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## Current Affairs

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~~Critically~~ analyse the USA  
grand strategy against China  
in Indo-Pacific region. <sup>M.A</sup>

### 1. Introduction

China's increasing influence in the Indo-Pacific region is a threat to United States' global hegemony.

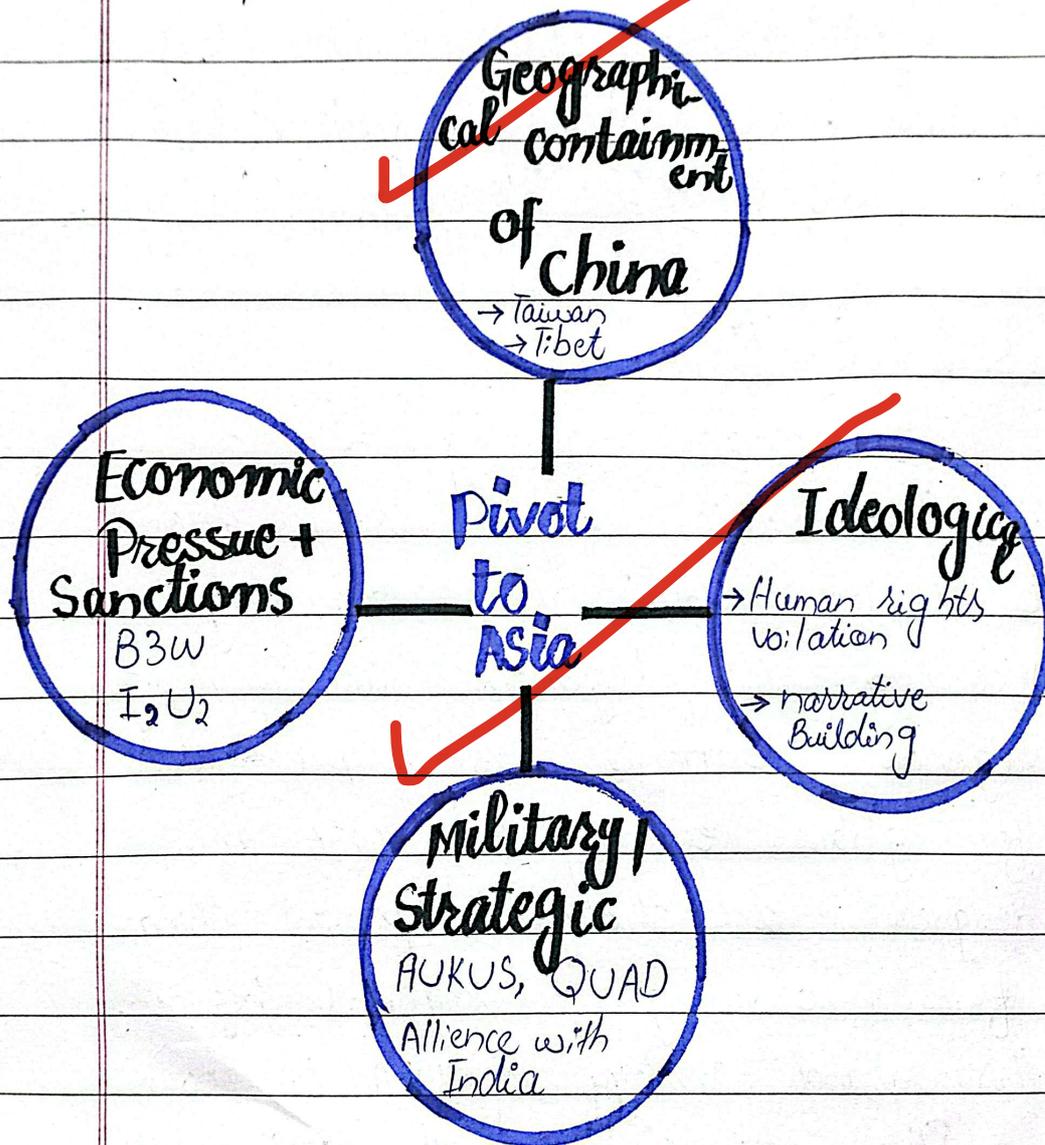
According to hegemonic stability theory, regional dominance is a prerequisite for global hegemony. Thus, USA has designed a strategy to prevent China from becoming a regional hegemon.

This grand strategy of USA is known as Pivot to Asia or the Indo-Pacific strategy

### 2. Overview of USA grand strategy

The United States of America announced the grand strategy in

2011, under the leadership of President Barack Obama. This strategy has four main pillars to contain China across multiple domains.



