Foreign Policy of United States towards Pakistan Under the era of Obama and Trump
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ABSTRACT
At a glance into the tenure of Democrat’s presidency, the president of USA Obama view was ironic because he tried his best to make relation between Washington and Islamabad. His administration came with the proposal to transform the relationship from transactional and security focused arranged into a deeper strategic partnership. Although US policy was not balanced in a year but in Republican’s presidency US started to took side of Pakistan’s rival that is India and limit the aids to Pakistan due to the emerging China. Under Trump’s administration United States took help from Pakistan in Afghanistan and the relations are suitable.

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INTRODUCTION
The policy of state A toward the state B in international scenario is called foreign policy. A policy through which any state rule her affairs in international level after seeing the conditions of that time toward any other state. Furthermore, it is a policy any state does for her national interest, national goals, and also make her economy top. Not only has this but also wanted everything for peace, welfare of its citizens. Moreover, there are 192 countries in world those are members of (UNO) United National Organization except six countries. Additionally, every country has separate relations and policies for others. No one has same policy for each other. Never the less, policy may be good or bad, peaceful or threaten and also it can be friendly or enemy among the state. If anyone promote peace do relations with prosperity, friendly relations with others and leads for progressive. But here I am going to mark the examples of some states such as United State of America [1]. In international level other countries known as "SHE" It is because of his power technology, violation, war and destroying the peace in international level. His policy for others always proves of threat and they are considered worst. He wanted just power to counter other countries. He is power hungry and wants power to contain china and Russia also Pakistan and Afghanistan for maintaining the power called “Balance of power”. Furthermore, due to globalization and transnational activities, every state is also interacting with non-state actors; it means the interaction to maximize the benefits of multilateral international cooperation [2]. When the national interest is become common, foreign policies are designed by the government who has command at that time. After seeing the national interest, the policies are made to achieve them and it consists with friendly relations to peaceful affairs with other. Most important foreign policies making is the job of foreign policy. Here we are talking about the US foreign policy towards beloved country Pakistan. There are many ups and down in the policy of US towards Pakistan as I mentioned in recent paragraph that "there is no permanent friend or enemy in international relations there is just matter of self-interest (National Interest) and national goals. Furthermore US wanted to become a powerful in the shape of economy power and hegemony in the world in addition to US policy is also related to these things [3]. He achieved many things by using Pakistan in Afghanistan. The alliances after 9/11 with Pakistan “war on terror” is also a showing of in reality US wanted Afghanistan that’s why he using still using Pakistan in Afghanistan. The foreign policy of US towards Pakistan has two ways friendly and enemy. It changes and its follow with time and conditions is changeable. Thus, it is a policy of state other state.

LITERATURE REVIEW
The history at the glance
Before the treaty of Westphalia in 1648, there was no concept of state. After that there was introduces the states concepts. Furthermore, foreign policy means the foreign relations among the states accordingly that times situations. More important the ancient Greek philosopher “Aristotle” described men are social animals. Moreover beginning of human interaction there was friendships and relation among the human [4]. With the passage of time foreign relations increased. The concept of foreign policy started with “the sovereign state”. If we look in world war in 1914, the foreign policies of some states towards others were not good. Central power and allied forces fought each other’s. Their policy for each other’s was worst. That’s why the main cause of war was worst foreign policy [5]. Same situation happened in 1939 in shape of World War 2. Due to lack of friendly and bad relations among the states in international level caused World War 2. At that time foreign policy among states was bad. In the era of cold war world divided into two parts/blocks namely “capitalist” and “communist”.

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Further they both made alliances with other countries and want to gain more and more power for counter to each other. The capitalist and communists enter in race of power. Some countries joined the capitalist and some joined communists. They both block treated their countries we can say use small countries for their self-entrust. Thus' it was the history of foreign policy [6].

