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Taiwan issue is a central point of tension between China and the United States. Its strategic importance, historical context, and implications for regional security. Followings are the critical examination of the main reasons for this conflict.

## Reasons for Conflict

### 1- Strategic and Ideological Importance:

China's perspective is that Taiwan is seen as a breakaway province. The reunification is integral to national identity and sovereignty.

The Chinese government considers it a core interest and has shown its intention to unify Taiwan with the mainland. If it is necessary by force. On the other side US perspective has maintained a policy of strategic ambiguity. Recognizing the "One China" principle.



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Policy, but supporting Taiwan's democratic system and right to self defence. Recently US announced \$667 aids for Taiwan which is the largest package till to date. In addition, there are least amount of people who want reunification with China, but majority of the want sovereign state. Some people want to be neutral on this region. Leave a line here

## ② Military Considerations:

Chinese Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) has been enhancing its capabilities, mostly in naval and missile domains to project across the Taiwan Strait. Recently, Chinese Military drill spread by involving Taiwan is a clear message to US and Taiwan. On other hand, US military presence in the region with Japan, South Korea, etc.



### ③ Economic Implications:

Semiconductor industry is crucial to the global economy. The island is home to semi-conductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), a leading and best chip maker, which has avoid effect on tech to automotive industries. This conflict could lead to economic crisis for both China and US, which will disturb global supply chain and will rise economic instability in case of war.

### ④ Geopolitical Improve expressions power:

China Believe that for regional dominance to control over Taiwan is most vital. Mostly South China Sea and East China Sea. Most likely Strait of Malacca. Similarly for US supporting Taiwan would ~~underline~~ the ~~the~~ is in broader strategic interest of US in



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Containing Chinese influence and for  
free and open Pacific. If US  
loss Taiwan then it will lose its  
interest in the region also.

Why can't China and the  
US just avoid conflict?

① Avoiding Global Economic  
Instability: Military conflict can  
lead to economic disruption around  
the globe. Taiwan's role in technology is  
also important. By recognizing  
the mutual economic dependence  
both states must prioritize  
dialogue and economic cooperation.

② Regional and global Security:  
Escalating conflict could lead  
to a broader and global war.

To prevent it China and US  
should commit confidence  
building measures and open  
military to military communication  
to avoid miscalculation  
in the region.



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### ③ Promoting Diplomatic Engagement

Regular diplomatic engagement can help manage tensions by addressing grievances directly and avoiding misunderstandings. Bilateral Summit or forum like ASEAN can be useful for both.

### ④ Supporting Peaceful States Quo

Both states can work for peaceful states quo that respects Timor's current autonomy without forcing a solution. While avoiding such activities which escalate tensions like military activity near Timor Strait.

### ⑤ Creating a Framework for Economic Interdependence:

Both states ~~should~~ encourage trade and joint economic projects by avoiding sanctions on each other. A bilateral frame



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work promoting economic  
cooperation, particularly in  
technology and supply chain.

Too Coactive, Taiwan issue is  
a flashpoint with the potential  
for devastating consequences,  
not for China and US but for  
world. Diplomacy, economic  
cooperation and strategic patience  
are ~~essential~~ <sup>critical</sup> to achieve what  
will not benefit any party and  
nor it is longterm interest. A  
peaceful approach could ensure  
stability in Asia-Pacific region  
for years to come.

Reason of

Conflict

B/W China

& US

- ① Strategic and ideological.
- ② Military consideration
- ③ Economic implication
- ④ Geopolitical influence and power

Why & How China

and US must

avoid conflict

Abrupt placement

- ① avoiding global economic instability.
- ② Regional stability & security
- ③ Diplomatic
- ④ Engagement
- ⑤ Peaceful status quo
- ⑥ Creating a framework for economic interdependence.

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Ques 3 The United States long standing, unconditional support for Israel has had significant repercussions for its image in Arab countries and has opened strategic opportunities for rivals like China and Russia to escalate their influence in the Middle East.

### Effects on US Image in Arab Countries:

#### ① Perception of Bias and Loss of Credibility:

The unconditional support of US for Israel in current war in Gaza and the rise in tensions among Arab nations that US take neutrality. This perception undermines US credibility and makes in Middle East. Arab leaders and population US stance on human right is hypocritical.

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as US is advocate of it.

## ② Increased Anti-American Sentiment:

The US-Israel alliance has fueled anti-American sentiment across the world, especially Arab world in particular intensifying conflict between Palestinians and Israel. Arab citizens believe US policy support Israel security of the region, at the expense of peace and justice for Palestinians. It leads to sentiment of anger, protests, boycott against US products.

## ② Strained Relations with Key Arab Allies:

Some Arab governments in Gulf have warmed relations with Israel through Abraham Accords, US unilateral support with Israel strain relations with regional powers,



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Such → KSA, Egypt, Jordan  
and Lebanon. Additionally  
public pressure on these govts  
to distance themselves  
from US.

#### ④ Impact on Counterterrorism Efforts:

US support for Israel can  
indirectly complicate its  
counterterrorism efforts in  
Middle East. Terrorists group  
often exploit anti-Israeli  
US sentiments to recruit  
its members and justify their  
attacks.

#### Space for China and Russia to Penetrate the Middle East

##### ① China's Economic Diplomacy:

China has increasingly stepped  
into the void with a "no-strings  
attached" approach, promoting  
economic partnership through its  
Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)



while refraining from taking  
strong positions on political  
conflicts including the Israeli-  
Palestinian issue. This naturally  
appeals to Arab countries,  
who welcome Chinese  
investment and trade without  
the political pressures  
often accompanying pressures  
often accompanying US engagement.  
China's expanding trade relationship  
and infrastructure projects in Middle  
East get leverage to increase its  
influence.

