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Q3(c)

Critically examine the decline of the United States of America as a hegemon and its implications for the changing international political order

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · PSIR GS 2 · 15 marks · Changing International Political Order

Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

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Kindleberger

Hegemonic stability: a lead State supplies open markets and crisis liquidity.

Keohane

After Hegemony: international regimes may persist after the hegemon's peak.

Ikenberry

Liberal hegemonic order as rule-bound US leadership accepted by Western allies.

Unipolar moment

1990s vocabulary for unmatched US power after the Soviet collapse, now qualified by China's rise.

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