

Shifting Strategies: A Comparative Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Pakistan Under Obama and Biden Administrations

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ABSTRACT

This paper is a comparative take a look at of the U.S. overseas coverage in Pakistan all through the Obama (2009-2017) and Biden (2021-2023) presidencies and offers an in-intensity evaluation of the drastic modifications in strategic outlook, navy activity, monetary guide, and worldwide affairs. The Obama management caused a coverage that placed counterterrorism, nearby balance, and mass monetary resource withinside the centre of U.S. coverage, including the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Act and heavy drone operations withinside the Pakistani tribal population. Conversely, the Biden management represented a shift to a bigger geopolitical perspective, specifically the Indo-Pacific, however with dwindled emphasis on army and counterterrorism sports in Pakistan. Selective monetary tactics to global family members, humanitarian initiatives, and weather international relations had been distinguished functions of the overseas coverage of Biden, who in assessment engaged much less in any lively navy involvement. This essay will examine the results of those modifications on U.S-Pak family members and the way the shifts in international priorities have converted the strategic application of Pakistan to U.S. overseas coverage. The evaluation suggests a shift in the direction of a greater transactional courting, primarily based totally extra on nearby opposition and selective engagement, with important local balance implications inside South Asia.

Keywords: U.S. overseas coverage, Obama management, Biden management, Pakistan, Counterterrorism, Military useful resource, Economic international relations, Regional balance, Indo-Pacific, Climate international relations

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. courting with Pakistan has been complex and fluid, fashioned via way of means of local dynamics, safety issues, and converting global interests. Post-September 11, 2001, U.S. overseas coverage in the direction of Pakistan prioritized counterterrorism, nearby balance, and, increasingly, geopolitical opposition with China. As a key accomplice withinside the battle on terror, Pakistan supplied crucial logistical help and intelligence towards the Taliban and al-Qaeda. However, this alliance has been marked through tensions stemming from Pakistani strategic interests, home politics, and its courting with India (Kugelman, 2021; Yusuf, 2020). This have a look at employs a comparative case have a look at layout to investigate the wonderful overseas coverage procedures of the Obama and Biden administrations in the direction of Pakistan, analyzing coverage shifts, strategic orientations, and interplay instruments. Historical context exhibits dramatic versions among U.S. administrations, specially below

Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

During the Obama management (2009-2017), coverage aimed to stability navy cooperation with improvement useful resource, exemplified with the aid of using the 2009 Kerry-Lugar-Berman Act providing \$7.5 billion in civilian help to deal with terrorism's root causes. Concurrently, multiplied drone moves fueled anti-Americanism (Bridges, 2013; Topping, 2014). Relations had been in addition strained via way of means of the 2011 Osama bin Laden raid, elevating worries approximately Pakistani sovereignty and harboring of terrorists (Hussain, 2011; Fair, 2013).

President Biden's coverage (2021-present) marks a clean departure from Obama's counterterrorism focus. Despite Pakistan's strategic importance concerning Afghanistan and China, the Biden management has in large part sidelined it, prioritizing the Indo-Pacific and countering China (Ali, 2021; Smith, 2022). This strategic shift perspectives Pakistan's deepening ties with China, specially via CPEC, with concern (Sattar, 2021; Khan, 2022). The restricted session with Pakistan throughout the 2021 Afghanistan withdrawal underscored Islamabad's dwindled function in U.S. nearby strategy (Gartenstein-Ross, 2021; Naqvi, 2022).

Despite this strategic downgrade, the Biden management engages selectively on weather international relations, monetary useful resource, and humanitarian help, significantly in the course of the 2022 floods (U.S. Institute of Peace, 2022). However, average engagement tiers and diplomatic interactions stay appreciably decrease than beneath Obama, with extra emphasis on non-protection issues (Kugelman, 2021; Ahmed, 2023).

Drawing on reliable documents, scholarly literature, and media evaluation, this paper makes use of thematic evaluation inside realist and liberal worldwide family members frameworks to examine the 2 administrations. It examines how coverage adjustments effect nearby balance in South Asia, which include outcomes on India, Afghanistan, and China. This comparative evaluation illuminates how U.S. overseas coverage adapts to worldwide strength shifts and assesses the potentialities for U.S.-Pakistan members of the family in an rising multipolar world.

METHODOLOGY

The have a look at employs a comparative historic evaluation to systematically inspect shifts in U.S. overseas coverage in the direction of Pakistan for the duration of the Obama (2009-2017) and Biden (2021-present) administrations. Given the studies objective – inspecting nuanced adjustments in diplomatic, military, and financial engagement over time – a qualitative studies layout is maximum appropriate. This layout enables an in-intensity exploration of coverage evolution, motivations, and context, integrating each historic angle and present day dynamics.

Theoretical Framework

Realism gives a framework emphasizing state-centric conduct pushed via way of means of country wide interest, protection, and strength dynamics inside an anarchic worldwide system: States are regarded as rational actors prioritizing survival, protection, and relative strength. U.S. coverage toward Pakistan is analyzed via the lens of strategic calculations regarding counterterrorism, nearby stability (specifically Afghanistan), nuclear protection, and handling the have an impact on of rival powers (substantially China's nearby rise - stability of strength logic). Alliances (just like the U.S.-Pakistan dating itself) are visible as instrumental manner to decorate protection and counter threats, in preference to expressions of shared values. The application of the partnership is classified primarily based totally on its contribution to

middle U.S. strategic objectives. Military and protection cooperation is regularly prioritized, reflecting middle realist concerns.

