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ASSIGNMENT QUESTION: Is there a Manifestation of Order or Disorder in the Present World? Analyze logically and in line with global realities.

ANSWER

It is an undeniable fact that international order is a contested concept: hard to pin down to a single agreed-upon definition, but nonetheless largely used in the field of International Relations (IR). In recent years, questions about the limits of the current international order have attracted much attention. The nature and stability of the so called post-1945 liberal international order has fallen under significant scrutiny. Since 1945, the United States has pursued its global interests through creating and maintaining international economic institutions, bilateral and regional security organizations, and liberal political norms; these ordering mechanisms are often collectively referred to as the international world order.

Under the reign of Donald Trump, scholars believe that a new world order is emerging and it is seen as an “Anti-globalized or De-globalized” world order. Since his election and inauguration, there has been a huge difference in how international issues are addressed. This difference in approach has attracted much backlash. Trump has not been one to shy away from making his vision of America First and make America great again mantra come to full fruition. This vision and mantra has led Trump to taking and making very extreme policies which have been frowned upon by majority of the world, but praised by a few supporters. His recent policies are openly against immigrants, they have led to an increase in religious intolerance and discrimination (The building of the border wall to stop Mexicans from migrating to the US, placing travel bans on several

Countries of the world especially Muslim and African countries etc). He has questioned the importance and existence of International treaties and Organizations. Making spontaneous decisions, shunning traditional diplomacy and resorting to the use of social media to disclose political affairs, twitter being his most used media, brought new life to the term twitter diplomacy. These acts mostly non-presidential, have made the topic of order and disorder in the present world order, all the more important.

The Trump Order has no regard for International laws, treaties and organizations (e.g; The moving of the US embassy to Jerusalem even when the conflict over the land between Israel and Palestine is still hot and ongoing thereby flouting resolution 181, also the withdrawing of the US from the United Nations Human Rights Council {UNHRC}). The current international liberal order, built by the United States and Europe after WWII, is defined by a political commitment to multilateralism, human rights. Be it the WTO, the prohibition of torture, or the Paris Agreement: The Trump administration has been launching numerous challenges to international law. Countless commentators have lamented the decline of multilateralism and the so-called “Liberal World Order.” We may indeed be witnesses of the comeback of 19th century thinking on sovereignty and a return to Balance of Power Politics. Maybe they were never gone in the first place. Scholars believe his order is incredibly racist, detached, offensive, antagonistic, divisive, toxic, etc.

The first action Trump made when he entered office, was the breaking of diplomatic tradition by entering a call with the leader of Taiwan. The Trump–Tsai call was a telephone conversation between the U.S President-elect Donald Trump and the President of the Republic of China (commonly known as Taiwan) Tsai Ing-wen which took place on December 2, 2016. This event marked the first time since 1979 that a U.S. President or President-elect had directly spoken with a ROC President. Some commentators from U.S. media outlets said that the call humiliated Beijing as it seemed a violation of a diplomatic practice. Other media and comments criticized the One-China policy, saying that Trump's move was morally right and strategically correct for American interests. The US closed its embassy in Taiwan, a democratically ruled island which Beijing considers a breakaway province, in the late 1970s following the historic rapprochement between Beijing and Washington that stemmed from Richard Nixon’s 1972 trip to China. Since then the

US has adhered to the so-called “one China” principle which officially considers the independently governed island part of the same single Chinese nation as the mainland.

Trump pulled out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). TPP is a free trade agreement by 12 nations that have coastlines on the Pacific. 800 million people live in these countries, and they make up 40 percent of the world’s GDP. Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (who are the key players of the South China Sea dispute) have signed this deal. This agreement was meant to reduce or eliminate up to 18,000 tariffs on both agricultural and manufactured products, boosting trade, economic growth as well as political ties between the 12 countries.

He threatened to pull out of NAFTA {North America Free Trade Agreement} between Mexico, Canada and America. He believed the agreement did not protect the interest of American businesses. Trump says NAFTA is unfair to Americans. He wants to make it more difficult for Canada and Mexico to export to the US, and easier for the US to export to those two countries.

Donald Trump set a travel ban on seven countries when He assumed office. These countries were mostly Muslim and African countries, as earlier stated. He bans nationals of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen from entering the US. It also covers travelers from North Korea and certain government officials from Venezuela. Many have regarded these bans as a Muslim and African ban which is racist.

Trump has battled with NATO {North Atlantic Treaty Organization} There are few things that President Vladimir Putin of Russia desires more than the weakening of NATO, the military alliance among the United States, Europe and Canada that has deterred Soviet and Russian aggression for 70 years. Also Trump proposed the US reduce its funding if other countries do not meet up financially. By fighting the existence of NATO, Trump is indirectly watering the grounds for future Russian aggression and many other unknown evil.

He pulled the US out of the 2015 Paris climate change agreement. Blatantly going against a globalized world order. Critics have called Trump’s dismissal of the Paris accord irresponsible and dangerous, given the increasingly dire scientific warnings about rising sea levels, more-extreme weather and devastating effects on agriculture and wildlife should the world fail to

drastically cut its greenhouse gas emissions. They also call the decision a bad economic policy, saying the administration is failing to embrace wind, solar and other renewable technologies that are growing, even as the coal industry that Trump has tried to bolster continues to fade. Abandoning the Paris agreement is cruel to future generations, leaving the world less safe and productive.

Trump had also threatened nuclear war with North Korea, if the leader refused to refrain from producing nuclear weapons. The president of North Korea could devastate Seoul without even needing to use his weapons of mass destruction. The North Korean military has an enormous number of rocket launchers and artillery pieces and entering nuclear battle with such a nation whose leader has been said to be a mad man, total global annihilation would not be a farfetched result.

Trump withdrew the US from the Iran nuclear deal. The United States announced its withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the "Iran nuclear deal" or the "Iran deal", on May 8, 2018. The JCPOA is an agreement on Iran's nuclear program reached in July 2015 by Iran, the P5+1 (the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council—China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States—plus Germany)also called E3/EU+3. In a joint statement responding to the U.S. withdrawal, the leaders of France, Germany and the United Kingdom stated that United Nations Security Council resolution endorsing the nuclear deal remained the "binding international legal framework for the resolution of the dispute". Various countries, international organizations, and U.S. scholars have expressed regret or criticized the withdrawal, while U.S. conservatives. Israel, Saudi Arabia and allies have supported it. The withdrawal caused concerns in Iran due to its impact on the economy. On 17 May 2018 the European Commission announced its intention to implement the blocking statute of 1996 to declare U.S. sanctions against Iran illegal in Europe and ban European citizens and companies from complying with them. The commission also instructed the European Investment Bank to facilitate European companies' investment in Iran.

Donald Trump has openly listed Russia and China as rivals or enemies of the US. Causing speculations about the recent Covid-19 pandemic by calling the virus, The Chinese Virus in National and International presidential addresses.

America commands a lot of elements of power. From military strength to economic stability. It has earned the title of a Great Power and the influence of America with such power, affects the order of the world greatly. America has been the pioneer of many rules and institutions that have guided the world for a long period of time. Hence it only makes sense that their actions would account for the order or disorder of the world. With Trump openly breaking already laid down patterns, the question of the present world order being in a state of order or disorder would most likely stem from a logical analysis of his actions. Ultimately, Trumps order has plunged the International system and world into toxic disorder that has put the stability, interdependence of the world into complete chaos.

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