

International Relations II

Question 1:

"Many developments of 2023 are manifesting the concreteness of a claim of changing world order"

The Changing World Order

Many claim that the world order is changing and that the US is losing its status as the sole superpower. The year 2023 proved to be a manifestation of these claims. 2023 was a year that saw many geopolitical developments making it an interesting year. The following major events and developments were made in 2023,

Saudi-Iran Rapprochement and China

The Saudi-Iran rapprochement as announced on 10th March 2023 was one of the good news last year. The fact that China was able to sponsor this agreement further proved

China's involvement in geopolitics and its claim of being a key player. The end of hostility between the two states is a testament of China's influence.

China's Continued Claim of Taiwan & South China Sea

In 2023, China firmly stood by its one China policy and continues to stake its claim on Taiwan. The South China Sea saw many military exercises done and China continued to cross its horns with other states in the South China Sea. China's blatant disregard for law of seas and its continued projection of power leads one to believe that China is inferior to none and already views itself as a superpower leading to a multipolar world.

Dragging on of War in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine has dragged on and has now taken the shape of long war. Previously the chance of Russia's loss was high however now that the war has dragged on, it is more likely that it is now in the favour of Russia and US.

will soon, not be able to support it anymore. This proves that the war affected west more than it affected Russia as Russia cut their supplies of Natural gas.

The Rise of India

2023 proved to be a miracle year for India. India became the 4th nation to land on the lunar surface courtesy of Chandrayan-3. This feat was also accompanied by the G-20 Summit being held in India. The world leaders from the platform of G-20 announced the creation of IMEC which is the India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor. This would enable India to become a key Geostrategic player and solidify India's power in the Indian Subcontinent.

Rising Tensions in the Middle East

The Breakout of the Israel-palestine war is greatest claim of changing world order and new war tactics such as the media war. The current on going conflict establishes the

power of nonstate actors version that of states.
2023 saw the rise in activity of nonstate actors.
The world majorly remains divided because of
this conflict with the US and its allies supporting
Israel while the rest stand with Palestine. US has
failed to be neutral as observed and has lost major
support leading most states to abandon US
at their camp.

BRICKS Expansion

With the unstable
economy and rising power of US Dollar, the
expansion of BRICKS ~~saw~~ was a great
opportunity. As more and more states join
Bricks, More influence is gained by rising
powers with Russia and China in the lead.

Bricks ~~big~~ might be the factor
that would eventually lead into block
politics with US on one side and Russia
and China on other during a new cold war.
The countries the joined BRICKS were. Saudi
Arab, UAE, Iran, Ethiopia and Egypt. The fact
that Argentina despite getting an invitation
didn't join proves that due to its new leadership
being anti-china they didn't side with china

US's Continued Sanctions on China

US has continued to sanction China, laying many trade barriers and ordering its companies to stop working with China. The chipmaker Nvidia which used to make custom chips for China was not granted export permit. Similarly many other efforts were undertaken by US to counter China. This only proves China's growing power and influence are threatening US and forcing such policies.

The Reversal of Globalization

The early 21st Century was the era of globalization which led to the unprecedented growth in global economy and made the world interconnected however due to many Nationalist movements and sentiments globalization faces a severe threat. With dismantling globalization the world order would be impacted greatly and a new cold war could emerge.

North Korea's Launch of Spy Satellite

North Korea continues to increase its military might and has formally announced alliance with Russia in its cause. North Korea despite global sanctions and admonishment was successful in launching a spy satellite. This has triggered the US and in turn South Korea. This shows that North Korea is not ready to back down and can create problems for the US.

Eruption of Conflicts and Coups

Many conflicts and coups erupted this year especially in Africa. This gave rise to authoritarian governments and downfall of democracy that US tends to uphold. The third world countries are slipping out of the hold of US and falling toward China with their socialist tendencies. This was a major shift in geopolitics in 2023.