Liberalism gives insights into regions of cooperation that go beyond merely energy-political calculations: The function of global institutions, monetary interdependence, and transnational networks in facilitating cooperation is examined. This lens facilitates examine sustained engagement on problems like financial aid, humanitarian help, and sure diplomatic projects even amidst safety tensions. The capability affect of shared democratic norms (but unevenly applied), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and financial actors in shaping factors of the courting, especially in non-protection domains, is considered. U.S. participation in multilateral boards affecting Pakistan (FATF, weather agreements) may be understood thru a liberal institutionalist angle.

Employing each Realism and Liberalism recognizes the multifaceted nature of U.S. overseas coverage. While protection imperatives (Realism) regularly dominate the U.S.-Pakistan courting, factors of institutional engagement, monetary interdependence, and normative considerations (Liberalism) offer a extra entire image of the interactions and capability avenues for cooperation in the complicated bilateral dynamic. The empirical evaluation determines the relative explanatory energy of every lens for particular coverage regions or periods.

Counterterrorism Cooperation: Obama vs Biden

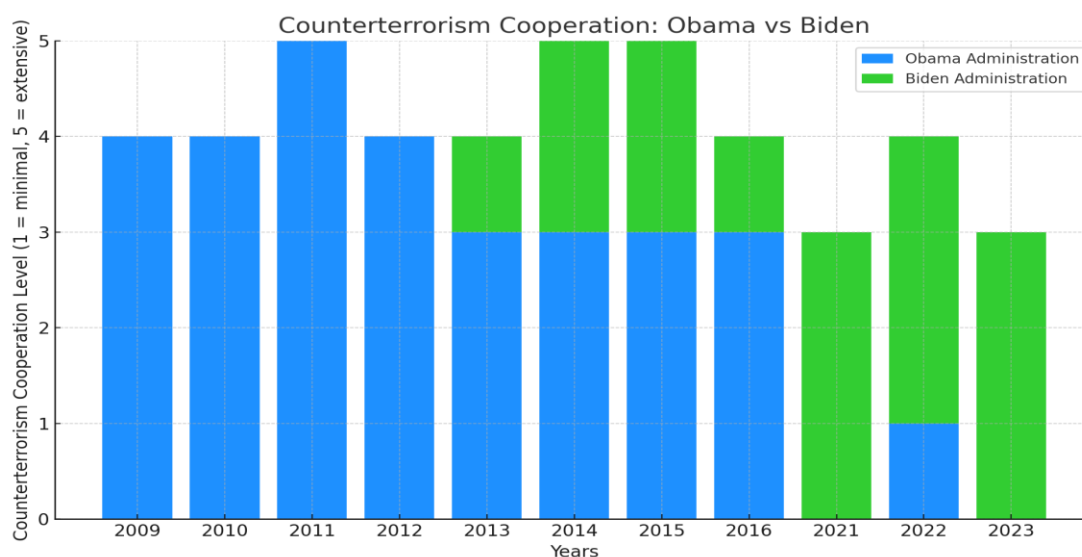
The preliminary parent and table, Counterterrorism Cooperation, permit taking a clean photograph of the differing strategies to counterterrorism withinside the Obama and Biden regimes. With Obama, the U.S went right into a big counterterrorism movement particularly withinside the tribal areas of Pakistan concerning big utilization of drone strike assaults and intelligence sharing as a manner. It is obvious withinside the stacked bar chart that the diploma of cooperation on counterterrorism is excessive and specially so for the duration of the term of 2011 while Osama bin Laden changed into raided. But because the years wore on, Obama began out to lose momentum, displaying a moderate lower as of 2016. On the opposite hand, the paintings in opposition to terrorism turned into scaled down appreciably following 2021 as Biden prioritized different tasks. This parent shows that even though counterterrorism cooperation turned into at its height below Obama, the coverage below Biden turned into predominantly non-invasive, maximum movements had been humanitarian help and diplomacy, and non-confrontational counterterrorism operations have been minimal.

Counterterrorism Cooperation Under Obama and Biden

Year	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
2009	Increased drone moves in FATA	N/A
2010	Intensified drone moves in North Waziristan	N/A
2011	Operation Geronimo (bin Laden raid)	N/A
2012	Intelligence sharing with ISI	N/A

2013	Covert operations towards Haqqani Network	Counterterrorism consciousness diminished
2014	Drone assaults in Waziristan	Limited drone moves in Afghanistan-Pakistan border
2015	Continued drone moves, focused Al-Qaeda leaders	Decreased counterterrorism operations
2016	Reduced drone moves, recognition on management decapitation	Low-stage engagement, occasional army moves
2021	N/A	F-sixteen sustainment agreement
2022	N/A	Humanitarian help after floods
2023	N/A	Shift to weather diplomacy

