

Explanation:

2.1. Defining National Interest

National Interest: National interest is the foundation that justifies a country's actions and policies towards other nations on the international stage. It encompasses a set of values, goals, and objectives that a country aims to achieve in its international relations, serving as the primary driving force behind the formulation of foreign policy. However, there exist controversies regarding the precise meaning, scope, and contents of national interests, leading to ongoing debates in the field.

Holsti's Definition: A. K. Holsti defines national interest as "an image of the future state of affairs and future set of conditions that governments, through individual policymakers, aspire to bring about by wielding influence abroad and by changing or sustaining the behaviors of other states." This definition highlights that national interest is linked to the ambitions of governments and emphasizes the use of power as the primary instrument to implement these ambitions.

Seabury's Definitions: Another scholar, Seabury, provides both normative and descriptive definitions of national interest. In the normative sense, national interest is related to the purposes a nation should seek to realize in the conduct of its foreign relations. In the descriptive sense, it is those purposes that the nation, through its leadership, appears to pursue persistently over time.

Objective vs. Subjective Debate: There is a significant division of opinion in the field of international relations regarding whether national interest can be defined objectively or whether it is a subjective enterprise—an art rather than a science. This debate has historical roots in Plato's philosophy, where he argued for the role of philosopher kings in making wise and well-informed decisions for the collective good of the state.

Complications in Identifying National Interest: Identifying national interest is complicated by the fact that foreign policy decisions are not always clear-cut and rational. Policies may emerge from internal political and bureaucratic debates, with multiple conflicting criteria competing for priority. Additionally, official statements made for propaganda purposes can obscure the true motives behind state actions.

Criteria for Defining National Interest: Various criteria contribute to the definition of national interest, including operational philosophy, moral and legal criteria, pragmatic criteria, ideological criteria, professional advancement, partisan criteria, bureaucratic-interest criteria, ethnic/racial criteria, class-status criteria, and foreign-dependency criteria.

Exam Questions:

1. **Define national interest and its significance in shaping foreign policy.**
2. **Discuss Holsti's definition of national interest and the role of power in its implementation.**
3. **Explain Seabury's normative and descriptive definitions of national interest.**

4. **Trace the historical debate on whether national interest can be objectively defined, citing examples from Plato's philosophy.**
5. **What are the complications involved in identifying national interest, and how do official statements contribute to this complexity?**
6. **Elaborate on the various criteria, as outlined by Colmbis, that are used in defining national interest.**
7. **Compare and contrast the realist and idealist interpretations of national interest.**
8. **Evaluate the role of philosopher kings in Plato's philosophy and its potential application in modern governance.**
9. **Examine the impact of bureaucratic debates on the formulation of foreign policy and the identification of national interest.**
10. **Discuss the significance of power as a primary instrument in realizing a country's national interest in international relations.**

Explanation:

Operational Philosophy:

Bold and Sweeping vs. Caution and Experimental: Operational philosophy in decision-making involves two major styles: synoptic, characterized by bold and sweeping actions, and incremental, characterized by caution, probing, and experimental approaches. The former assumes enough information to predict or control consequences, while the latter recognizes the complexity of political and economic problems, seeking to perfect existing elements.

Criteria for Determining National Interest:

Ideological Criteria: Governments often base relations on ideological criteria, identifying friends or enemies based on ideology. During the Cold War, communism and capitalism ideologies were significant in establishing cooperation or conflict with countries.

Moral and Legal Criteria: States are expected to act morally and legally in international relations. Moral behavior includes keeping promises, avoiding exploitation, and standing up for accepted principles. Legal behavior involves abiding by international laws or acting in the spirit of equity and justice.

Pragmatic Criteria: Pragmatic orientation involves low-key, matter-of-fact decision-making. Decisions are based on scientific analysis of cost and benefit, emphasizing practical utility over moral considerations.

Professional Advancement Criteria: Actions may be influenced by the need for professional survival and growth. In large bureaucracies, conformity is often seen as a path to success, referred to as the "go along to get along" effect.

Partisan Criteria: Actions may prioritize the survival and success of a political party, ethnic, or religious group, sometimes leading to battles among different offices for budget allocation.

