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01) Introduction

The cold war is defined as a world situation by the scholars of international relations. With the passage of time, different perspectives and theories have come to the fore which define international relations with distinct lenses. Realism again surfaced on the international arena as the ~~pro~~ propositions of realism were ~~or~~ the dominant factors. Realism on the other hand suffered blow because of growing real-politik in the world. However, it was not completely irrelevant as there were steps of cooperation between the US and Soviet Union. Constructivism discusses cold war with the help of ideas and norms and social interaction. Post-structuralism discussed cold war with lens of knowledge. In a nutshell, all theories present their own arguments while defining the world situation. A comprehensive glance is given below.

2) Theory of liberalism and peaceful end of cold war

Liberalism is based on the optimistic view of the world. They see great potential for human progress in modern civil society. Liberal thinkers have great faith in human reason and rationality. They believe in the cooperation and assert that peace can only be developed through cooperation.

Liberal thinkers see peaceful end of cold war as a result of cooperation. They assert that the cooperation between the US and USSR Soviet Union during the cold war helped them to comprehensively end the conflict in peace.

Liberal thinkers also were of the view that the presence of two rivals on the platforms of cooperation like United Nations also played important role in the peaceful end of cold war.

Lastly, liberalism also defines it as the rational decisions of the two states to end

the conflict. They see it as the result of good nature of human being. The sanity prevailed and world came out of the world situation. Peaceful end of cold war was the result of rationality. Had the two countries gone into war, it would have destroyed them and the major part of the world.

3) Theory of Realism and Peaceful end of cold war

Realism theory holds the pessimistic view of the world and human nature... They believe in statism, self-help and state survival. They also believe that state should always seek power in order to remain safe.

Realists hold optimistic view in no sense. They believe that Soviet Union has conceded the defeat; however, it will again return and challenge the hegemony. Realists believe that end of cold war was not peaceful as it disintegrated the whole country.

Realists are pessimistic about the peaceful end of cold war. They believe

Soviet Union failed to ensure the state survival; consequently, it became the reason of fall of Soviet Union.

However, realists believed that Soviet Union will assert its power in the future. Its resurgence will bring back the cold war situation again.

If it seems true as the assumption of Realism has turned out to be true

4) Constructivism and Peaceful end of Cold war

Constructivism is said to be post cold war theory; however, its proponents have defined it in various way. The scholars have also defined the peaceful end of cold war as the result of ideas and norms, identity and social interactions.

Constructivists were of the view that cold war ended with peace because of the dominance of ideas and norms of peace.

Despite being an era of arms race and nuclear proliferation, it was also witnessed that in this era there were several agreements of cooperation: The SALT treaties, NPT, the introduction of Bretton Woods system and peaceful end of various conflicts like Camp David Accord, Indus Water Treaty and Tashkent Declaration. It means there was norm of peaceful resolution of the conflict. This is why the world situation ended with peace.

Moreover, the identity was also responsible for the world situation's peaceful end. Soviet Union identified itself as weak in context of economy. The Afghan war had crippled the economy of Soviet Union. This became the reason that Soviet Union identified as a weak economy. It compelled it to end the conflict.

5) Critical Analysis : Theory of Feminism, poststructuralism and Rationality theory

Moving on, the theory of feminism would view the peaceful end of gender.

According to feminism, it would take the lease of gender role and interaction as the cause or source of resolution of the conflict.

Poststructuralism: Moreover the role of post structuralism is its ideas that the two states deviated from the notion of power and statism. The discourse and knowledge production became the reason of peaceful end of the cold war.

Finally, the rationality of the actors played instrumental role in the end of the conflict with peace.

b) Conclusion

In a nutshell, cold war was ended by peace because of weak economy of Soviet Union and its isolation in the world. However, theories of international relations define cold war in different way. Liberalism see it in positive manner. Realism holds pessimistic view of the peaceful end of cold war.

Question # 03

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01) Introduction

The Russo-Ukraine war has brought catastrophic consequences for the world. It has disrupted commerce of the world, leading to hyper-inflation. It has also led to the change in global world order. The resurgence of Russia and decades old rude behavior of West and America has brought shift in the world politics. The dynamics of the world changed due to the COVID-19 and Russo-Ukraine war became another factor which changed the equation of power from unipolarity to multi-polarity. Russian resurgence was already predicted by Realist school of thought. Scholars have started speaking that Russo-Ukraine war is the return of real politic. Moreover, Liberalism see this pessimistically. Lastly, the Fukuyama's end of history and Huntington's Clash of civilization are two important theories.