### 3. USA Grand Strategy against China: Pivot to Asia

The main objective of USA grand strategy is not only competing economically with china, but also,

Strengthening deterrence to prevent China from becoming a hegemon in Indo-Pacific region.

### 3a Geographical encirclement of China: To prevent its hegemony in Indo-Pacific region

To counter China's increasing influence in Indian as well as Pacific Ocean, America has made different alliances with the neighbouring countries of China. USA supports all anti-China movements especially in the regions where China claims its authority.

### 3ai U.S. Support for Taiwan: Challenging China's one-China Policy

Even though USA officially recognizes one-China Policy, yet USA raises Taiwan-related issues on all international forums. In this way, USA maintains its influence in South-China Sea, it acts as a barrier for China's expansion

### 3aii Nine-Dash line dispute: a tool for US to contain China

USA challenges China's dominance

in South China Sea by supporting the claims of ASEAN countries in the South China Sea, against China's Nine Dash line.

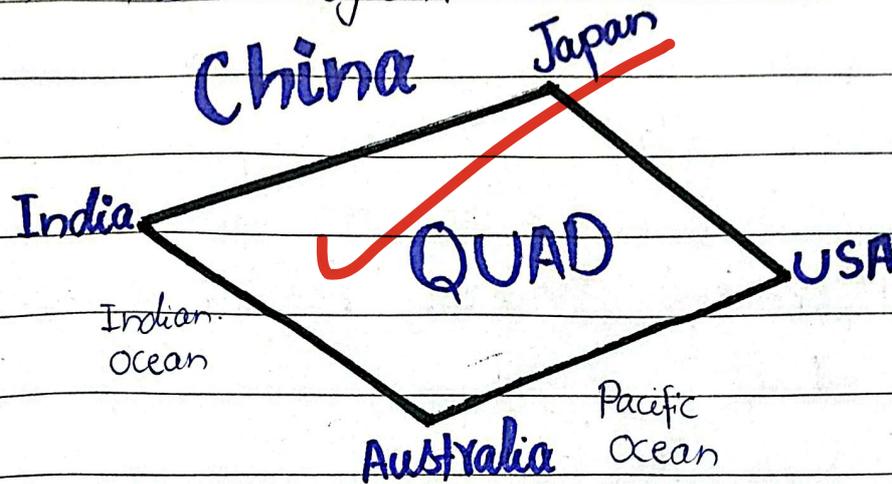
### 3b. 2nd pillar of US Grand Strategy against China: Strategic and military containment through alliance building

USA is building multiple alliances with different countries located in Asia-Pacific region, to counter China's influence in the region. By working on the principle of **multilateralism**, USA is building alliances with China's neighbors, like Japan, Australia, India and South Korea.

### 3bi. The QUAD: Balancing China's growing naval might

China's increasing influence in the region is openly challenged by QUAD, an alliance of four great powers including USA, India, Japan and Australia. This alliance enhances US access to critical resources and supply chains in Indo-Pacific. It helps US

in maintaining its influence in Indo-Pacific and contains china's naval expansion in this region.



### 3bii Competing with China's technological advances with AUKUS

US made another alliance with Australia and United Kingdom to counter China's naval might and technological advancement. Through this partnership the US and the UK will provide nuclear submarines to Australia. This will create deterrence and will limit China's naval influence in the Pacific Ocean. Building advanced technology is also a goal of this alliance.

### 3c Ideological warfare against China: Key component of USA grand Policy

USA also shapes world narrative against China by making the countries view global order through USA's lens

### 3ci Defaming China's BRI: a debt trap

USA labels China's belt and road initiative as a vicious debt trap to economically paralyse other states. This narrative building negatively impact China's development projects.

### 3d Economic Sanctions to curb China's economic growth

USA imposes different economic sanctions on China to prevent it from becoming an economic giant. China's GDP growth rate is around 5% which is a threat to US as a hegemon.

### 3di Tariff war by the US against China

US tariff on Chinese imports

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were around 30% in the end of 2025. These tariffs were imposed by the US to slow down economic growth of China.

## Conclusion

The United States of America is targeting every possible domain to prevent China from becoming a hegemon in Indo-Pacific region. US is used both soft power as well as strategic alliances with neighboring countries of China to limit China's naval expansion in the Asia-Pacific. However, these predatory geopolitical moves of USA can disrupt the peace of the region and can lead to the point of direct military confrontation between the two powers.

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