Foreign Dependency Criteria: Applies to less developed countries still dependent on ex-colonial states for aid, expertise, and technology. These countries may struggle to defend and promote their national interests due to this dependency.

Realist and Idealist Perspectives:

Realist Perspective (Hans Morgenthau): Realists reject ideological, legal, and moral criteria, emphasizing pragmatism and practical necessity. Hans Morgenthau defines national interest in terms of power pursuit, focusing on control and influence to ensure state survival and security.

Idealist Perspective: Idealists believe in the relevance of legal, ideological, and moral elements in defining national interest. They see actions derived from moral and legal guidelines and principles. The marriage of different criteria, including prudence and pragmatism, shapes national interest.

Exam Questions:

1. **Compare and contrast the synoptic and incremental styles of operation in decision-making. Provide examples to illustrate each approach.**
2. **Examine the role of ideological criteria in shaping international relations, citing historical examples such as the Cold War. How can ideological differences influence cooperation or conflict between countries?**
3. **Discuss the significance of moral and legal criteria in international politics. Provide examples of actions that can be justified on moral and legal grounds in foreign policy.**
4. **Explain the pragmatic criteria in decision-making. How does this orientation differ from normative issues, and how does it impact a country's foreign policy?**
5. **Evaluate the influence of professional advancement criteria on bureaucratic behavior and decision-making in large organizations. How does conformity contribute to success in bureaucratic settings?**
6. **Examine the role of partisan criteria in decision-making. How can prioritizing the interests of political parties or specific groups impact a country's foreign policy?**
7. **Discuss the concept of foreign dependency criteria, particularly in less developed countries. How does external dependency influence a nation's ability to defend and promote its national interests?**
8. **Analyze Hans Morgenthau's realist perspective on national interest. How does he define national interest, and why does he prioritize pragmatic criteria over legal, ideological, and moral considerations?**
9. **Contrast the realist and idealist perspectives on national interest. How do they differ in their approaches to defining and shaping a country's foreign policy?**
10. **Explore the US military presence in Afghanistan using both realist and idealist perspectives on national interest. How do these perspectives provide different insights into the situation?**

Explanation:

2.2. Understanding Foreign Policy and Foreign Policy Behaviors:

Defining Foreign Policy: Foreign policy refers to the objectives and instruments a state adopts to guide its relations with the outside world. These objectives are often related to national interest, which can be classified into long-range, middle-range, and short-range objectives. The scope and content of foreign policy are influenced by a state's capabilities, resulting in identifiable patterns of foreign policy behavior.

2.2.1. Defining Foreign Policy:

Meaning of Foreign Policy: Foreign policy is the pursuit of objectives in a state's external relations, involving general purposes, specific strategies, and instruments such as economic and diplomatic tools. These objectives are commonly referred to as national interest, which includes the preservation of physical, political, and cultural identities against encroachments by other states.

Foreign Policy Instruments: Foreign policy employs various instruments like diplomatic bargaining, economic tools, propaganda, terrorism, and the use of force to affect the behaviors of other states. Diplomacy involves less power compared to other instruments but may include elements of coercion. Security and survival are considered the primary objectives, emphasizing the preservation of territorial integrity, politico-economic systems, and cultural identity.

Activity:

- **Discussion in Groups:**
 - Reflect on foreign policy priorities of states. Why do these priorities differ?
 - Assume involvement in foreign policy decision-making. Which criteria would you prioritize?

2.2.2. Foreign Policy Objectives:

Classification of Objectives: Foreign policy objectives are classified into short, middle, and long-range goals based on the value placed on the objective, time element for achievement, and demands imposed on other states. Core values and interests, middle-range goals, and universal long-range goals are identified as categories.

Core Interests and Values (Short Range Objectives):

Definition and Examples: Core interests and values are short-range objectives for which people are willing to make ultimate sacrifices. These are related to the self-preservation of political and economic systems, cultural identity, and territorial integrity. Examples include territorial expansion, control over neighboring territories, and protection of citizens or kin in neighboring states.