2) Russia-Ukraine War on the future of a the American unipolar World order

The US and NATO will continue to support Kyiv indirectly. Almost all countries in ~~the world~~ Europe have condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, they refuse to respond or formally support Ukraine. This war has undermined the credibility of the US as a super-power.

2.1) Russia is likely to gain much more from the war and the US to receive another blow

Although the US has completely supported Ukraine by giving financial as well as military aid. However, Russia is to gain much more from the war. There may not be complete fall of Ukraine; however, Russia will get territory of Ukraine more than Crimea. This will further be a blow to the US hegemony in the world. America can end the Ukraine war on the terms if had ended the cold war.

2.2) Russo-Ukraine war is to bring shift in world Order

Russia has invaded Ukraine to flex its muscles and inform the world that Russia has re-emerged as the global power. This has brought shift in the world order. The world has shifted from unipolarity to the multi-polarity.

2.3) Unipolarity to turn into Multipolarity

Russian war in Ukraine has brought shift in the global order. It has formally become the multi-polar.

2.4) World refuse to condemn Russia
States around the world have refused to condemn the ~~world~~ Russian actions in Soviet Union Ukraine. Despite American pressure, the likes of Pakistan have maintained their neutrality in this context. If surely is because American unipolar world has been shifted to multi-polar world.

3) Theories of International Relations in Russo-Ukraine War Context

Different theories see the conflict in different way. The liberalism, constructivism, realism, feminism and Huntington's the clash of civilizations and Fukuyama's the end of history is relevant.

3.1) Theory of Liberalism and Russo-Ukraine War

Liberalism always calls on the states to resolve their conflicts through the peaceful means. Theory of liberalism asserts that states should always follow the principles of international law.

Liberal thinkers condemn the Russo-Ukraine war and calls on the parties to conflict to adhere to the UN-Charter or international law. Jeremy Bentham who has given this idea believed that adhering to international law will preserve peace in the world.

3.2) The Theory of Realism and Russo-Ukraine Conflict

The ~~theory~~ ^{theory} conflict of Russo-Ukraine is seen as the ~~return~~ return of Realpolitik or traditional power politics.

According to many scholars of realism, Russia was compelled to invade Ukraine. ~~Merr~~ Mearsheimer also in an interview that if was eastward expansion of NATO that antagonized Russia to invade Ukraine. Mearsheimer is a neo-realist thinker.

Moreover, Current President of the US who was Biden in his days as a senator in late 90s spoke that NATO should not expand eastwards. It will antagonize Russia. However, despite knowing this, NATO kept expanding. Hence realist thinkers believe that the policy of NATO eastwards was the main reason behind the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

3.3) The Theory of Constructivism and Russo-Ukraine conflict

The theory of constructivism believes that the war is largely because Russia identified ~~itself~~ itself

as as aware country. If compelled
Russia to save itself from
incoming danger

3.4) Russo-Ukraine and Feminism

There were protests against
the war by women who
saw it as against the
rights of women. Women
have suffered much more
from the war than this.

3.5) Fukuyama's End of History

Francis Fukuyama had declared
in his thesis that fall of
Soviet Union was atop the
end of history and there
will not be evolution
of ideas. However, the reemergence
of Russia and declaration of
war in Ukraine rejects
the eventual victory of
capitalism and final system
of the world.

World has even
went on to new kind of
revolutions. AI is revolutionizing
the world. Dollarization is
happening in the world. It
seems that new ideas are
coming.

3.6) Huntington's clash of Civilizations

Moreover, Huntington's clash of civilizations had predicted in which Huntington proposed the hypothesis that West and America will be in conflict with China, Sinic civilization and Muslims. Russia seems to be close to Xi's China. The two states oppose the US led systematic changes.

In the context of the war too, China might invade Taiwan and Russia and China both at the same time fight the USA. The USA will pour dollars in other state's war because war hawks elements and keep crippling its own economy. In a nutshell, it is not wrong to say that Huntington's thesis is turning out to be true in the context of Russo-Ukraine war.

4) Conclusion

In summary, it is true that the CIS influence has been undermined in recent years. It is getting further weakened by the Russo-Ukraine war. World has already witnessed

the shift in world politics. With the rise of India, ~~the~~ China, Brazil and Russia, ~~the~~ American influence has decreased. The theories of international relations also see the descent of the US in coming days.
