

Foreign Policy of Pakistan

1. Introduction:

- Importance of foreign policy for any country
- Foreign policy of Pakistan

2. Objectives:

- Preservation of political independence and integrity of Pakistan
- Defense--- Maintenance of powerful and sophisticated defense
- Muslim unity--- strengthening brotherly relations with Muslim countries and fostering unity among Muslims
- Economic Development
- Emancipation--- from colonialism, imperialism and apartheid policy.
- Maintenance of International peace and security.

3. Foreign policy principles:

- Respect for territorial integrity, political independence and sovereignty of country.
- Non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.
- Non aggression--- Peaceful settlement of disputes
- Friendship to all malice to none.
- Peaceful co-existence.

4. Historical background of Pakistan's policy:

- Era of neutrality (1947-1953)
- Era of alliances (1954-1962)
- Era of bilateralism (1962-1969)
- Era of Non- aligned movement (1969-1981)
- Era of revival of policy (1981-1990)
- Era of regionalism (1990- 9/11)
- Foreign policy after 9/11

5. Policy debate in Pakistan:

All these institutions and factors are mainly responsible for making foreign policy of Pakistan.

- Troika---President, Prime minister, Chief of Army staff.
- Foreign officer and intelligence agencies.
- Public pressure through political parties.

6. School of thought in Pakistan

- Pro-US--- completely in favour of serving US interests.
- Semi Pro-US--- Balance approach want to pursue foreign policy China
- Muslim School of thought. --- Against US want Islamic bloc.

7. Present policy:

- Pro-US policy--- Taliban's discarded -- Bases of US on land--on international issues favour of Us
- Against Islamic fundamentalism
- War against terrorism.
- Main concerns how to be friend with US----to continue the benefits.
- Pakistan's China card--- China eternal friendship.
- Pakistan and Saudia--- Saudi Arabia and US relations wityhs many stains—problem for Pakistan
- Pakistan and Muslim world---do not favouring Muslim country's stance openly.
- Pakistan and Russia---never friends.
- Pakistan and India--- Befriending with India but India getting more favours as compared to Pakistan---Kashmir issue going in background

8. Threats

- Bad International image---Rogue state, nuclear proliferation.
- Base of terrorism
- National integrity at stake--- difference of opinion among different school of thoughts.
- Independence at stake--- Us forces operating within the country
- US-Pak friendship---never stable, US never a friend in need.
- China-Pak friendship many threats
- Damaged image among Muslim countries--- considered willing association of Great Satan.

9. Suggestion:

- China Pak relations should be focused
- Russia emerging power---so should be placed in friend list.
- Relations with Muslim countries should be enhanced.

10. Conclusion