Middle Range Objectives:

Variation Across States: Middle-range objectives vary across states due to differences in economic, technological progress, and military capability. States aim to impact domestic economic and welfare needs through international actions. Interdependence necessitates

interaction with other states for trade, foreign aid, access to communication facilities, and market access.

Activity:

- **Discussion Questions:**

- What distinguishes foreign policy objectives into short, medium, and long range?
- Are these distinctions relevant? Explain their necessity in practical circumstances.

Long-Range Objectives:

Definition and Scope: Long-range goals involve plans, dreams, and visions concerning the ultimate political or ideological organization of the international system. They differ from middle-range goals in both time elements and scope. Long-range goals make universal demands, aiming to reconstruct the entire international system based on universally applicable plans or visions.

International Significance: The significance of long-range visions depends on complementing capabilities and powers. States with less capability may also formulate long-range objectives proportional to their strength and capabilities.

Exam Questions:

1. **Explain the concept of foreign policy and its relationship with national interest. How do national interests influence the objectives of a state's foreign policy?**
2. **Define foreign policy according to Rochester and discuss the general purposes, specific strategies, and instruments involved in achieving national objectives.**
3. **Analyze K. J. Holsti's categorization of foreign policy objectives into short-range, middle-range, and long-range. Provide examples for each category.**
4. **Discuss the significance of core interests and values in foreign policy. How do these short-range objectives relate to the preservation of a state's identity and integrity?**
5. **Examine the variations in middle-range objectives across states. How does economic and technological progress impact a state's middle-range goals in international relations?**
6. **Explore the concept of extraterritoriality with examples from countries like Israel and the United States. How does projecting national interests beyond geographic boundaries influence foreign policy?**
7. **Discuss the factors that determine the exact definition of core values or interests in a country. How do these factors impact foreign policy decisions?**
8. **Explain the role of foreign policy instruments such as diplomatic bargaining, economic tools, propaganda, terrorism, and the use of force in achieving national objectives.**

9. **Analyze the short-range, middle-range, and long-range objectives of a hypothetical country. How might these objectives be shaped by the country's capabilities and ideology?**
10. **Evaluate the significance of long-range goals in international relations. How do these goals differ from middle-range goals, and what factors determine their international significance?**

Explanation:

2.2.3. Foreign Policy Behavior: Patterns and Trends:

Foreign Policy Behavior Patterns: Foreign policy behavior involves actions states take towards each other, tied to larger purposes. Arnold Wolfers identified three patterns: self-preservation (maintaining the status quo), self-extension (revising the status quo in one's favor), and self-abnegation (revising the status quo in someone else's favor). Countries like the United States exhibit self-preservation, supporting the existing international order. Emerging powers like China and India demonstrate self-extension, seeking to reshape international institutions. Less Developing Countries (LDCs) may exhibit self-abnegation, compromising long-term interests for short-term gains.

Activity:

- **Group Discussion:**
 - Analyze the foreign policy behavior of BRICS countries. Discuss the patterns they promote and why.

2.2.4. Foreign Policy Dimensions:

Alignment: Alignment tendencies involve choosing to ally with certain countries, remain neutral, or adopt a non-aligned stance. Alliances bring legal weight and military benefits but may lead to interference. Neutrality avoids alliance problems but lacks a protective military umbrella. Nonalignment, prevalent during the Cold War, sought an independent foreign policy path, promoting South-South cooperation.

Activity:

- **Discussion Questions:**
 - Distinguish between alliance, neutrality, and nonalignment. What factors determine a state's alignment pattern?

Scope: The scope dimension examines a country's international activities and interests. Major powers like the USA define their interests globally, engaging with countries worldwide. Regional actors primarily interact with neighboring states, emphasizing regional organizations. Isolationism, resulting from geographic remoteness or key weaknesses, involves a narrow scope and limited foreign policy activities.

Activity:

- **Group Discussion:**

- Examine distinctions between global, regional, and isolationist foreign policy patterns. Discuss factors influencing a state's behavior.

Mode of Operation ("Modus Operandi"): The modus operandi identifies patterns based on how countries operate. Multilateralist states rely on diplomatic forums involving several nations, such as the United Nations, emphasizing cooperation. Developing countries often use multilateral approaches for collective bargaining. Unilateralist states, with strong economic and military power, prefer unilateral means, including intervention and the use of force, to influence outcomes.

