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Topic:

World peace is a choice  
of superpowers

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The strength which superpowers gain in form of economy, military and social norms and values with time empowers them to decide the state of peace and war in the world.

## II Historical overview of cycles of peace and war and role of superpowers

## III - Factors which empower the superpowers as guardian of peace

A - Superpowers decide the rules based world order.

B - Superpowers laid basis of world institutions.

C - Superpowers possess military hegemony.

D - Economic supremacy of superpowers.

E - Predominant norms and values.



IV - World peace is replaced by world wars due to

A - Given world order is challenged by rising powers or an adversary power

1 - Empire wars

2 - European wars

3 - The USA and the U.S.S.R

4 - The U.S.A and China along with other rising powers.

B - Superpowers' interests prevail upon world institutions responsible for peace.

C - Militaristic confrontation of superpowers

1 - 30 Years European war

2 - WWI and WWII

3 - Cold war and proxy wars

4 - Israel - Palestine war

5 - Russia - NATO's Ukraine war

D - Trade wars among superpowers

E - Religious and ideological values imposition by superpowers on other states.

V - Steps to be taken by world powers for maintainance of world peace

A - Peaceful transformation of world order

1 - Multipolar to Bipolar

2 - Bipolar to unipolar

3 - Unipolar to rising Multilateralism



- B- Empowering world institutions
- C- Resolution of world conflicts through diplomacy rather than by force.
- D- Follow rules based trade as per WTO rules.
- E- Ensure respect and space for diverse religions and values.

## VI- Conclusion.

The choice lies to them who own the power, while the obedience lies to them who lack power. In the same way, world peace, as a choice, is determined by the powerful states owing to their strength of economy, military and values. These superpowers embark upon the path, which they may like, along with them the other states of the world follow behind, this path may lead to peace or war; this depends upon the superpowers' will. The strength which superpowers gain along with time empowers them to decide the state of peace and war in the world. History is evident of the role of the superpowers in maintenance or disturbance of the world peace. Superpowers have been remained the guardian of peace as they decide the rules based world order which is implemented by various world



institutions. Military strength has remained a major tool of worldpowers in continuation of peace or war. This military hegemony of powers is backed by their economic strength. Economic power of superpowers has influenced world peace. Along with economic strength, superpowers have dominant norms and values to mark state of peace. By possessing these deciding factors of peace, world powers embark upon state of war, when a given rule-based world order is challenged by an existing counter superpower or by an rising superpower and results into wars as evident by the history of empire wars, European wars, American and Soviet Union confrontation during cold war. During these wars, the world institutions responsible for maintaining peace become paralysed and functionless as superpowers' interests prevail upon them. The League of Nations (LON) failed to maintain the world peace and in the same way on various occasions the United Nations failed to restore the world peace just because of superpowers' unilateral actions. The world is still witnessing the world powers' hegemonic designs and their interest-driven confrontations in the form of Russia vs NATO led Ukraine war and Israel vs Palestine conflict. Along with these wars which



are geopolitical in nature, 'geoeconomic rivalry among powers' is going side by side which can be prominently viewed by the America-China trade war. This also hampers world peace. The extent to which the economic rivalry among powers is posing threat to peace, the religious extremism and values conflicts among major powers result in civilizational conflicts which are the major bulwark against world peace. Under this dark scenario of world peace, the superpowers can choose 'world' peace. Long lasting if they allow to evolve and transform world order peacefully. World may undergo from multipolarity to bipolarity to unipolarity, but this transformation should be rules based augmented by diplomacy and negotiations. If some conflictual spots emerge between superpowers during changing order they should resolve by world institutions responsible for peace. However these institution can play this role only when they are empowered and independent. Another way to resolve interest-driven conflicts of major powers to maintain the world peace is through diplomacy rather than by force. Although powers' major confrontation results from trade which can be avoided



by following the internationally agreed rules of World Trade Organisation (WTO) to keep peace ensure. Lastly, the ideological and religious conflagration which hamper the world peace can be resolved if superpowers provide space to diverse religions of various diversity of people along with their values to keep with them freely. In this way world peace which is dependent upon superpowers' choice can be restored.

Superpowers are the states which possess military, economic strength along with dominant values through this strength these powers can mold the path of world toward peace or war. This can be evident from history.

World has witnessed the cycles of peace and wars. In older times world peace was replaced by the empires of that time into wars. Then it followed by famous 30 years of war which was fought by major powers of Europe. After that truce took place these among major powers through treaty of Westphalia which was the choice of powers of that time to ensure peace. Later on cycle of peace again



ended and replaced by the WWI when major powers of world made alliances of states and killed down 10 million people. Again peace was restored by treaty of Versailles for another period from 1919 to 1939, 20 years of peace, this was through the consent of superpowers. Further again superpowers of world embarked upon path of war which resulted into WWII and at the cost of 50 million lives at the will of superpowers.

Again peace was restored by a treaty and world institution were re-installed by replacing League of Nation with the United Nations Organization. It later on followed by cold war from 1951-1989 by the choice of two powers of the world the U.S.A and the U.S.S.R. who had fought many proxy war during this coldwar period. Then with the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, the sole superpower the U.S.A led many wars including Iraq war and Afghan war which had impacted the world peace. And history is still going with present war of Ukraine and Israel-palestine war under the choice of superpowers. This historical view shows, the deciding factor for world peace is the role of superpowers. Then which



factors are responsible which make the the superpowers sole guardian of the world peace.

