

# World Peace is a choice of Superpowers. Outline.

## 1- Introduction.

Thesis Statement: If the world is governed by sheer power then world peace is a choice of superpowers.

Weak statement. Thesis statement should be sure not based on ifs and buts. At least make it 3 sentences!

## 2. Superpowers and World Peace.

### 3- Why is world peace a choice of Superpowers?

3.1. Use of diplomatic means to avert war

3.2. Peaceful resolutions of conflicts. How?

Political and economic hegemony? Both in world order and in organisations? Sanctions? pressure groups? proxies?

3.3. Through maintaining balance of power

3.4. Through using international trade, economic interdependence, and, global economic clout.

3.5. Addressing of global issues for collective survival. How?

### 4. How have superpowers failed to preserve world peace?

4.1. Superpowers bypass international law and UN

The argument is not maintaining or averting peace. The argument is who controls it. On whose choice does it depend.

4.2. Military interventions in conflicts.

4.3. Balance of Power puts nations in an arms race.

4.4. Protectionist policies disturb global trade.

4.5. National interests triumph over humanity.

### 5. Why are superpowers still the best option to preserve global peace?

5.1. International law and UN are toothless, Sheer power alone can preserve world peace. How? Why?

5.2. Military interventions become imperative to control the conflict.

5.3: Balance of power and block politics can help to preserve peace under the umbrella of nuclear deterrence.

5.4: Global trade cannot be regulated without the compliance or approval of superpowers.

5.5: Global cooperation at a reformed UN can put national and global interests in harmony.

## 6-Conclusion.

Either attempt it as an argumentative or don't distribute it equally focus should be on why do they have such control on world peace. how does this effect the global society. And how can this control be taken from them?

Or if you want to do argumentative

thesis: World peace is the choice of super power/ Global society collectively decides world peace

Anti-thesis: Global society collectively decides world peace/ World peace is the choice of super power

Synthesis: Superpowers can easily supercede the collective decisions/ Global efforts have the power to dissuade superpowers.

The world is in chaos. The ongoing ethnic genocide of innocent Palestinians and silence of world community is shameful. However, the world is governed by sheep power, not moral arguments. The division of world opinion and superpowers over this issue only provides credence to the fact that only power matters. Thus, world peace is not materialized by hot debates at toothless international governing bodies like United Nations (UN).

The opinion of superpowers plays a critical role in this regard. World peace is therefore, a choice of superpowers. For instance, superpowers have at their disposal multiple means like

diplomacy, ability to peacefully resolve conflicts and global <sup>political</sup> as well as economic clout. However, many contradict this, they opine that superpowers are responsible for this chaos in world. For

example, superpowers do not follow international law, bypass UN and pursue their own narrow strategic ends through military interventions and global economic clout. However,

these are mere arguments for the sake of arguments and thus, hold no water. Therefore, it can be said that world peace

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is a choice of superpowers and not the other way around.

The world peace and superpowers are in an intricate relationship. The existence of one depends on the other and vice versa.

For example, there can be no world peace without any superpower and similarly, there can be no ~~superpower~~ without world peace.

If it was not for a neutral foreign policy of United States prior to World War I it could not have emerged as a great power. Similarly, war has been one of the constants throughout human history. Neither democracy nor civilization could diminish it.

It was only the sheer power and power alone that can preserve world peace. If superpowers can hammer-out their own differences then they can preserve world peace through diplomatic as well as other means, if necessary.

Because nature abhors vacuum if the superpowers failure may result in unleashing chaotic forces then these forces would challenge the same superpowers in tantrum.

This essay is divided into ~~four~~ sections. The first section discusses the intricate

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relationship between the world peace and ~~supers~~. The second section discusses why is world peace a choice of superpowers. The third section discusses the failure of superpowers in preserving the world peace. The fourth section discusses why are superpowers an imperative to preserve world peace and then the essay is concluded.

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World peace is a choice of superpowers because of their ability to use diplomatic means to avert war.

For instance, the Middle East has been in chaos for over four decades. The Saudi-Iran rivalry had taken a heavy toll on the region. Both countries have been engaged in proxy-wars to destabilize each other. Neither the United Nations (UN) nor the Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC) could bring peace to the region. However, it was through Chinese mediation that these countries have agreed to normalize their relations.