Activities:

- **Definition and Differentiation:**
 - Define and differentiate between alliance patterns, scope dimensions, and modus operandi in foreign policy.
 - Discuss in groups whether these foreign policy dimensions affect the nature and structure of the international system and why.

Exam Questions:

1. Explain Arnold Wolfers' three patterns of foreign policy behavior: self-preservation, self-extension, and self-abnegation. Provide examples of countries exhibiting each pattern.
2. Analyze the foreign policy behavior of the United States, China, and Less Developing Countries (LDCs) using Wolfers' patterns. How do their actions align with self-preservation, self-extension, or self-abnegation?
3. Discuss the significance of nonalignment during the Cold War. How did the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) contribute to the foreign policy choices of developing countries?
4. Examine the alignment tendencies of individual states. How do alliances, neutrality, and nonalignment impact a country's foreign policy behavior?
5. Explore the historical context of isolationism in foreign policy. Provide examples of countries that have adopted isolationist policies and discuss the viability of isolationism in the modern era of interdependence.
6. Evaluate the foreign policy scope of major powers, regional actors, and isolationist states. How does the scope of a country's activities impact its international relations and outcomes of disputes?
7. Discuss the concept of modus operandi in foreign policy. Compare and contrast the patterns of multilateralist and unilateralist states. Provide examples to illustrate each approach.
8. Examine the role of multilateralism in international relations. How do multilateral approaches enhance the collective bargaining power of developing countries?
9. Analyze the impact of geographic remoteness and key weaknesses on a country's foreign policy scope. How have historical circumstances influenced the scope of certain countries' foreign policy behaviors?

10. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of alignment decisions such as alliances, neutrality, and nonalignment. How do these decisions affect a state's foreign policy objectives and interactions with other countries?

Explanation:

2.2.5. Instruments of Foreign Policy:

Diplomacy: Diplomacy is a structured communication system between states, involving private and public dialogues to pursue objectives peacefully. It's distinct from foreign policy but a crucial tool for implementing foreign policy. Diplomacy has evolved from bilateral and secret practices to include multilateral, public, and leader-to-leader approaches after the League of Nations.

Activities:

- **Mediating an International Conflict:**
 - As a UN diplomat, mediate parties unwilling to talk.
 - Examine diplomacy's role in maintaining international peace and security.

Diplomatic Success: Diplomacy curbed nuclear proliferation during the Cold War between the US and USSR. Non-state actors like the UN and NGOs played significant roles in diplomatic success.

Rules of Effective Diplomacy:

- **Be Realistic:**
 - Set achievable goals within your capabilities.
- **Be Careful About What You Say:**
 - Diplomats weigh words carefully for effective communication.
- **Seek Common Ground:**
 - Negotiate to find common ground, ending disputes successfully.
- **Understand the Other Side:**
 - Appreciate opponents' perspectives even if you disagree.
- **Be Patient:**
 - Bide time, avoiding hasty concessions that may convey weakness.
- **Leave Avenues of Retreat Open:**
 - Preserve options for both parties to avoid cornering.

Activities:

- **Effectiveness of Diplomacy:**
 - Discuss how effective diplomacy is in achieving short-range core foreign policy objectives. Consider the role of a state's capability.

Economic Instruments of Foreign Policy:

Tariff, Quota, Boycott, Embargo:

- **Tariff:**

- Tax on foreign products to protect domestic industries or raise revenue.
- **Quota:**
 - Limits on imports, controlling the amount allowed in a given period.
- **Boycott:**
 - Eliminates imports of specific commodities or the entire range of products from a targeted country.
- **Embargo:**
 - Prohibits business transactions between the country imposing the embargo and the targeted country.

Loans, Credits, and Currency Manipulations:

- **Loans and Credits:**
 - Used as rewards, extending favorable terms or providing financial assistance.
- **Currency Manipulations:**
 - Altering currency rates to create more or less favorable trade terms.

Activities:

- **Effectiveness of Economic Instruments:**
 - Discuss the effectiveness of economic instruments in inducing change in another state's foreign policy, using the China-US trade war as an example.
 - Explore which categories of states are vulnerable to economic instruments and why.

