

essay topic: nations have no permanent friends and enemies, they have only permanent interests

outline:

A. Introduction

B. Nations have no permanent friends and enemies, they have only permanent interests

1. External commitments are shaped by national interests

evidence: strategic culture theory

2. Alliances risk undermining sovereignty, making them temporary

evidence: US-Canada rift in 2025

3. Alliances compromise national security, making them temporary

evidence: Alliance architect leading to WW1

4. The existence of nation-state depends upon sustenance of national interest, making them non-negotiable

evidence: Westphalian peace 1648

5. Ideals survive as long as interests protect them

evidence: conflict within NATO over the crisis of Greenland

6. Economic engagements with hostile nations sustain due to entrenched national economic interests

evidence: US-China: largest trading partners

7. National security determines external relations

evidence: US-Japan: from belligerence to alliance

8. Internal political interests determine bilateral relations

evidence: India's Hindutva narrative determining relations with Pakistan

9. External commitments can be compromised for internal social security

evidence: Brexit

10. The securitization of environment can drive new hostilities

evidence: Brahmaputra River and Bangladesh-China relations

11. Anarchic systemic conditions rationalize self-help and downplay external engagements as unreliable

evidence: Politics among Nations by Hans J. Morgenthau

