

English Essay

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World peace is a choice of
Superpowers

Outline:

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: World peace is a choice of superpowers indeed. Although some people claim that in modern democratic world all countries have powers to decide the fate of the world, various political, social and economic factors prove otherwise.

2. Factors indicating that World peace is a choice of superpowers:

2.1 In modern world order, the rivalries of superpowers decide the fate of the world

→ USSR vs USA during cold war

2.2 Superpowers are the leaders of the world that set the leading ideology.

→ Communism and Capitalism as leading ideologies of cold war

2.3. Superpowers have ability to set the course of other countries through soft power projection

→ American Marshall plan (K48)

2.4. Superpowers have enough resources in terms of technology and capital to stop and wage any wars

→ Military power of USA is greater than other top 25 militaries

2.5 Global economy - a key factor in maintaining peace - is controlled by the superpowers

→ Petro-dollar agreement

3. How global peace is not only the choice of superpowers but of all countries:

3.1 Socio-political culture of small countries is the major determinant of global peace ~ culture of independence and freedom neutralize the political influence of

Superpowers

→ Cuban Revolution (1953)

3.2. In modern democratic world, small countries decide the fate of the world through its power of numbers

→ Choice of Eastern Europe for liberal democracy in 1929-1991

3.3. Global institutions have shifted the main powers from the superpowers to the all global countries

→ Role of UNO

3.4. Principles and laws of peace coined by collective efforts of all nations keep check on aggression of global

Superpowers

→ Geneva convention and UN charter

4. The peace being a global choice of all countries is a delusional concept.

4.1. In polarized world, socio-political culture of a country doesn't hold enough value in terms of determining fate of the world.

→ Cuban dictator backed by Soviet Super-powers

4.2. The power dynamics of modern world are determined by resources and political clout instead of numbers.

→ America fighting wars against a number of countries solely

4.3. Superpowers have unimaginable control over global institutions of peace.

→ Veto powers of P5 in UNO

4.4. The enforcement of international laws and principles is majority a duty of superpowers.

→ Major role of P5 in UNSC

5. Conclusion...

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Essay.

Pity the nations that raises not
its voice ...

Except to praise the conquerors and
claim the bully as a hero ...

And aims to rule the world by
force and by torture

Pity the nations, oh! pity the people
who allow their rights to erode

and their freedom to be washed
away (Lawrence Ferlinghetti)

These lines of a poem by L. Ferlinghetti
aims to awaken the people who
allow the others to control their fate
through power and influence. Sadly, the
nations of modern world are exactly
allowing the powerful nations to control
their 'fate' in similar manner. In
current global world, the superpowers are
setting the course of small countries
through their strong political influence. They
are the one who are deciding the

the fate of the world - whether it should be a peaceful world or anarchic one. In global dynamics those powers decide the peace in the world, as they have enough resources to wage a war or stop another. Although, the global institutions of peace, International Law and power of individuals in modern democratic world suggest global control of all nations as determiners of peace, the power dynamic of international relations refute these claims. In fact, World peace is a choice of superpowers. Although some people claim that in modern democratic world all countries have powers to decide the fate of the world, various political, social and economic factors prove otherwise.

To begin with there are number of arguments that indicates that world peace is a choice of superpowers. First of all, the role of rivalries in setting the path of the world shows that superpowers are major determiners of peace. Competition

between the superpowers to become the leaders of the world could lead towards war and hampers the path of peace. There are number of examples throughout the course of history where the rivalries of global powers disturbed the peace of the world. According to history writers, the ideological and political competition between the USA and USSR led the world at the brink of nuclear war many times in the period of cold war (American Pageant). So, it is evident that global competition between superpowers can lead towards either a peaceful society or a chaotic and anarchic world.

In addition, superpowers are the leaders of the world, and thus they set the ideological path that to be followed by the other countries. In modern world, the superpowers has assumed the role of leaders and their ideology, either a peaceful one or aggressive one could

lead the world toward the respective end
 For example, The empire of Germany during
 WW1 and WW2 was a superpower and
 its ideology of aggression attracted many
 countries that followed it during WW1
 and WW2. (European history.) Thus, one
 can infer from the above facts that
 the leading role of the superpowers make
 it a major determiner of the peace
 of the world.