Foreign Aid: Foreign aid, including military aid, technical assistance, grants, and development loans, serves political and economic objectives. It is often used to manipulate policies of recipient countries, tying aid to desired reforms, political objectives, or alignments.

Activities:

- **Tying Aid to Political Objectives:**
 - Explore how donors use economic and military aid programs to change the internal and external policies of recipient governments.

Exam Questions:

1. **Define diplomacy and distinguish it from foreign policy. Discuss the evolution of diplomatic practices from bilateral secrecy to multilateral, public, and leader-to-leader approaches.**
2. **Examine the role of non-state actors, such as the United Nations and NGOs, in diplomatic success. Provide examples to illustrate their contributions.**
3. **Discuss the rules of effective diplomacy, including realism, careful communication, seeking common ground, understanding the other side, patience, and leaving avenues of retreat open. Provide real-world examples to support each rule.**
4. **Evaluate the effectiveness of diplomacy in achieving short-range core foreign policy objectives. Analyze whether a state's capability influences the effectiveness of diplomacy.**

5. Explain the economic instruments of foreign policy, including tariff, quota, boycott, embargo, loans, credits, and currency manipulations. Provide examples of situations where these instruments were employed.
6. Explore the effectiveness of economic instruments in inducing change in the foreign policy behavior of another state, using the China-US trade war as a case study. Discuss the vulnerabilities of different categories of states to economic instruments.
7. Define foreign aid and its main types, including military aid, technical assistance, grants, and development loans. Discuss how foreign aid is often used for political and economic objectives, tying aid to specific reforms or policy changes in recipient countries.
8. Analyze the historical use of military aid, specifically during the Cold War, and its role in strengthening alliances and achieving political and security objectives. Provide examples of countries that received significant military aid during this period.
9. Discuss the significance of economic interdependence among states and how it influences the use of economic instruments in foreign policy. Explore the concept of dependency and its role in shaping foreign policy decisions.
10. Examine the impact of foreign aid programs on achieving political objectives. Provide examples of aid programs that were designed to secure political goals and discuss their effectiveness in bringing about policy changes in recipient countries.

Short, Medium, and Long-Range Foreign Policy Objectives

Tewodros II (1855-1868):

- **Short Range:**
 - Establish control over fragmented parts of the Empire.
 - Seek recognition from Western Christian nations.
 - Secure modern technology and skilled manpower.
- **Medium Range:**
 - Develop diplomatic relations with Britain, France, and Russia.
 - Fight immediate enemies by leveraging Christianity as a diplomatic tool.
- **Long Range:**
 - Modernize the country through foreign assistance.
 - Achieve recognition as the Emperor of Ethiopia on equal footing.

Yohannes IV (1872-1889):

- **Short Range:**
 - Counter Muslim threats to territorial integrity.
 - Prevent Egypt's invasion and control of the Blue Nile.
- **Medium Range:**
 - Resist European expansionism, especially Italy's influence.
 - Deal with Sudanese resistance groups.
- **Long Range:**
 - Safeguard Ethiopia from colonial ambitions.

- Maintain diplomatic relations to counter external threats.

Menelik II (1889-1893):

- **Short Range:**
 - Consolidate power after Yohannes' death.
 - Address Italy's influence in the North.
- **Medium Range:**
 - Define and demarcate boundaries with neighboring countries.
 - Strategically expand influence towards the South and East.
- **Long Range:**
 - Ensure territorial integrity and sovereignty.
 - Successfully confront Italy and secure international recognition.

Emperor Haile Selassie I (1916-1974):

- **Short Range:**
 - Secure Ethiopia's independence from Italian invasion.
 - Build diplomatic alliances for protection.
- **Medium Range:**
 - Maintain diplomatic relations with Britain and later the U.S.
 - Regain control over Eritrea through diplomatic means.
- **Long Range:**
 - Utilize foreign assistance to strengthen internal power.
 - Play a role in African affairs and decolonization.