History of us pak foreign policy

On the beginning of Pakistan in 1947 U.S referred the bilateral relation with Pakistan. But in starting time Pakistan behave neutrally. Neither had she joined U.S nor Soviet Union. But after crisis of water in 1948 Pakistan’s Rabbi and Khareef season was destroyed due to water crisis and it was happened by India [7]. Furthermore, US gave to Pakistan aids and money for survival and also gave to Pakistan military aids. He made Pakistan powerful in ground of economy. From east west and north every country wanted Pakistan to make puppet state. That’s why Pakistan found “light in the darkness” in shape of U.S and joined it [8]. Moreover, Pakistan allied herself with the U.S during the age of cold war against the communist block the Soviet Union. U.S and Pakistan was also integral players in the CENTO and SEATO. Furthermore, a treaty was signed between China and Pakistan according to the will of U.S. Most important thing is that in that times era each and every thing was given to Pakistan at a cost not without any cost. The relation and policies was changed in every government and situation along with time. In addition to, during “operation cyclone” in 1980 relation between both countries was good mood and well relations was improving in that times [9]. It was directed against Soviet Union expansion in the Central Asia and South Asia. In 1971, the policy of US was not good towards Pakistan. Additionally U.S put the sanction against Pakistan impeller amendment which was put on Pakistan its nuclear weapon making process U.S was not happy for Pakistan in nuclear weapon. Furthermore U.S also was with Pakistan in soviet afghan war [10].

Democrats

Obama’s policy was security interests of the two countries do not align. The unhappy reaction of Pakistan toward U.S over drone attacks killing of Mullah Omar (leader of Taliban). In Baluchistan he was killed [11]. Moreover, in 2009 when Obama took charge of president he hoped through Pakistan. He would achieve all his war in Afghanistan. In addition, it was done in Bush’s era. Obama announced the troops in Afghanistan. Basically U.S considered and used Pakistan he hoped through Pakistan. He would achieve all his goals. It is reality that US still using Pakistan Afghanistan [2]. Further, Obama reified a landmark aid package that authorized 7.5 billion in the civilian assistance to Pakistan over the five years. Additionally, senators proposed and sponsored it. Moreover, Aids were provided to Pakistan for supporting of Pakistan’s economy, water, health and education sectors which means to promote the civilians. After returning of democracy in the Pakistan after nine years period of military, both countries made strategies and dialogues and basically focus was giving of new aids. Furthermore, the relationship became a new opening [12]. New phase was of introduced by Secretary Hillary Clinton. The focus was on renew policies and to work for their goals. In the era of post 9/11 U.S sent the drone and said we were killing terrorist and Taliban there. Who are threat for both countries, but in reality it was just interest of U.S. Along the time in 2012 and 2013 the ups and downs were at full swing. Sometimes it was threat for Pakistan. Most important, season behind the threaten policies of U.S for Pakistan is Kashmir issue in India. U.S is in the favor of India on Kashmir issue and India is the big enemy of Pakistan that’s why, the ups and downs is the part of their relation. Their policies were in the year 2012 and 2013. In 2011, the policy was in worst situation due to attack of NATO in Pakistan and death of Osama Bin Laden. On the other side, the policy of US in 2014 and 2015 under umbrella of Obama was that US used the drone missiles for killing of militants in Pakistan (Taliban). Further, Pakistan made strategy to counter the drone missiles and she controlled on these attacks. Accordingly, an internal report was admitted by Congressional Research Service [13]. Pakistan purchased 18 new F16C/D fighting falcon block, 52 combat Aircraft the worth was 1.43 billion. Pakistan purchased many and more from US and paid the cost on February 11, 2016. The government of US gave the cost of $860 million including $265 million for military hardware [14].

That millions of Pakistanis could booin from sizeable approach to the U.S. forum for the stock. Pakistan’s cashmere (cotton) agronomist could also obtain a mandatory increase in them strive to overcome from the swamping.

