

# Determinants of Foreign Policy (Art. 40)

Foreign Policy of a country is influenced by num of factors. Some of the imp factors which influence the FP of Pakistan are hereunder.

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## 1. Size / Geography

- ↳ primary determinant of foreign policy
- ↳ geography, size, fertility, Climate location & water ways etc, also influence the country's foreign policy
- ↳ Landlocked countries are less sufficient as compare to country which → access to warm-water ports  
Pakistan is → most suitable place on the continent → Arabian Sea → South
- ↳ Through its geostrategic location Pak connects the Central Asian Countries → Russia.  
World's 2nd largest power China → Middle East
- ↳ Pakistan → promotes connectivity through its geostrategic location.
- ↳ imp for US → to counter China → (CPEC) ✓

## 2. Culture & History:

Generally people with same culture & historical experiences can pursue an effective FP bcz of support of society who share the same values & memories. Culturally & historically fragmented can't pursue an equally effective FP.  
e.g. → Support for Palestine.

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→ Pak - India relations

→ Pak - Afghan relations → Durand Line

Foreign policy maker can't deny or ignore to these historical factors with the said countries while making FP.

## 3. Economic Development:

Pakistan's position in the world is constrained by its weak economics & dependence on foreign finances. Poor economic conditions have compelled Pakistan to engage in close relation in compromised way with developed countries like USA, Inter. Organizations like IMF & WB.

→ Interfering with monetary, social & political policies of loaning states. It heavily affects the FP of one's country.



#### 4. Ideology:

Ideological basis of country determines their ways & approach of state in relations with the world. Islamic Ideology frames our country's foreign policy.

↳ Constitution → emphasize on brotherly relations with Muslim countries.

As Liaquat Ali Khan declared

"Pakistan came into being as a result of urge felt by the Muslims of subcontinent to secure territory, however limited, where the Islamic Ideology & way of life could be practiced & demonstrated to the world."

#### 5. Political Leadership:

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Play a vital role in shaping of country's Foreign Policy. Qualities of Leadership → have deep impact → FP. → their role can be constrained by governmental & social structure.

→ caliber of decision makers determine the state's function at each particular moment.

## 6. Public Mood/ Public Opinion:

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Public mood can exercise → influence on making of Foreign Policy of one's country. In authoritarian states → public opinion doesn't matter. but in democratic system → changing public mood & sentiments can severely affect the foreign policy formation of country.

e.g Pakistan's stance on Israel-Palestine issue  
or on Kashmir issue.