First and foremost is the order of the world. Order of world is ~~the~~ the collection of those rules, customs, principles and direction upon which the world progressed. At every instant of history, there remained a world order dominated by superpowers. During twentieth century world order was marked by Empires of Spain, French, Portugal and Turkish empires later on in twentieth century world order was replaced by English empire till WWII. After WWII the USA dominated the world as 'sole superpower' and made her own rule based order along with its allies. So, the one who dominated the world order decide the world peace for time being.

Alongwith, domination of world order world power/powers of that time laid the basis of world institutions for conflict resolution and maintenance of peace. After WWI, the victorious allied powers laid the foundation of League of Nation (LON) and later on after world war II the USA along with its allies and



Russia put down the foundation of the U.N.O. to maintain world peace. Along with U.N.O International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) were also installed under the Brettonwood system. These institutions have played a role in world peace at the will of the powers of the world which installed them.

In addition to world institutions, through these institutions of IMF and World Bank, superpower of time being got economic supremacy of the world. Economic dominance has remained the hall mark of the world powers and a deciding factor in keeping the peace of world or the cause of a war.

With the domination of economic hegemony, superpowers have attained the higher rank of their norms and values. During twentieth century English values have remained dominant in Asia, Africa and America, as England was the superpower of that century. Later on in twenty first century and some part of previous century American norms and values progressed in the world due to



American supremacy in the world.  
When the values of superpowers collide  
with other state's values peace  
may threaten.

Continuation of world peace or  
not depends upon the choice of  
the world powers. Peace may be  
replaced by war by the time being  
superpowers under certain circumstances  
which are given as:

Superpowers embark upon the path  
of war when a given world order  
dominated by the power is challenged  
by a rising superpower. ~~Before~~  
Empires fought many wars when a  
given empire was replaced by another  
one. European war laid the basis  
of multipolar world which continued  
and resulted in WWI and then  
emerging powers challenged the  
victorious powers of WWI and peace  
was sidelined by WWII. After WWII  
multipolarity was replaced by  
Bipolar world order. Again Bi bipolar  
world order was replaced by  
Unipolar order under the U.S.A. through  
a length cold war and along with  
proxy wars. So peace period is  
replaced by war when world order  
is changed at the will of



of world powers.

In addition to changing world order, world peace is also threatened when world institutions responsible for maintenance of peace fail due to prevailing powers and interests of the superpowers. League of Nation failed to keep peace and resulted into WWI. The UNO failed to resolve Palestinian conflict and Kashmir conflict also included the Ukrainian war. This all happened due to institutional failure dominated by the superpowers.

With institutional failure, war militaric confrontation of superpowers takes place. The militaric standoff between state powers is the choice of the powers for the continuation of their own national interests. All major militaric conflagrations are result of conflict of national interests among major powers. These confrontation can be seen in form of world wars, proxy wars of past and also the on going wars of Ukraine Palestine. All happens at the consent of major powers.

Along with militaric wars



another form of war emerges in form of trade war. Peace of world is threatened through trade war. Britain had remained on trade war with various rival states during Britanicca period. Currently the USA and China are in constant trade war generally and technological war in particular. By this trade war, world peace can be hampered by war, and it all will on the choice of these two major powers

Another factor which may leads to war is the religious extremism and ideological difference among major powers. During cold war it was the ideological difference of capitalism and communism between American led world and Soviet Union led world respectively. The on going Israel-Palestine war also involve religious factors. The super-power of course the America's will is involved in this war and her choice as well.

All above have shown, how world peace is a choice of the superpower/s and is replaced by war. However, peace is essential choice for humanity, so, the superpower/s



in accordance with the choice of humanity should make peace her permanent choice by following these steps.

Transformation of world order should be peaceful. This can only be happened when the already existing power converge her interests with the rising power. At given time, American led world order should be adopted in such a way to incorporate the aspirations of rising powers in general and china in particular.

Along with peaceful transformation of world order, the world institutions, which have been installed to maintain world peace should be empowered and reformed. The UN security Council organ should be reformed to incorporate rising powers and make it independent and powerful. So instead of working at the whims of superpowers it should work to maintain world peace, which is its main function. Along with UN Brettonwood system should also be reformed as the other rising economies like BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) to



avoid confrontation among major powers.

With institutional empowerment, all the ongoing conflicts in the world like Ukraine war, Israel-Gaza war, Kashmir dispute, Nagorno Karabagh issue, all should be resolved either at the international forums or by the major powers by themselves by involving the concerned parties. Force should be replaced by diplomacy as the Chinese famous founding father said, "Great nations win without fight."

Likewise conflict resolution, trade rivalry among major powers generally and the USA and China in particular be solved as per the WTO's rules. Protectionist policies and unilateral actions provoke confrontation while resolving the trade issue through negotiations ensure peace, the choice is of the powers themselves.

Lastly, peace can be ensured when the ongoing religious extremism at one side and values difference on the other side among states and major powers be solved



by providing space to religious and values diversity. Issue like Islamophobia, civilizational conflicts be solved only when the major powers will not impose their values on others then and include global community will emerge by keeping diversity of religions peaceful.

To cut the long story short, world peace which is paramount for whole humanity is decided by the superpowers of time being. They are the guardian of world peace owing to their strength in form of economy, military and world's norms and values. On basis of this capacity they can chose the path of peace.

The continuation of peace by the major powers is halted when they confronted with rising powers, weakening world institution, embarking on trade war, and by imposing their values upon others. This all led to war. However, peace can be made longlasting if superpowers chose to transform world order peacefully, by strengthening world institutions responsible for peace, resolving conflicts by diplomacy rather than force and by providing space to all religious diversity and values.