

World Peace Is a choice of Superpowers:

Essay Outline

1. Introduction:

Although, peace is a desire of every nation on the earth, however, the recent developments in geopolitics are being crafted by superpowers such as Abraham Accords, Iran-saudi rapprochement etc. Therefore, it can be said that world peace is a choice of superpowers.

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Peace is possible through collective efforts of international community. However, the global village has been always dominated by a few powerful countries which play either constructive or destructive role in global affairs. World peace is a choice of superpowers which can be seen from recent Chinese efforts in Iran-Saudi rapprochement. Moreover, United States: superpower of since world war II has been able to negotiate peacefully Israel and UAE etc. Besides, India-Pakistan war of 1965 was also made possible through joint efforts by the then superpowers. America and China are continuously dominating the current era by playing proactive role in global conflict. This choice of superpower in achieving world peace has some negative impacts such as prolonged conflict in Kashmir, Palestine and an ongoing war in Ukraine. Therefore, this essay aims to explore how world peace is a choice of superpowers which are shaping the world.

World peace refers to a utopic state where there is complete absence of conflict and chaos. This

state was idealized in the post world wars time. Although, the league of Nation was failed to achieve this agenda United nations was formed to maintain global peace and security in 1945. One of the key mandates of UN is maintain peace and security. (UN charter, chaps, 1945). Hence, to achieve world's agenda of achieving peace was crafted formally after world war II.

In the aftermath of world war II, America emerged as one of the most power state. It assumed the responsibility of rebuilding Europe. As a result of it US become key player in world affairs. For example, its Truman Doctrine aimed at providing Europe with Marshal plan to support development in war-driven Europe. This strategic vision of President Truman enabled America to evolve as superpower and controls world peace-agenda. Hence, world's agenda of achieving peace was visualized by strategic vision of America.

Furthermore, in present times China is evolving as a key player in

global affairs. The rise of China, though is a threat to American hegemony or status of superpower, yet Chinese foreign policy is proactively participating in world's agenda of peace. This can be ascertained from Peaceful Negotiation Policy of the current Chinese president Xi. Therefore, it is shown that the world peace has always been the choice of superpowers.

To begin with the illustrations of how world peace is a choice of superpowers, major wars in post world war II period is crucial to address. This period was divided in bipolar world order with US leading western bloc and USSR leading Eastern bloc. Wars in South and North Korea and Vietnam were in reality battling grounds of USSR and US: the then superpowers (britannica.com, vietnam war, 2001). Hence, the battle between communism and capitalism caused these two wars which illustrates that world peace is a choice of superpowers.

Moreover, the beginning of the twenty-first century was

marked with the massive war on terror. The war was started with the choice of the then president Bush of America. In this regard, operation Enduring Freedom was initiated to bomb Afghanistan. This was the result of 9/11 attacks in the history of US, yet the initiative of pre-emptive strike policy was the choice of the then superpower. Therefore, chaos in Afghanistan and its regional implications such as thousands death in Pakistan was due to the choice of superpower in either taking peaceful steps or destroy world peace.

Moreover, normalization of diplomatic relations between Muslim and Jews is also a choice of superpower. The reasons behind this peaceful negotiation are multiple including national interests of superpower. This can be ascertained from restoring diplomatic ties between UAE and Israel, followed by embassy opening by Morocco and Bahrain in Israel (Abraham Accords 2020). This deal was brokered by the then American president Trump. This shows that peaceful negotiation between

Israel and UAE, Morocco and Bahrain had been possible by the efforts taken by superpower America, hence, world peace is a choice of superpowers.

Furthermore, India and Pakistan came together to ~~restore~~ to maintain bilateral relations with the effort made by Russia/USSR the then superpower. In the aftermath of second war fought between both regional rivals in 1965, the Tashkent declaration was signed in 1966. This peace was achieved through interventions by Soviet Union and the United States. Both together pushed India and Pakistan towards a ceasefire to avoid any war (britannica.com, 2001). Therefore, it can be stated that the world peace is a choice of superpowers.

Besides, in recent times, the rise of China has paved the way for its constructive role in global affairs. China has been pushing its allies to maintain peace and avoid conflict. Its foreign policy aims at stabilizing crucial regions of the world. In this context, China has been successfully

able to mending ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia (Express Tribune, Iran-Saudi Reapproachmen 2023). This shows that emerging superpower China is positively contributing in world peace, hence world peace is a choice of superpowers.