Figure 1 Counterterrorism Cooperation: Obama vs Biden



Military Aid and Security Assistance: Obama vs Biden

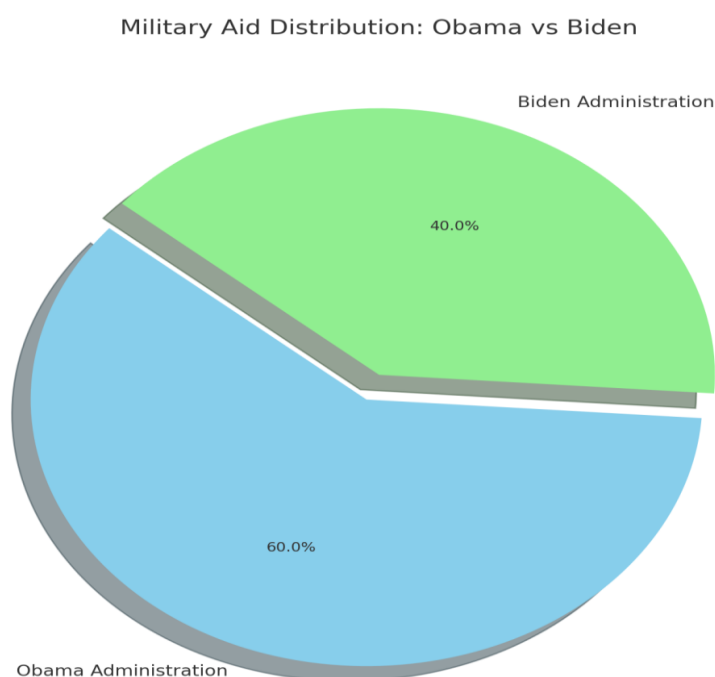
The pie chart and desk of the Military Aid and Security Assistance painting the distinction among army help finished among the 2 administrations. Under Obama, navy help became hefty, with budgets of about 1.eight billion bucks a year, sizable elements of which had been committed to drone strikes. In the

maximum ideal way, the pie chart famous that Obama had deployed extra army involvement and that is provided as proportionately a lot as compared to the minimum stage of army involvement implemented with the aid of using Biden. Biden shifted his attention to selective involvement, whereby, the F-sixteen sustainment deal worth \$450 million became an example. The widespread decline in navy resource beneathneath the Biden management stresses the willingness of his management to discover diplomatic and monetary answers in preference to navy intervention.

Military Aid and Security Assistance (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
Military Aid - Yearly Budget	\$1.8 billion annually	\$1.1 billion annually (est.)
Drone Strike Budget	\$300 million (est.)	Low (minimum use)
F-sixteen Sustainment Deal	N/A	\$450 million (F-sixteen sustainment)
Intelligence Sharing	Extensive with ISI	Limited, technical cooperation
Counterterrorism Operations	Heavy reliance on drones in tribal areas	Occasional operations, minimum engagement

Figure 2 Military Aid Distribution: Obama vs Biden



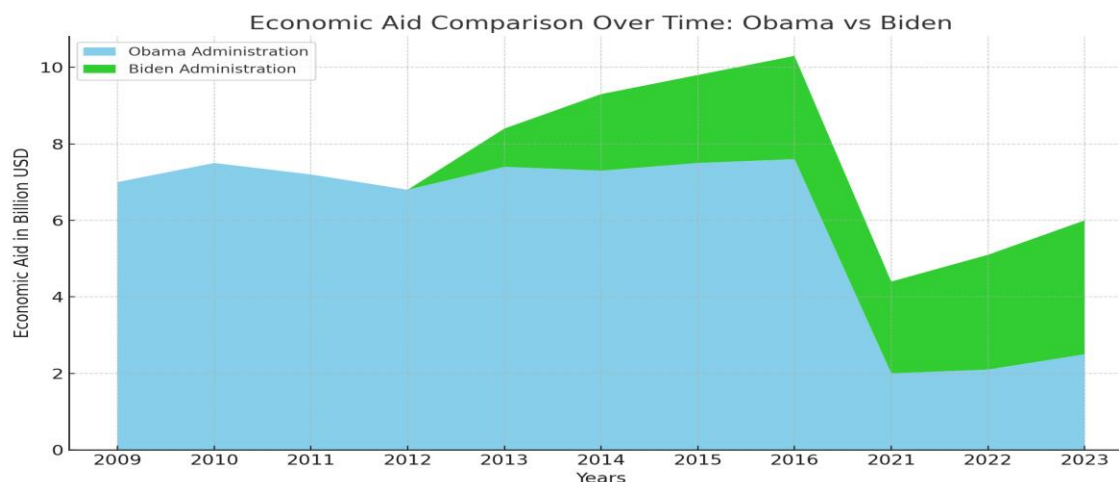
3. Economic and Developmental Aid: Obama vs Biden

Economic and Developmental Aid desk and vicinity plot will evaluate Pakistan U.S. financial help below Obama and Biden comprehensively. The Obama management furnished help in big scale, especially with the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Act which targeting improvement in addition to infrastructure work. The location plot simply depicts the drastic distinction among the better and extra ordinary degrees of resource Obama has furnished with a top of approximately 7.5 billion towards the low-stage resource furnished through Biden which plunged to approximately 2.5 billion a 12 months inside the first years. Biden has endured to offer a few monetary help, which includes humanitarian and weather resilience programs, however the general lower in useful resource suggests that his management is focusing extra on weather alternate and post-pandemic recovery, in place of the huge-scale improvement efforts beneathneath Obama.

