

Q-3- How Pakistan could balance its relations after the recent engagements with US and strategic partnership with China.

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I- Introduction:

US and China are two global powers competing in economy, global hegemony, technology, and cybersecurity. Both countries are important for Pakistan in terms of foreign Policy. On one hand the US which has remained Pakistan's alliance strategic ally. On the other hand, China is an all weather friend of Pakistan has helped the country at every crucial moment. Pakistan need to balance the relations with both the state which is possible by effective diplomatic skills, consistent policies, and unbiased relations of Pakistan in

their competition.

2. Why there is a need to balance the relations

a) Competition between China and US on various avenues

Pakistan need to balance its relations with both the states because they are competing on various avenues, particularly economy, military might, cybersecurity, and Artificial intelligence. Owing to their competition Pakistan need to balance between them (Zafar Bhutta, Pakistan on a tightrope between China and US, Sep 2025)

b) For maximum strategic and economic benefits:

Pakistan needs strategic and economic benefits from the two competing powers. China is an strategic partner of

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Pakistan in development of CPEC offering \$62 billion for development in various fields.

US is offering investment in Pakistan in mining and oil exploration projects. It is also providing an opportunity to give access to the Western market for exports (Mian Masood Tariq, Pakistan's strategic space between US and China, Oct 2025).

13- How Pakistan could balance its relations with two competing powers at the same time

a) Rationalization and policy consistency

Pakistan could manage its relations with both China and US by making effective foreign policy institutionally. The policy should be consistent for

a long period of time to balance its relations with both the states (Maleeha Lodhi, Pakistan can balance between the two, 2025).

b) Economic diplomacy:

Economic diplomacy of Pakistan is helpful in maintaining the balance between China and US. China is investing in infrastructure building and Special Economic Zones. Pakistan should create facilities for the country for maximum benefits of both the country. Same should be happen with the US investment in minerals and oil exploration. For it, Pakistan should boost its efforts to counter terrorism which is a threat to Pakistan's foreign Policy and sovereignty.

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c) Ensuring unbiased relations with the two states and strive for dialogue between the two:

Pakistan should not take side either of the two states in their competition. It should remain unbiased between their conflicting manners. Pakistan should try to hold meeting between these two states as have done in 1970s.

d) Indulging in regional and international conferences to show its commitment for peace and stability.

Pakistan should take part in regional meeting as it has done by participating in SCO meeting held in China in this year. It should also

be an active participatory of international conferences held by UN and other international organizations to show its commitment for peace and stability as Qaid-e-Azam advised to the later leaders of Pakistan.

e) Improving the economy of Pakistan:

Economic improvement of Pakistan is essential for pursuing its sovereignty (Hens Morgenthau). Pakistan should focus on recovery of Pakistan's economy by increasing exports, promoting tourism, and making consistent economic policies.

4- Conclusion:

Balancing the relations with China and the US is essential for economic benefits, strategic depth, and to enhance soft

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