Failure of Liberal Institutions in Maintaining Peace

With both war in Ukraine and the Israel Palestine conflict still ongoing and UN unable to mediate DS, the world views UN as a tool for the west but not for peace like it promises. This will lead states to eventually abandon the principles of UN and "simply do as they wish" further diminishing the US's control over geopolitics

Conclusion

In conclusion, 2023 was a year that saw many developments that enable one to believe that US is no longer the sole superpower and that new ^{regional} powers have come into the mix. With US's diminished influence and China filling every void US leaves behind, China proves to have much better potential as a global superpower as the world order shifts and enters into a bipolar phase again.

Question 3

Discuss Israeli genocide in Gaza

German Holocaust and Israeli Genocide

The ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza and what happened to the Jew at the hands of Nazi Germany if often compared. Both situations despite their similarities are vastly different. While humans sufferend on both accounts, and one is usually thought to be worse than other. however that is not the case.

Context of Both Events

⇒ The German Holocaust

The Holocaust was motivated by the nationalist sentiments of Adolf Hitler. He viewed that the Jews were the cause of bad luck that resulted in Germany's defeat in WWI. To him Jews were the cause of diminished power of Germany. Thus to make Germany powerful again, Jews needed to be gotten rid of to "purify" the land.

This was constructivism at play as in those times Jews around Europe were perceived as a bad omen and all bad things were labeled on Jews by the Society. Germany lost the war not because of Jews but because it stretched itself to thin and Jews had to deal with the blunt end of the stick nonetheless.

The Israeli Genocide in Gaza:

Israel's genocide in Gaza is an outcome of Israel perceiving Gaza as a threat to its national security. Israel wants to secure its territory and has a revisionist approach. The genocide is Israel's way of (1) Projecting its power, (2) Eliminating a threat to national security and (3) ~~Est~~Ensuring its survival. The Gazans on the other hand stood up for their right of self determination.

Israel, much like how nazis perceived threat from Jews, perceives threats from Gazans but the difference here is that the Jews in Germany never did anything however Gazans are an actual threat to Israel's security.

Occurance of Events:

Germany, after its defeat in WWI faced great sanctions, pressure and humiliation and the outlet of that anger came to be the Jews because of power dynamic. Jews were then methodically exterminated ~~to~~ as they were perceived as threat to power. This was an event of ethnic cleansing. The critical theorists argue that the holocaust was a manifestation of racism and antisemitism deeprooted in German society because of imperialism and social hierarchies.

The Israeli society on the other hand are victims of oppression & under germany. They have occupied palestinian territory all the while still projecting themselves as the victim. They view the land as their right and the ongoing genocide is a means of securing that land. Israeli society has constructed ideas about the palestinian side in such a way to dehumanize them and justify the genocide. The Gazans are undergoing similar ethnic cleansing to

What the Jews had witnessed a century ago. Deep seated revenge from the memories of Holocaust enable Jews to commit such acts against humanity all the while creating this idea that Jews are innocent in this conflict. The Jews very definitely the victims at the time of Holocaust however now the Gazans are the victims.

Predicting and Analysing One from the other.

The Holocaust "Ended"

When Jews fled for their lives first to other parts of Europe and then to Palestine. The arrival of the Jews, ^{in Palestine} as the liberals explain, was possible because of international community assisting them and finding middle ground. Similar to that the liberalist advocate for peace in Gaza by the intervention of the international community and the humanitarian organizations.

The Realists on the other hand believe

that there is no easy solution to the conflict as neither side is willing to let go of their claim, Israel on eliminating the threat and Gazans on getting their state. Realist see this conflict expanding until eventually one side gets defeated just like how Jews had to flee. The key thing to note is the Jews never fought back or resisted while Gazans continue to do so, this can drastically change the ending of this genocide eventually taking the two events poles apart. Gazans being subjected to genocide is Israel's way of blocking the rights of Gazans that resists against Israel's occupation. It is a future proffing measure. It is yet to see if what worked for Nazi Germany in their effort for national security will work for Israel.

Conclusion :-

Both events are great atrocities committed against humanity. As Israel's genocide is a manifestation of the oppression faced by Jews at the hands of Germany both events seem quite similar. However the motive and the method of both are different. Major similarity in both cases is the involvement of societal constructs and perceived threats of white difference. In Germany, viewing Jews as a threat to their power, while Israel views Gazans as a threat to their national security and existence.