Pakistan has not compelled a conclusive disrupt with all the combative on its region mainly those agile in opposition to India and Afghanistan. Let the components of the Afghan Taliban comprising the Haqqani network are still executing along the nimble or submissive aid of Pakistani state and constitute necessary interrogations for U.S. endeavours in Afghanistan and its agitprop attempts all over the world. Pakistan’s demeanour emerges to be stimulated at least in portion by its engrossment balancing effect in post Nato-Afghanistan connections to Taliban.

An obscured faith deficiency stays among Washington and Islamabad on endoplasmic safety dilemmas. U.S. endeavours to help Pakistan in protecting its arms are self-conscious by U.S. law and Pakistani concerns that Washington looks for revoking its scheme. China’s endoplasmic aid to Pakistan erodes the U.S. non-accumulation proposal, but Washington’s concerns have as yet been disregarded. Ongoing contention among India and Pakistan take place in Afghanistan as well as undersell endeavours to boost territorial bargain, financing and safety. Current Indo – Pakistani gatherings, comprising among overseas curates have been controversial at finest.

Democratic

Pakistan solidarity abides intimidated by the restricted aptitude of its military, police, Outpost troops and other non-combat managers to profitably “gape” and “construct” latterly mutiny “gladding” functions in the FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. These alike regions have been uniquely vigorous by all-embracing away current financing in framework and evolution.

A current interval of respective governmental tranquil disguises cavernous stress among Pakistan’s army and its non-combative legislators. In this regard, the newest endeavour to combine non combative republic is as yet a toil in advancement along undetermined insinuations for state safety. Pessimistic Pakistani comprehensions toxin collaboration at all extents. Anti-American detractors control Pakistan’s medium waves.

Republicans

There are many ups and downs in the relations of America and Pakistan; at a time, bond between these two states ties very strong on the other hand it becomes so weak that it only remains of hostility. Mostly United States appreciate Pakistan efforts for both the states concerns Pakistan proved itself a good friend of United States. Signing CENTO and SEATO witness a lot to United States to counter communism, although it was security matter Pakistan. After sometime Pakistan played the role of arbitrator between China and United states for their good ties. Ties of America towards Pakistan were so closed due...
to fighting of Pakistan "war against terrorism" after 9/11 that Pakistan was one non NATO ally of United States. But these ties were gradually weakened as 45th president Donald Trump came to serve United States. Trump started disrespecting Pakistan in his every statement which pushed the relations more backward, new policy under Trump's umbrella. He said Pakistan is providing the safe heavens to terrorists. Further, he said: "The Pakistani territory have suffered great terrorism and extremism and we have also sympathy to Pakistan and its citizens, but Pakistan is giving shelter to terrorists are not good for US. He said they are killing every citizen of US. It is also threat for the peace of US".

Pakistan is a great partner in economic corridor initiatives by China which is connected with central Asia, Pakistan, Russia, Iran and Afghanistan which Trump and India started to push back the China's OBOR and they oppose Pakistan as well. And then Islamabad has been told to consider its foreign policy towards United States and called Pakistan the area of insurgency. Trump's statement was weakened ties with Pakistan and he never hesitates to give false news according Pakistan because of Pakistan's support to China's great initiative OBOR. United States were now not able to bear now because of the Trump's statement of "America first". Then Trump look forward ties with India because of its economic growth and also for Indian oceans through which United States can counter growing China in its region. Trump's statements move forward the conflict of India and Pakistan. Moreover, US also argued to India for its role in war which was seen by Pakistan as anti-Pakistan strategy [15].

All commitments were ruined which were given to Pakistan from United States after Trump's took charge of administration of United States. America was aiding 18.8 billion dollars and 14.4 billion of dollars aid to Pakistan for being non-NATO ally. United States were giving arm and weapons under the act of arms control export, it was declared at that time that these aids were not suspended anytime but all that agreements got changed. That's why people of Pakistan did not follow Trump's idea of administration of a powerful state. His administration seems that powerful states can use any other state for its on benefits and objectives.

