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Abstract

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, USA remains as the sole superpower in the world. USA has been able to retain this position owing to its preponderant economic and military prowess. Adopting capitalistic market reform policies it is the most industrialized country in the world. In order to sustain its economy, energy plays a critical role and as such energy security and military security are important elements in foreign policy making of USA. Owing to its capacity to influence other countries in the world stage, foreign policy of USA is a reflection of its national interests and national security.

In respect of foreign policy making of USA towards Saudi Arabia, Iran and China, there are notable differences in the way USA conducts its relations with these countries.

This study shows that with the sudden domestic changes, a country's foreign relations can also get altered. Events that unfold during time to time in world arena sometimes decide the importance of these countries in relation to foreign policy of USA. Geographical location, natural resources, military capacity, economic potential and technological know-how are some determinants that come under microscope of foreign policy strategists of USA in terms of cultivating strong alliances with other countries in promoting its national and security interests.