Foreign Policy Changes and Continuities

- **Changes:**
 - Shift from European alliances to the U.S. during Haile Selassie's era.
 - Embrace of socialism and alignment with the Soviet Union during the military regime.
 - Focus on domestic issues and a shift from dependency in the post-1991 period.
- **Continuities:**
 - Territorial integrity and sovereignty remain consistent objectives.
 - Emphasis on diplomacy to address external threats.
 - Strategic considerations related to geographic location persist.

Emperor Haile Selassie's Diplomacy

- **Diplomatic Measures:**
 - League of Nations membership to resist Italian invasion.
 - Plea for aid from the League of Nations (though unsuccessful).
 - Effective use of diplomacy to regain control over Eritrea.
- **Exposing Colonial Interests:**
 - Highlighting Italian aggression and seeking international support.
 - Leveraging diplomatic skills to counter external threats.

- Strengthening ties with the U.S. to diversify alliances.

Foreign Policy During the Military Government (1974-1991)

- **Foreign Policy Challenges:**
 - Socialist orientation faced condemnation from the West.
 - Internal dissent (Eritrean Liberation Front) and external threats (Somali invasion).
 - Superpower rivalry and dependency on the Soviet Union.
- **Success of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy:**
 - Successful reversal of Somali aggression with Soviet support.
 - Consolidation of relationships with socialist countries.
 - Influence of the USSR in both domestic and foreign affairs.

Post-1991 Foreign Policy

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure national interest, security, democracy, and development.
 - Prioritize domestic issues to build a strong and self-reliant nation.
 - Use economic diplomacy to attract investments and aid.
- **Strategies:**
 - "Inside-out" approach, focusing on domestic problems first.
 - Economic diplomacy to address poverty, attract investments, and enhance development.
 - Military capability as a deterrence against external threats.

Military Presence in Somalia

- **Realist Perspective:**
 - Ethiopia's military presence ensures strategic advantage and security.
 - Deters potential threats and protects national interest.
- **Idealist Perspective:**
 - Military involvement may contribute to regional stability and peace.
 - Opportunities for diplomatic dialogue and conflict resolution.

Prioritizing Current Foreign Policy Objectives

1. **National Security:** Ensure territorial integrity and protect against external threats.
2. **Economic Diplomacy:** Attract foreign investments and aid for sustainable development.
3. **Regional Stability:** Promote peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.
4. **Diplomacy for Democracy:** Strengthen international relations to support democratic governance.
5. **Military Capability:** Build a modernized military as a deterrent and for national defense.

These objectives may face challenges such as regional conflicts, economic dependencies, and global power dynamics, requiring adaptive and nuanced foreign policy strategies.

1. **During which Ethiopian ruler's reign did the Battle of Adwa take place?**
 - a) Tewodros II
 - b) Yohannes IV
 - c) Menelik II
 - d) Haile Selassie I
2. **What was one of Menelik II's primary foreign policy goals?**
 - a) Defeating the Mahadists
 - b) Establishing control over fragmented parts of the Empire
 - c) Expanding influence towards the far South and East
 - d) Fostering diplomatic relations with Russia
3. **Which foreign power did Emperor Haile Selassie seek support from during the Italian invasion?**
 - a) United States
 - b) France
 - c) Soviet Union
 - d) Britain
4. **What was the primary foreign policy orientation of the military regime that took control in 1974?**
 - a) Socialist ideology
 - b) Capitalist principles
 - c) Democracy promotion
 - d) Non-alignment
5. **Why did Ethiopia adopt an "inside-out" approach in its post-1991 foreign policy?**
 - a) To focus on external issues first
 - b) To attract foreign investments
 - c) To minimize diplomatic leverage
 - d) To address domestic problems first
6. **What was the significance of Menelik II's victory at the Battle of Adwa?**
 - a) Recognition as Emperor of Ethiopia
 - b) Establishment of diplomatic relations with France
 - c) Defeat of Italian colonial ambitions
 - d) Expansion of influence in the Horn of Africa
7. **Which Ethiopian ruler sought recognition from Western Christian nations to modernize the country?**
 - a) Yohannes IV
 - b) Menelik II
 - c) Tewodros II
 - d) Haile Selassie I
8. **During the military regime, why did Ethiopia face condemnation from the West?**
 - a) For promoting democracy
 - b) For aligning with capitalist nations
 - c) For its human rights record
 - d) For resisting socialist ideology
9. **What was one of the key foreign policy challenges faced by Ethiopia during the military regime?**
 - a) Invasion by Italy