After that "Trump's speech", in Pakistan there were held protest against America and on Trump's that speech. He said to Pakistan "DO MORE", but when Pakistan denied his proposal, he said "returns back the aids to US". Those were purchased by Pakistan from US, and also he urged Pakistan to return back the costs that were given to Pakistan by International Monetary Fund (IMF). Additionally, after two months, Trump tweeted that he was going to make good relations with the Pakistan government. Further, on 1st January, 2018 Donald Trump again criticized Pakistan by saying "They have given us nothing but lies and deceit. Pakistan is source of shelter for anti-American terrorists. Trump's policy is not new it has been happening since the 20th century. For instance, America's immigration policy is known to be one of the toughest in the world. Additionally, a similar policy was also seen towards the Jews post-World War I in America and also these types of policies also US make towards the Pakistan. To think that Trump is the one introducing anti-Muslim policies is a narrow perspective. Several major institutes have stated that Trump should adopt a more assertive policy towards Pakistan, and it is true enough because threat of US towards Pakistan is in full swing always and also it is in return for trade concessions. In addition to, China should use similar measures towards Pakistan. However, such a policy will lead to a rise in negativity amongst the Pakistani populace, 'A convergence is seen in international relation USA, Moscow and China-Pakistan. For Pakistan, Washington is an important world capital, but new capitals are emerging such as Beijing and Tehran. Thus, before reaching a conclusion about Trump's policies we should 'let the dust settle'. His policy towards Pakistan is always in the threat [16].

With the passage of time at the conclusion of era in 2018 the United States administration lead by under the presidency of Donald Trump, they thought for exit from Afghanistan with compiling every mission but they come to know that It's not easy to exit Afghanistan without any political dialogue and exit intact to Military victory would take so long that's why trump tried to quit the worse conditions and for an easy escape from Afghanistan he appointed the Zalmay Khalilzad as his Messenger to convey his willingness for peace and dialogue with militants and Taliban. On the other side Trump starts arguing with Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan while asking for help to bring peace in Afghanistan and political stability with dialogue.

Furthermore Trump's administration begins blaming Pakistan as a safe haven for Haqqani network for which US provided grant aid for Military operations against Taliban and militants which was not easy to possible the mission without economical support due to which Trump's hit the accusation on Pakistan saying that it took grant and aid for nothing in returns as America supplied aid for getting down the graph of Terrorism in surface of intact territory of both countries and it resulted US cut of 1.3 billion dollars in US security assistance following Trump's Tweet.

Again for keeping a soft image and showing sincerity Pakistan arrested Mullah Baradar who was Deputy leader second in command for the Taliban and had been In Pakistan's custody where after his freedom changed the position and ground environment for negotiating with Taliban for peace process which resulted US Taliban deal signed in February 19 and Khalilzad nominated Pakistan's name numerously for helping the peace process .afterwards PM Imran Khan visited Washington in July 19 where both Heads of atomic power countries met and developed a personal connection while discussing UN general Assembly in the end of 2019 and the world economic forum in early 2020.

When there was first meeting of trump with Imran Khan, the PM of Pakistan in white house. President of USA showed willingness to play the role of mediator between Pakistan and India on the issue of Kashmir. This upsets new Delhi, India replied without any hesitation that Kashmir issue is the bilateral issue of India and Pakistan which can be solved only by the claiming states. Trump also put his full heed towards trade relations with Pakistan but at time results of that trade has to know.

In Trump’s era the bilateral relationship never sustained. Now America is utilizing Pakistan in intra-Afghan and efforts and abilities of Pakistan were so admirable that a positive response was come through white house by which Pakistan's image is somewhat clear now as Pakistan were known to be with terrorism. To counter corona virus Unites States favored $8 million but Pakistan did not approve that favor and returned all that to United States as goodwill gesture have personal donations. Growing of Strong relations of China and Pakistan, silence of United States shows that Pakistan has its great importance to great powers.

