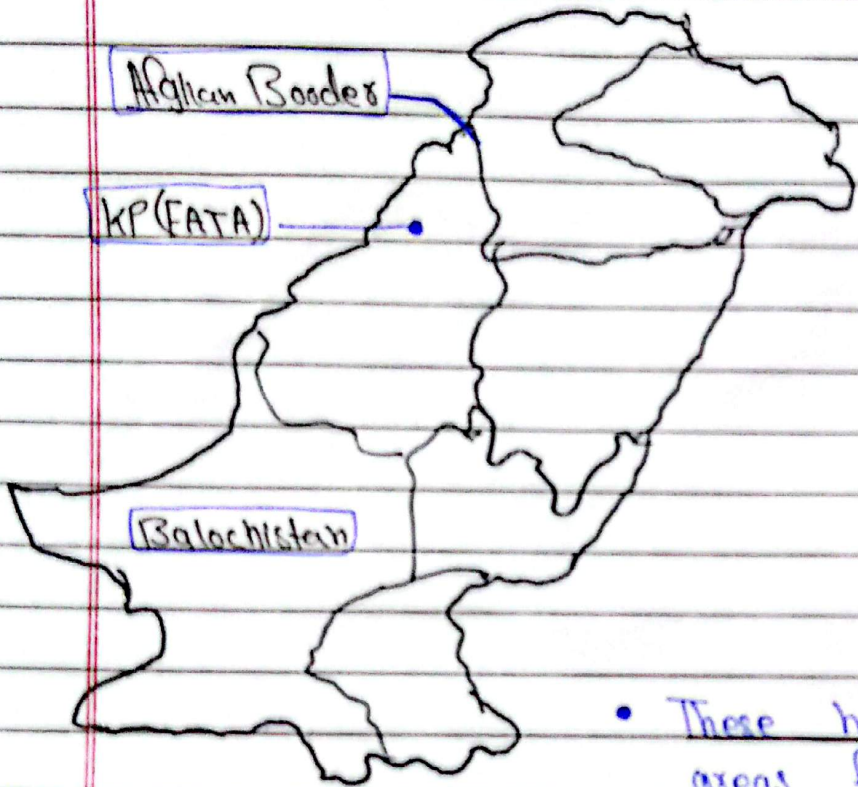
Pakistan Perspective

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Sensitive Regions Of Pakistan



- These highlighted areas face militancy risks.

Security Concerns in Sensitive Regions

Pakistan restricts NGO activities in sensitive areas due to security

concerns. According to the Ministry of Interior Pakistan highlight strict monitoring in border.

(03) Strict Regulatory Framework

Pakistan has introduced strict NGO regulations. The 2025 Policy review by Government of Pakistan confirm continued enforcement of NGO regulations.

(04) Bureaucratic Hurdles

Administrative Procedures slow NGO operations. The 2025 Governance report by World Bank highlight bureaucratic challenges.

Conclusion:

The shrinking space of NGOs is a global reality driven by security concerns, political resistance, and declining trust. Pakistan reflects this trend through strict regulation and security priorities. Balanced reforms, transparency and

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Cooperation are essential to restore
NGOs as effective partners in
development and governance.

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