Economic and Developmental Aid (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
Total Economic Aid (in billion)	~\$7.5 billion (2009-2017)	~\$2.5 billion (2021-2023)
Humanitarian Aid	Flood relief, training initiatives	Flood comfort efforts, humanitarian support
Infrastructure Projects	Schools, hospitals, sanitation plants	Flood recovery, weather projects
Civilian Aid (Kerry-Lugar-Berman)	\$7.5 billion in civilian aid	Limited civilian aid, consciousness on resilience
Developmental Focus	Education, health, and infrastructure	Climate international relations and monetary recovery

Figure 3 Economic Aid Comparison Over Time: Obama vs Biden



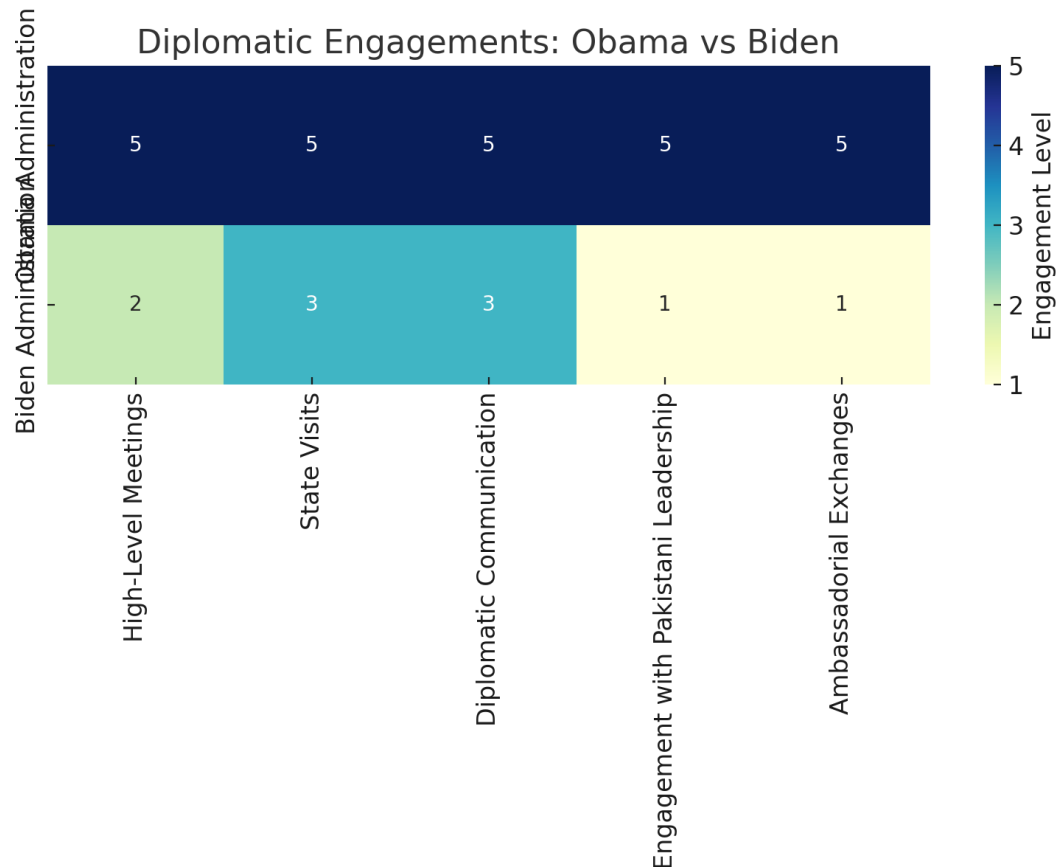
4. Diplomatic Engagements: Obama vs Biden

Table 1: Diplomatic Engagements and warmth map are beneficial insights to apprehend the quantity of diplomatic cooperation and speak to among U.S. and Pakistan at some stage in each regimes. The heatmap suggests virtually that in the Obama tenure, there has been energetic diplomatic activity, with many high-degree meetings, kingdom visits, and ambassadorial communication. This changed into specifically critical after the bin Laden raid whilst however the tensions, the U.S. had robust diplomatic members of the family with Pakistan. Conversely, the management of Biden prioritized a widespread discount in diplomatic efforts and engagement, with fewer pinnacle visits in addition to a symbolic diplomatic silence withinside the first 12 months of his presidency. This has precipitated overseas affairs hobby to shift to different global priorities and Pakistan have become a lesser a part of U.S. geopolitical policy.

4. Diplomatic Engagements and High-Level Communication (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
High-Level Meetings	Multiple visits through Obama to Pakistan	Minimal visits from Biden
State Visits	High-degree visits through Clinton, Gates, Panetta	Limited high-stage visits, awarenesss on Indo-Pacific
Diplomatic Communication	Frequent conversation with PM Gillani, Zardari	Reduced touch with PM Khan, occasional talks
Engagement with Pakistani Leadership	Post-bin Laden tensions, however endured dialogue	Minimal diplomatic interactions
Ambassadorial Exchanges	Consistent ambassadorial exchanges	Infrequent exchanges, occasional humanitarian-centered visits