Think tank (the pentagon)

As I have mentioned about the era of Obama and Trump and their foreign policies towards Pakistan and also I have mentioned future of foreign policy of USA toward Pakistan. Although Obama and Trump we can say "Democrats and Republicans". They both the faces of the foreign policy not the introducer of foreign policy. Every policy made by pentagon “Establishment of US”. Basically the policies and
the national interest are same. The processes of war in Pakistan US objective are same but the thing is that both have the ways of using foreign policy are different. Democrat’s we considered them that they were for Pakistan. They will make good policy towards Pakistan. Republicans we are considered that republicans are the threat for Pakistan. In reality USA democrats will make policies silently and use Drones. But the Republicans (Trumps elite) are making the threaten policies for Pakistan and working on them. Democrats Obama and Republicans trump party is just faces policy makers’ pentagon. They both have worst policies for Pakistan. They both have the threat for Pakistan [17].

US using Pakistan to win war in Afghanistan

In 1980s, The US gave the aids and arms to Pakistan and trains the mujahedeen to fight in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union. The war in 1990s, between soviet-union and Afghan was ended as well as the US withdrawal happened. Additionally, the view of Pakistan on that war was that US was using Pakistan and also he was betraying with Pakistan on the name of help. In reality US was taking revenge from Soviet Union and containing her. It was the cherry on the for US to take revenge from Soviet Union and also entering in south Asia, middle east, and central Asia. On the other hand, when US determined that Pakistan was going to make the nuclear power then US cutoff all military and economically aids those were being given to Pakistan. After the 9/11 that was taken place by US it’s was grand strategy of US in twenty first century in the shape of 9/11. After that US did friendship with Pakistan and started “War on terror” in Afghanistan. Moreover, after alliance Pakistan assisted to US that return the military and economically aids to Pakistan [18]. In addition, Pakistan started the operations against Taliban on its own soil. In the last years of the Obama’s administration, the U.S. realized that Pakistan is providing the safeguard shelter to Taliban through Haqqani Network, and again US returned back the aid. Now the current situation is, in a way, just the continuation of Obama’s policy was a rhetoric way of US to HAQQANI. Further, in order to win the war in Afghanistan US wanted to use the supply routes from Pakistan and Pakistan can play a great role in Afghanistan in winning and losing of US war as well as to negotiate a lasting settlement and peace in Afghanistan. Additionally, US has also concerned that Pakistan has a nuclear weapon and he could war with her enemy if anyone gave threat to her, Pakistan craves the approval of the U.S. and the stature associated with strong U.S. ties. Most important, now the relationships between US and Pakistan are not well and those are in low level as well as it is unlikely to improve soon unless the elements within the Pakistani military that support the Haqqani network fundamentally changing their behavior. Moreover, the relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan could in the worsen condition in the short term if the administration of trump continue to cut off the aid, such as resinding Pakistan’s major non-NATO ally status, declaring Pakistan a state sponsor of terrorism, or diplomatically isolating Pakistan. Relationships between US and Pakistan can be good if the US government do long-term relationships with Pakistan’s civilian governments, not with military. Furthermore, in the reality the policies are made by US establishment and either Obama or Trump they are just the front faces not the policy makers. And US are using Pakistan for winning the war in Afghanistan [19,20].

**CONCLUSION**

Foreign policy of any country means the foreign relation between two countries. Furthermore, in order to survive in the international level states should have their policy without foreign policy the states are nothing in international scenario. In addition, basically states have their self-interest, they do relations and their policies consist with national goals in foreign policy. Additionally, the policies towards the Pakistan from US enough well from the birth of beloved country but in good policies US always saw his interest. In starting US gave much aids to Pakistan those was in cost and US also used Pakistan in soviet-afghan conflict. The policies in the era of Trump and Obama also were not well. Obama and Trump just the faces of foreign policy. We cannot compare foreign policies of both. In the reality the maker of the policies towards Pakistan is the “PENTAGON” and “ESTABLISHMENT” of USA. Obama applied the policies as he was treated. Now Trump administration is applying policies as they are being treated. Difference between both is just the way of applying. Policies are same.

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