Agree do they have power? Don't rely on unstable above

The Chinese diplomacy was thus pivotal in Saudi-Iran normalization.

Why? Why was China able to do this when others could not?

The world powers are crucial for peaceful resolution of conflicts.

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Argument?

For instance, the Russian Federation like its predecessor Soviet Union has always treated and considered Central Asia as its strategic backyard. When a border conflict started between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan - on April 2021. The border skirmishes were being elevated to military buildup on both sides. That could have engulfed the entire Central Asian Republics (CARs) in an never ending conflict. However, the timely Russian mediation prevented the military buildup and tried to cool down political temperature. Therefore, both countries agreed for a peaceful resolution of their conflicts.

Again why was this possible? Same

~~Maintainance~~ The maintenance of balance of power is, similarly, another means at the disposal of superpowers to prevent breakout of conflicts or war. It is a theory of international relations, that means nation states are skeptical of each other's strength and power. Thus, in order to avoid any power imbalance both countries enhance their own respective strengths like economy, resources, military etc. The balance of power is thus, a tool in foreign relations to prevent a

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Discuss why to preserve peace <sup>lies on super powers</sup> ~~not what BOP~~

war and preserve peace. The Sino-US tensions in South China Sea and over the peace of Taiwan, are a practical manifestation of balance of power. Where both countries exist peacefully without undermining world peace.

Community?

The use of global trade and economic muscle by superpowers to preserve peace, traces its origins back to early days of civilization. In earlier times, a great power used to employ its economic resources to win-over allies and punish its enemies by trade boycott. The present model of global trade as a mean to preserve global peace is the brainchild of Immanuel Kant. A German philosopher of Enlightenment period, Kant published his famous essay on world peace, titled as 'The Perpetual Peace'. According to him, "democracy, free trade without any barrier and human freedoms would usher in an era of perpetual peace." Thus, despite being rivals, both US and China are biggest trading partners. Their economic interdependence thus is preserving world peace.

The global issues and collective survival are another imperative for superpowers to preserve world peace. The worldpowers thrive on their image of being a mystical force and guardian. The superpowers are thus forced to act even against their wills to preserve their mystical or cult figures. Furthermore, whenever, world is facing global threats be in COVID-19 pandemic <sup>or</sup> issue of climate change, the superpowers are expected to act for ensuring collective survival. Therefore, superpowers are morally and strategically bound to preserve world peace to ensure collective survival of humanity.

The preceding paragraphs discuss why world peace is a choice of superpowers. But the following paragraphs discuss, how superpowers have failed to preserve world peace.

The superpowers use their military prowess and economic clout to bypass both international law and inter-governmental bodies like United Nations (UN) for their own national designs. The



(The) US intervention in Iraq is a case in point. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) passed with all representatives of states, ordered restraint. However, the United States running high on its economic might undermined the UNSC resolution and invaded Iraq on the pretext of pre-emptive strike. The US made world opinion polarised by hurling a litany of allegations against Iraq like <sup>later</sup> having possession of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). However, it was later revealed that Iraq did not possess any WMDs. Thus superpowers can be deceptive for achieving their own ends.

Military interventions by superpowers ~~are~~ in foreign countries are inherently power-driven. The military interventions in foreign conflicts allude the prospects of world peace. For instance, the United States has been long considered to be perpetuating regional conflicts. In his book, *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of Mass Media*, Noam Chomsky writes, "the US interventions in Central, South and Latin American States are

not driven by any love for democracy or human rights but for its own economic, corporate and imperial interests." The critics further add that military interventions of superpowers don't end the conflicts rather interventions prolong the conflicts.

Balance of power is another tool of superpowers to give birth to armed conflicts. A majority of US critics in Pakistan opine that US alliance with Pakistan during Cold War put Indo-Pak relations on a slippery slope. The ensuing blood politics, arms race and wars between two countries are considered a strategic machination of Soviet Union and US in South Asia. Once again the US's Asia Pivot policy is being considered not only an anti-China but also an anti-Pakistan alliance with India.

Protectionist policies and trade monopolies are another tool of superpowers. Ideally, superpowers preach that free-trade is the sole panacea for peace, but practically superpowers use tariffs

regime and neo-mercantilist policies to exploit developing countries. Former Vice President of World Bank, Joseph Stiglitz in his book, *Globalization and its Discontents*, writes, "trade regulating institutions become toothless, as the funding comes from US and usually Western citizens become heads of such organizations. In order to protect the US corporate interests, these corporates are cushioned by government through subsidies and tax holidays. However, the trade commodities from developing countries become irrelevant in global market." The US policy of *Petrodollars* is another case in point, that reaffirms that superpowers use global trade not for peaceful interdependence but for the protection of its corporate interests.