Similarly, the superpowers, being the
 leader of the world, have strong economy
 and political clout that can influence
 the course of another country. Superpowers
 through its soft power projection can
 persuade other countries to follow its
 ideology - either peaceful or aggressive - that
 gave them upper hand in deciding the
 peace of the world. This argument is
 strongly supported by the American
 Marshall plan for the Europe during early
 cold war era. In 1946, ^{the} USA ~~inf~~ strengthen
 the position of its supporters in 16

European countries by allocating 12 Billion dollars aid to these countries. This gave upper hand to the USA during cold wars and helped them in their ultimate victory in 1999 (American Patriot). Hence, these facts elucidate that the superpowers like the USA have power to set the course of the world through its economic and political power.

Lastly, superpowers have enough resources in terms of capital and technology to stop and wage any war. In modern capitalistic and power driven world economic and military might of a country gives it authority to steer the path of peace and war. Superpowers, having enough resources, can disturb the peace of the world by waging war against other countries. As superpowers are powerful enough, so no other country will be able to stop them. The example of Russian invasion of Ukraine is strongly support this argument. Russian Federation has

invaded Ukraine since February, 2022, but
and it has continued its aggression
against it till the date. As Russia
is a powerful country, no other nation
has attempted to stop its military
aggression against Ukraine, not by force
(Nuclear weapons). Thus, it is evident
from the above fact that powerful
superpowers have ability to influence
the peace of the world.

While above arguments strongly
support the claim that superpowers
determine the peace of the world, it is
imperative to consider the opposing
point of view. The critics claim that,
in modern democratic world, superpowers
are not able to determine the
peace in the world solely. Instead, all
democratic nations collectively decide the
peace in the world. They support their
claim on the base of number of
arguments.

First of all, it is claimed

that socio-political culture of the countries is the major determinant of peace in modern independent world. It is claimed that culture of independence and freedom within a country help it neutralizing the political influence of superpowers and make independent choices. Throughout the history there are number of examples where tendencies of independence helped a nation in becoming free and independent from the influence of a superpower. In 1958, Cuba that was had been a proxy state of USA since 1898, it got independence from the American influence by removing its puppet government from the power. So, Cuban revolution of 1958 is a hint that all nations can determine their fate themselves by making free and independent choices.

Secondly, it is claimed that in lieu of democratic norms of the modern world, small nations can decide the fate

of the world through its power of numbers. In democracy, that is the government of the people, for the people, by the people, the number has more value than the individual power small nation can join together and can steer the path of the world through collective efforts. Throughout the history, there are number of alliances of small nations that changed the course of history through their actions. Alliance of Eastern European nations against USSR is important & in this regard that played an important role in ultimate demise of USSR.

Lastly, global institutions - shifting the reins of power from the superpowers to the all global countries collectively - also indicate that sole role of superpower in deciding the peace of the world is not a truth anymore. Global institutions of peace such as ^{the} United Nations have given the power to all member countries to decide upon a matter through providing

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single vote to each (History of UNO.) So, the voting rights of all nations in UNO suggest that all countries hold equal importance in deciding the fate of the World.

While it is important to acknowledge the concerns and claims of critics, they have overlooked certain social, political and economic facts in their discussion that suggest that collective role of all the nations in deciding the peace of the world is a delusion.

In conclusion, it is proved by various facts and figures that superpower are the ones that decide the peace in the world. The results of global inequalities, leading role of superpowers, strong military and economy and control over global economy strongly support this claim. Although some people hold alternative views due to democratic norms, and dynamics of global institutions in modern world. However, polarized and power-driven

nature of modern world suggest that collective role of all nations in maintaining peace is a delusion. In short, the current social, political and economic dynamics give superpowers upperhand in deciding the fate of the world. However, there is a need to invoke the independence and individual rights of all nations to balance this approach.