Figure 4 Diplomatic Engagements: Obama Vs Biden



5. Geopolitical Alignment and Strategic Focus: Obama vs Biden

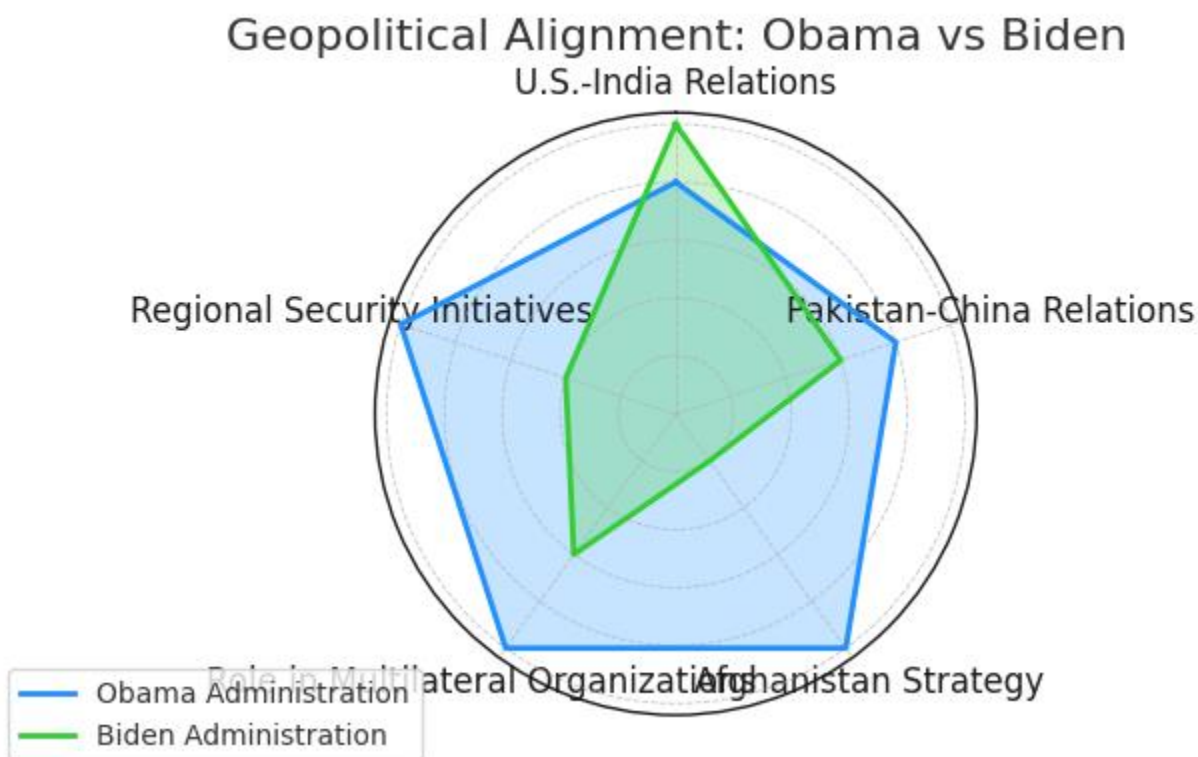
The Geopolitical Alignment and Strategic Focus desk and radar chart display that there may be a first-rate distinction in U.S. overseas coverage awareness withinside the technology of Obama and Biden. Obama management changed into described through an try and stability the connection with Pakistan and the connection with India and to stability the connection among the developing dating of Pakistan and China. The radar chart indicates a extra balanced engagement among the U.S.-India members of the family, the Pakistan-China members of the family, and the Afghanistan strategy. With Biden however, a shift in U.S. global coverage toward countering China noticed a extra consciousness on India and much less on Pakistan. The radar chart exhibits a greater eager hobby in members of the family with India and a greater marginalized coverage toward Pakistan, mainly with reference to forays into nearby safety and Afghanistan.

5. Geopolitical Alignment and Strategic Focus (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
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U.S.-India Relations	Balanced with Pakistan, grew toward India	Closer strategic alignment with India, recognition on Indo-Pacific
Pakistan-China Relations	Increased strategic cooperation with China, CPEC concerns	Growing dependency on China, CPEC as focal point
Afghanistan Strategy	Pakistan's position vital for U.S. go out strategy	Afghanistan withdrawal with minimal Pakistani input
Role in Multilateral Organizations	Frequent participation in UN, IMF, and FATF meetings	Reduced function in multilateral forums, recognition on Indo-Pacific
Regional Security Initiatives	Pakistan as a key participation in Afghanistan peace talks	Shift from Pakistan, awareness on India and China