On the contrary, unwillingness of US in solving Ukraine-Russia issue ~~it~~ shows that peace is the choice of superpowers. America has been avoiding to play constructive role in an ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. Biden administration has not even gestured positively to solve this issue or push ceasefire. John Measheimer, in his speech at Oxford dialogue platform, openly criticized US for instigating war in Ukraine. He stated that American national interest are against the peace in Ukraine due to its non-inclusion in NATO. Hence, unwillingness by American leadership and resultant ongoing war in Ukraine shows that world peace is a choice of superpowers.

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spot in the world. US interests have been crucial since the Obama administration in this region. It always supports free and open Indo-Pacific policy. However, due to rise of China and its activities in Indo-Pacific region, US has been precarious and is risking many activities in the region. For example, US signed AUKUS deal to militarized the region by providing nuclear submarines to Australia. This shows that untiring effort of US by building alliance like QUAD and AUKUS pose threat to the peace in Indo-Pacific, therefore world peace is a choice of super powers.

In contrast, China is thriving to maintain peace and stability in the region. China's efforts to achieve stability on regional and global level can be gauged from its soft foreign policy initiatives. For instance, the country has recently given 12 points for peace in Ukraine (Foreign Policy, 2023). This peace plan has been carefully crafted to political settlement goal in Ukraine crisis. China aims to strengthen its position vis-a-vis

the US. Therefore, this initiative by Beijing illustrates that peace in the world is a choice of superpowers.

Last but not the least, one of the manifestations of how world peace is a choice of superpower is American reluctant behaviour in solving Kashmir dispute. Although, both rivals: India and Pakistan have been close allies to US, yet it has not taken any positive step to resolve their key issue. This can be ascertained from Indian unilateral moves in IIOJK since 2019 - recently it has removed restrictions from hygienic lands in disputed territory despite UN stance over it. Hence, it can be said that world peace is a choice of superpowers, which results in prolonged conflict in Kashmir.

This hegemonic dealings of international affairs negatively impacts the world. The first and foremost repercussion is inactivation of United Nations. Despite the most important mandate of UN - maintaining

peace and security. it has been unable to prevent Ukraine crisis. For instance, in March 2022, UN General Assembly passed resolution 181 in favour of Ukraine, yet the war has not stopped till today. This shows that due to the choices of some hegemonic power in UN has been impeding peace in the world.

Moreover, it is due to the selective choices of superpower that Europe is seen as war-ridden continent presently. It has been since the 2022, that whole of the Europe is undergoing energy crisis due to the war in Ukraine. As a result of war economies of many countries suffer across the globe resulting in poverty and unemployment in European countries. Therefore, choice of peace though concentrated in few superpower's hands, but instigating global instability on massive level.

Lastly, due to discrimination of US there is still an unrest in Palestine. America has a long history of cordial relations with Israel. However, it has never

1. Sincerely tried to restore peace in the Palestine. This is visible from ongoing war in Gaza since 8th Oct 2023. It is one of the devastating impact of superpower choices in maintaining peace in the world. Therefore, an ongoing terror in Palestine and death and destruction is due to the hegemonic dealings of world affairs by superpowers.

Although, aforementioned repercussions sounds dangerous and threat to world peace, yet it is possible to achieve peace in the world through collective effort for it. Firstly, there is a need to foster peaceful relations between warring countries by effectively implementing UN mandate of diplomatic mission. Secondly, China and America needs to leave hostile foreign policy by restoring peaceful relations and promoting cordial ties. Sec. Thirdly, UN can be reformed according to the changing dynamics and global needs, it can amend its Article 11 of the charter to empower General Assembly for decision-making. Hence, if these steps are taken can change the

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world into peaceful place to live.

To encapsulate this essay, it would be fair to state that world peace is a choice of superpower. Major powers such as USSR, US in past and China at present are dominating the world, hence are responsible for peace and stability in the world. However, absence of peace is also due to unwillingness of these states. For instance, it is due to the destructive role of US that Ukraine is undergoing massive conflict in Europe since world war II. On the other hand, China has been continuously putting effort in mediating ties between conflicting countries. Therefore, world peace is well said as a choice of super powers.