## ② Russia's Military & Political Inroads:

Russia has leveraged its regional  
conflicts such as in Syria to  
demonstrate its military  
capabilities supporting regime  
like Bashar al-Assad. Russia  
flexible approach it engages with  
Iran & K.S.A both increase Russia



influence and played balancing role in the region, filling gaps left by US.

## ② Soft power and Strategic Alliance:

China and Russia utilize soft power strategies i.e. in education, exchanges, cultural diplomacy and media influence to improve its standing Arab countries. China has initiated the media program in Arab languages which will shape narrative.

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## ③ The Diplomatic Appeal of Non-Interventionism:

China's principle of non-interference in domestic affairs - key part of its foreign policy, resonate with Arab leaders who are wary of Western intervention which allow China to engage diplomatically with those states.



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The U.S.'s unconditional support for Israel has eroded its image in the Arab world, where its image is weak, where its credibility is weak, and where it is not a welcome actor. This paved the way for China and Russia to strengthen their presence in the region which offering economic partnership and military support.

### Qno3 @ Industrial Returns:

#### • Enhancing Competitiveness

Pakistan is an emerging economy constrained by outdated technology, low productivity, and inefficiencies. Modernizing this sector would increase exports, reduce reliance on imports and improve balance of payments stability.

#### • Focus on Value Addition

Moving from raw material exports



(e.g. textiles) to high-value products is essential for economic growth. Pakistan's textile industry, for instance, contributes significantly to exports but lacks diversification and investment in advanced manufacturing.

- **SME Development:** Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are critical to employment and growth but face challenges in accessing finance and technology. Improvements in this sector increase industrial growth and create jobs.

## 2. Agricultural Reforms:

- **Boosting Productivity:** Agriculture is a significant part of Pakistan's economy but suffers from low productivity due to outdated practices, poor irrigation, and limited use of technology.



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Reforms aimed using modern  
to farming techniques i.e.  
drip irrigation, sprinkle. etc.  
Crop diversification which  
improve yields.

### • Reducing Post-Harvest

Losses: A large portion  
of agriculture losses due  
inadequate storage and  
transport. developing the  
sectors reduce post-harvest  
losses.

### • Shifting to High-Value

Crops: The focus is on traditional  
crops like wheat and rice  
which are water intensive.  
need to shift to less water  
intensive crops like fruits,  
vegetables and cash crops which  
increase exports.



### ③ Information Technology (IT) Reforms

#### • Developing the Digital Economy:

Pakistan IT has shown strong growth potential, but it remains underutilized. With young population, IT needs training (skill gap) which drive to economic growth.

#### • Expanding IT exports:

Pakistan IT exports still modest as compare to its potential. IT innovation, encouraging foreign investment, and developing regulatory framework can attract global companies and clients to invest in Pakistan.

#### • Fostering E-Governance:

Digitizing public services can reduce corruption, increase transparency and improve efficiency.

### Power Sector Reforms:

#### Ensuring Affordable and Reliable Energy:

Pakistan energy crisis, with frequent blackouts and high



electricity costs, severely affect industry and households. Reducing circular debt, improving the efficiency of energy production and expanding transmission infrastructure are vital for affordable and reliable power.

### • Promoting Renewable Energy:

Reliance on imported fuel for energy makes Pakistan vulnerable to price fluctuations. Need to invest in renewable energy sources such as solar and hydropower which reduce cost of electricity.

### • Improving Governance in the Energy Sector:

Mismanagement, corruption and inefficiency within power companies contribute to the high cost of energy. Reforms aimed at accountability, transparency, and competitive pricing, which attract investors.



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## ⑤ Taxation System Reforms:

### • Expanding the Tax Base:

Pakistan's tax-to-GDP ratio remains low, largely due to narrow tax base and widespread tax evasion. Broadening the tax base by bringing informal businesses into formal economy is essential for increasing government revenue.

### • Simplifying Tax Compliance:

The current tax structure is complex and discourages compliance. Streamlining tax procedures, simplifying tax code and using digital platforms for tax collection can make the system more user-friendly, reduce corruption and improve compliance rates.

### • Reduce reliance on Indirect Taxes:

Pakistan heavily relies on indirect



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taxes which directly affect low income groups. A shift ~~toward~~ toward direct shift can reduce this.

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### Ques Major Takeaways for Pakistan

#### ① Enhanced Diplomatic Standing:

Successfully hosting an SCO conference strengthens Pakistan diplomatic profile and allows it as active player in regional diplomacy. The conference offered Pakistan a chance to engage directly with major regional players and demonstrate its willingness to contribute constructively on shared regional issues, which counterbalances Pakistan image as a country affected by internal challenges.

#### ② Strengthened Ties with China and Pakistan:

This conference gives Pakistan



a chance to further strengthen it ties with China and Russia. Both countries share its interest in expanding their economic and security cooperation with Pakistan.

### ③ Forces on Counterterrorism and regional Security.

Counterterrorism is a core agenda within SCO, and Pakistan's active participation reinforces its commitment to fighting extremism and maintaining regional stability. Pakistan can seek closer collaboration with SCO members. For example, challenges with Afghanistan on terrorism issue.

### ④ Platforms for economic Integration.

SCO emphasizes on economic cooperation, trade and connectivity across member states. Pakistan can avail this chance.

### ⑤ Opportunity to Address Kashmir

SCO provides diplomatic platform



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