Figure 5 Geopolitical Alignment: Obama vs Biden



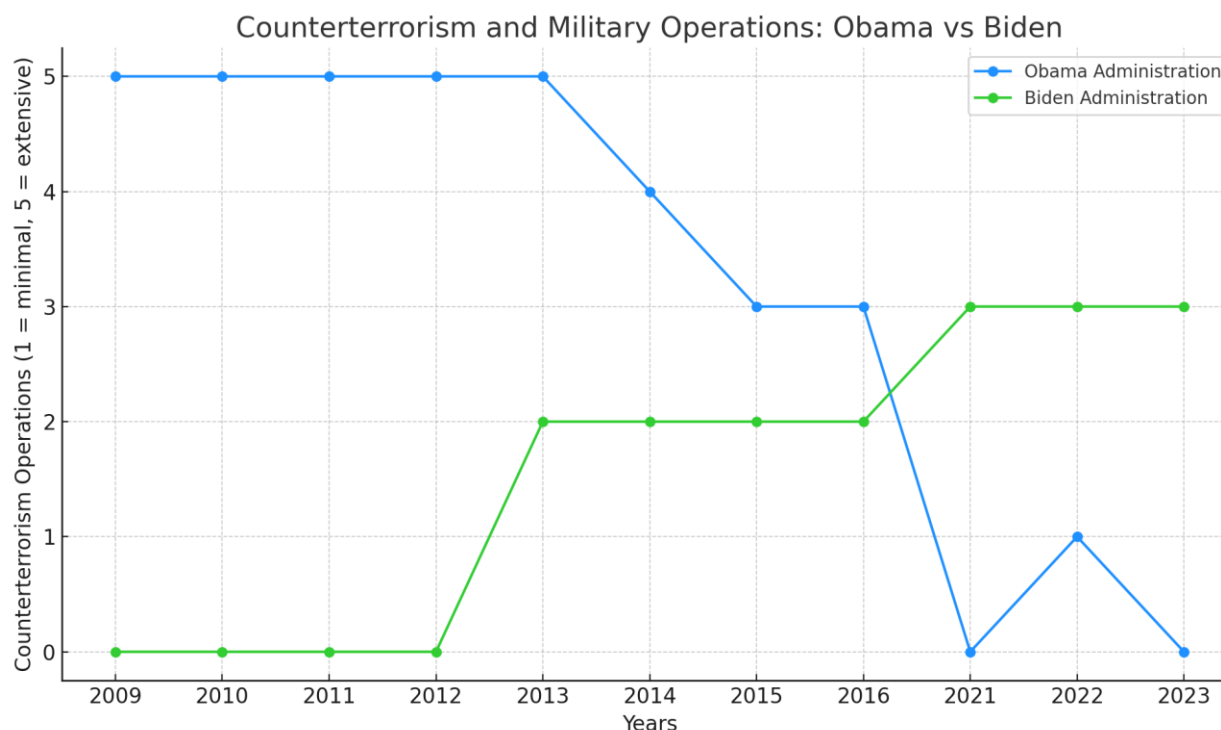
6. Counterterrorism and Military Operations: Obama vs Biden

The counterterrorism and navy operation desk and line graph display the manner wherein the U.S. operation in Pakistan modified at some point of each administrations. Military motion in particular withinside the shape of drone moves and in wellknown turned into a part of the U.S. counterterrorist method below Obama. According to the road graph, operations remained regular among 2009 and 2016, even though much less in 2016, as Obama used drones and unique forces to kill a number of the leader terrorist leaders. However, the navy sports in Pakistan have been a whole lot scaled again below Biden, who prioritized international relations and nearby stability. This alternate is indicative of a much broader coverage of decreasing U.S. troop presence and taking a greater collaborative stance on local companions that Biden has pursued. The rollback in counterterrorism sports below Biden suggests a shift withinside the U.S. overseas coverage closer to multilateral international relations over army intervention.

6. Counterterrorism and Military Operations (Obama vs Biden)

Year	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
2009	Operation Enduring Freedom begins	N/A
2010	Increased drone strikes	N/A
2011	Operation Geronimo	N/A
2012	Covert operations against Taliban	N/A
2013	Continued drone strikes	Focus on Afghanistan peace talks
2014	Helicopter raids in tribal areas	Strategic shift from direct army engagement
2015	Coordination with Afghan forces	Reduced army footprint withinside the region
2016	Reduction in strikes, attention on management decapitation	N/A
2021	N/A	Humanitarian-cantered engagement
2022	N/A	Shift to nearby diplomacy
2023	N/A	No new army operations

Figure 6 Counterterrorism and Military Operations: Obama vs Biden



7. Economic Diplomacy and Aid: Obama vs Biden

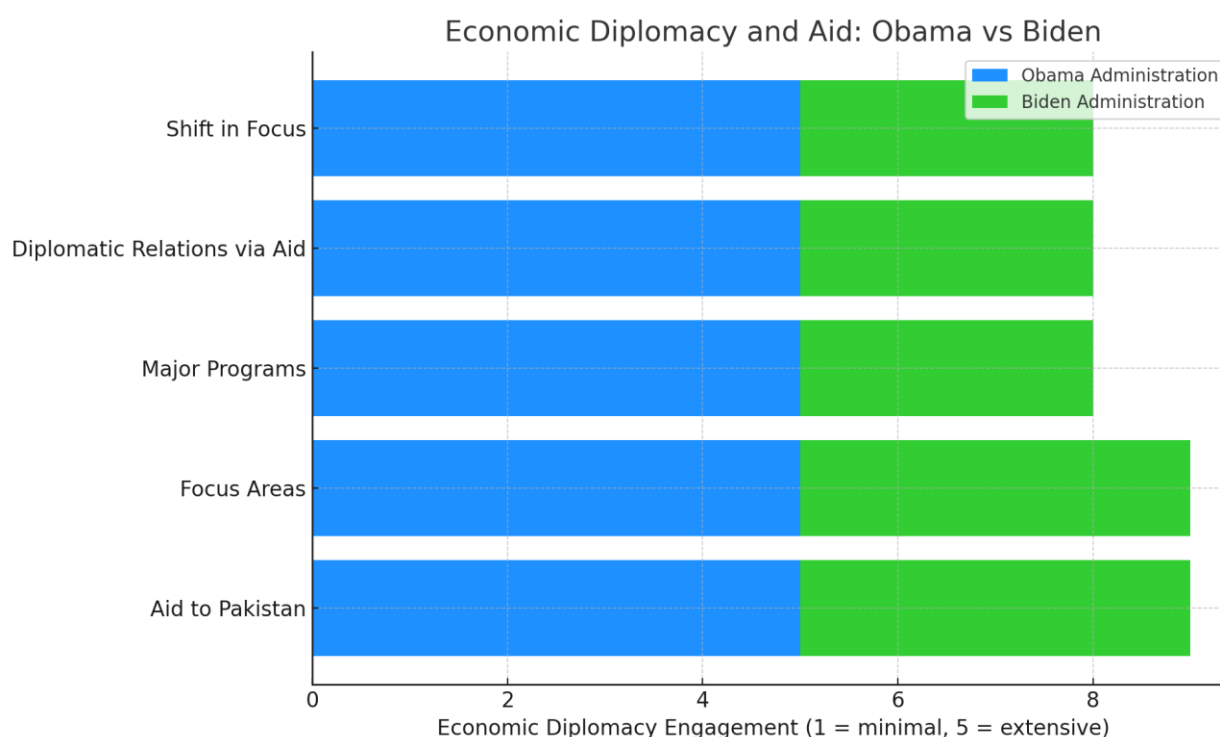
The desk and stacked bar chart, Economic Diplomacy and Aid, display how the U.S. precedence has modified withinside the regions of improvement and financial resource, below Obama, to weather international relations and unique monetary assistance, below Biden. As the stacked bar chart shows, Obama participation became totally on developmental resource which become withinside the shape of infrastructural and academic programs. Under Biden, however, financial international relations has been shifted returned to awareness extra on weather extrade, resilience, and humanitarian issues and much less on huge monetary assistance. This shift is visible withinside the extrade of international relations to the global weather alliances and post-pandemic healing help, which might be consistent with the desires of the Biden management overall.