National interests of superpowers eventually triumph over global humanization interests. The critics argue that human nature is selfish and superpowers are no exception, thus on the issues of climate change, emission reduction and

> Collective survival, the superpowers give credence to their own national interests. The US withdrawal from Paris Agreement under Trump was motivated by US corporate interests being hurt. Similarly, the Chinese are biggest emitters of green house gases, however, all superpowers like US, China and great powers like Britain, France, Canada, Australia, etc are reneging on their promises. Therefore critics argue that like everything else the promise of superpowers being the guarantors of world peace is elusive because doing so may hurt their military industrial complex and war-making industries.

The preceding paragraphs discuss the points of critics. The following paragraphs discuss, why superpowers are still the best option for preserving world peace.

The superpowers do not unnecessarily bypass international law or UN. Because both are toothless conventions. Thus, this argument of critics holds

no matter, whatsoever. The UN is a multilateral intergovernmental body, however, its structure is peopling and power is not equally divided especially in UNSC. The UN is predominantly becoming a debating forum, to say the least <sup>intervention</sup>.

Because the decision-making process is controlled by five permanent members (P5).

The diverging national interests of these permanent members, makes decision-making through consensus a dream gone sour. As <sup>even</sup> if one member vetoes a resolution in UNSC, it stands vetoed. Thus, world peace if it is contradicting the interests of any P-5 member would become impossible. In that case only the most powerful country can play a critical role in preserving world peace.

The critics, further added that world peace becomes elusive due to military intervention. However, that <sup>argument</sup> too does not hold ground. The military interventions of superpowers become imperative in order to control the conflict for instance the Rwandan genocide, and Indo-Pak 1971 war could have resulted

in perishing of millions of lives. But the timely intervention of United States saved the situation.

Thus, military interventions on humanitarian grounds are guaranteed by both international law and realpolitik. Furthermore, the UN cannot be reformed without the <sup>superpower</sup> toothless United Nations (UN) and international law can never be reformed if the decision does not carry the sanction or approval from P-5 members.

Since the nuclearisation of world the dynamics of balance of power are also subject to change. Contrary to what critics, who argue that balance of power increase hostilities and arms race, this argument too does not hold any ground. Because, the politics and states under the delusion of nuclear umbrella has <sup>been</sup> preserving world peace. Therefore, balance of power and the politics are necessary tools of a superpower to keep in check the rise of a disruptive force. The US led Indo-Western corridor IMEC (India-Middle East, Europe) is a counterweight to Chinese Belt and Road Initiative.

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The issue of global trade being used as a weapon against developing states is superficial. Even if there exists any superpower with multiple influence over global trade regulating institutions, then it cannot be reformed without any superpower mediation. The Sino-US trade-war is a perfect and legit example of this. The World Trade Organization (WTO) came to limelight as another toothless body. However, if it is to be reformed it cannot be done with carrying approval of a superpower, like USA.

The issue of triumph of petty-narrow national interests over global humanitarian ones can be resolved through reforming United Nations. By either rotating the veto power of P-5 member on periodic basis or inclusion of other states into it as P-5+1 etc. Furthermore, some of the ~~out~~ pending UNSC resolutions like on Kashmir, Palestine and climate change can be addressed in UNGA with equal powers of legislation/decision-making. Moreover, the UNGA and UNFCCC should be given binding decision making and enforcing powers. This may increase the role of UN

which is currently facing a logjam. Similarly, this would redress the issue of superpowers working for their own narrow interests.

In conclusion it can be said that world is a turbulent place, where only power is needed to ensure peace. Thus superpowers are essential for preserving world peace. Because they have all necessary means at their disposal, like diplomacy, military and economic muscle etc. However, the critics disagree and hurl a litany of unfounded allegations like superpowers are responsible for absence of peace in world etc. But these are mere arguments for the sake of arguments and do not hold any water. For instance, silence of world powers of ethnic genocide and carnage of Palestinians that superpowers' choices determine the prospects of world peace.



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	Conclusion	5	1
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