- b) Somali irredentist invasion
- c) Sudanese resistance groups
- d) French expansionism

10. In the post-1991 period, what are Ethiopia's foreign policy visions according to the text?

- a) Territorial expansion
- b) Democracy and development
- c) Military aggression
- d) Socialist ideology

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1. Define and distinguish between national interest, foreign policy and diplomacy.
2. List determinants of foreign policies and explain how they affect behavior of states.
3. Examine the foreign policy dimensions and explain the pros and cons of each of them.
4. Enumerate the instruments of foreign policy available for states and discuss as to what determines the success and failure of these instruments
5. Consider the current international political economy and the competition unfolding between the US and China. What economic instruments of foreign policies are being utilized to influence each other?
6. Compare the last three foreign policies of the Ethiopia state. Which one do you think is more successful in achieving the objectives set in the policies? Explain how?

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1. Definition and Distinction:

- **National Interest:** National interest refers to the set of goals or objectives that a nation seeks to achieve in order to ensure its well-being, security, and prosperity. It involves protecting and advancing a nation's values, resources, and overall welfare.
- **Foreign Policy:** Foreign policy is a government's strategy and actions in dealing with other nations. It encompasses the decisions and measures taken to safeguard national interests, establish diplomatic relations, and navigate international affairs.
- **Diplomacy:** Diplomacy is the practice of managing international relations through negotiations, dialogues, and interactions between diplomats. It involves the peaceful resolution of conflicts, the promotion of mutual understanding, and the advancement of a country's interests.

2. Determinants of Foreign Policies:

- **Geography:** Physical location, proximity to other nations, and access to key resources.
- **History:** Historical relationships, alliances, and conflicts.
- **Economic Interests:** Trade, investment, and economic partnerships.
- **Security Concerns:** Threat perceptions, military capabilities, and defense strategies.
- **Cultural and Ideological Factors:** Shared values, cultural ties, and ideological affinities.
- **Domestic Politics:** Public opinion, political ideology, and leadership dynamics.

3. Foreign Policy Dimensions and Pros/Cons:

- **Security Dimension:** Pros - National defense and sovereignty. Cons - Risk of militarization and conflict escalation.
- **Economic Dimension:** Pros - Economic growth and prosperity. Cons - Dependency and vulnerability to economic downturns.
- **Political Dimension:** Pros - Diplomatic influence and alliances. Cons - Diplomatic tensions and isolation.
- **Cultural Dimension:** Pros - Cultural exchange and soft power. Cons - Cultural misunderstandings and clashes.

4. Instruments of Foreign Policy:

- **Diplomacy:** Success determined by negotiation skills and diplomatic relations.
- **Military Force:** Success depends on military strength, strategy, and international support.
- **Economic Sanctions:** Success influenced by economic leverage and global cooperation.
- **International Alliances:** Success linked to trust, mutual interests, and alliance cohesion.
- **Soft Power:** Success depends on cultural appeal, education, and positive global perception.

5. US-China Economic Instruments:

- **Trade Policies:** Imposition of tariffs, trade agreements, and economic sanctions.
- **Investment Strategies:** Control over foreign investments and technological dominance.
- **Currency Manipulation:** Adjusting exchange rates to gain economic advantages.
- **Global Economic Influence:** Competing for leadership in international economic institutions.
- **Technological Competition:** Advancements in emerging technologies and innovation.

6. Comparison of Ethiopian Foreign Policies:

- **Tewodros II:** Focused on Western recognition and modernization. Ended tragically with the Battle of Magdala.
- **Haile Selassie I:** Successfully resisted Italian invasion, played a key role in African affairs, and maintained strategic alliances.
- **Post-1991 EPRDF:** Emphasized democracy and development, promoting economic diplomacy and regional stability.

7. Evaluation: The success of each policy is relative and depends on the context.

While Haile Selassie I's era marked significant achievements, the post-1991 period emphasized internal stability and development, reflecting changing global dynamics.