7. Economic Diplomacy and Aid (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
Aid to Pakistan	\$7.5 billion in financial aid	\$2.5 billion in aid
Focus Areas	Health, education, infrastructure	Humanitarian and weather resilience
Major Programs	Kerry-Lugar-Berman infrastructure projects	Act, Post-pandemic healing programs, Green Alliance

Diplomatic Relations thru Aid	Developmental and humanitarian cooperation	Humanitarian alleviation for floods, technical aid
Shift in Focus	Shift to long-time period sustainability projects	Focus on nearby weather and monetary restoration

Figure 7 Economic Diplomacy and Aid: Obama vs Biden



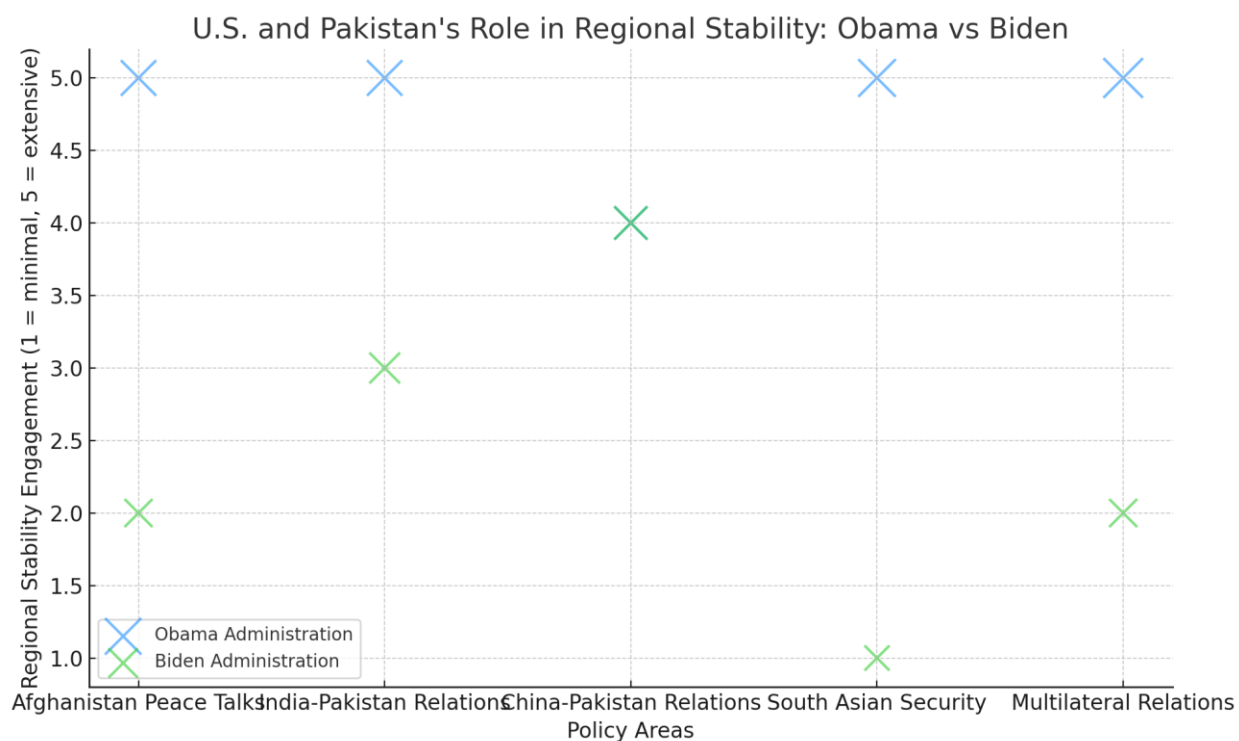
8. U.S. and Pakistan's Role in Regional Stability: Obama vs Biden

The Role of the U.S. in Regional Stability desk and bubble chart spotlight the evolving function of the function of the U.S. in local protection among the 2 regimes. During Obama, the U.S. appreciably participated in peace negotiations specially in Afghanistan and turned into distinguished in South Asia safety. The bubble chart indicates a more engagement degree in which america turned into relatively concerned in multilateral protection packages and nearby peace procedures at some stage in the presidency of Obama. During Biden, U.S. positions in nearby balance had been weakened, however, with a shift in cognizance to the Indo-Pacific, as opposed to South Asia. The bubble chart illustrates that the dimensions of the bubbles is small in Biden, implying that he's much less worried in nearby protection thinking about that U.S.- India members of the family come first in advance of the engagement with Pakistan.

8. U.S. and Pakistan's Role in Regional Stability (Obama vs Biden)

Policy Area	Obama Administration	Biden Administration
Afghanistan Peace Talks	Active involvement in peace talks	Minimal involvement after Afghanistan withdrawal
India-Pakistan Relations	Balancing family member with each India and Pakistan	U.S.-India strategic partnership overshadowing Pakistan
China-Pakistan Relations	Concerns over developing China-Pakistan ties	Increased cooperation with China, CPEC concerns
South Asian Security	Strong army and diplomatic position within side the region	Limited engagement in South Asia safety
Multilateral Relations	Frequent participation in UN, FATF, and different multilateral forums	Reduced participation in multilateral protection frameworks

Figure 8 U.S. and Pakistan's Role in Regional Stability: Obama vs Biden



As the effects show, there are fundamental modifications in U.S. overseas coverage toward Pakistan among the Obama management and the Biden management. The Obama technology become

characterised with the aid of using excessive costs of engagement of the army, a big quantity of financial help, and competitive diplomacy, specifically concerning preventing terrorism and stabilizing the region. Conversely, the Biden management has engaged in weather diplomacy, selective monetary help and realignment of a strategic method to countering China, with faded navy and diplomatic interactions with Pakistan. These adjustments have redesigned the U.S./Pakistan dating and are indicative of the converting styles of geopolitical priorities withinside the world. The visualizations and the tables used on this evaluation permit greedy an unambiguous idea of those converting dynamics.

Changing Strategic Priorities and Geopolitical Competition

President Obama advanced the U.S. overseas method in large part because of 9/11 and the War on Terror. The Obama management aimed to reply to pressing safety threats, as counterterrorism in Afghanistan and Pakistan have become a key a part of American approach. At this time, Pakistan turned into a strategic non-NATO best friend, which facilitated the aid of U.S. interest in Afghanistan logistically and because of intelligence assets (Schmidt, 2017). The use of drone assaults that noticed its climax in 2011 withinside the Obama management become a visible illustration of the counterterrorism method of the U.S. These air assaults had been visible as a strategic, reasonably-priced manner to kill high-price goals but have been additionally especially unpopular, growing gigantic political and famous competition in Pakistan due to the civilians that have been killed due to those concentrated on operations and due to the sovereignty that Pakistan turned into visible as dropping withinside the process (Zahir, 2016).

Intensification of drone assaults, mainly withinside the tribal areas of Pakistan, characterised the counterterrorist coverage of Obama. Those movements had been designed to cripple Al-Qaeda and Taliban networks which took shelter withinside the lawless tribal belts in Pakistan (Johnson, 2015). Nevertheless, as Chomsky (2017) notes, the drones become the rallying cry of American interventionism and created a visceral anger in Pakistan. Although the guidelines of Obama had been powerful in a manner that they received over a number of the maximum influential leaders of the terrorist organizations, the effectiveness of such operations withinside the long-run in effecting the steadiness of Pakistan and producing goodwill changed into minimal.

With President Biden, though, a one of a kind awareness emerged. Although counterterrorism become nevertheless an issue, specially after the U.S. left Afghanistan, the management of Biden followed a barely calmer coverage on navy involvement in Pakistan. This transition may be interpreted as part of the renewed recognition on strategic competition, specially with China at the a part of the Biden management. Many professionals trust that Biden overseas coverage has taken a greater Indo-Pacific (center) turn, as India is turning into a essential best friend in countering the increasing electricity of China (Kapur, 2021; Tewari, 2022). This strategic refocus had its outcomes at the U.S.-Pakistan courting due to the fact the an increasing number of nearer Pakistan became with China; mainly, with tasks inclusive of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have been in warfare with U.S hobbies withinside the region.

Economic Diplomacy and Aid: Shifting from Development to Humanitarian Assistance

One of the primary modifications withinside the U.S. overseas coverage among the 2 presidents changed into the shift in priorities of offering massive portions of financial and developmental help below Obama to extra selective monetary international relations and humanitarian help beneath Biden. Pakistan turned into a distinguished instance of the help supplied at some stage in the Obama management, in particular below the Kerry-Lugar-Berman Act that supplied as much as 7.5 billion civilian resource to assist improve Pakistan in education, health, and infrastructure (Zou, 2020). This guide changed into

supposed to stabilize Pakistan in addition to triumph over extremism via assuaging the reasons of poverty and underdevelopment. The approach utilized by the Obama management became supported with the concept that growing the economic system of Pakistan on a long time foundation might foster nearby balance and nearby protection might assist to rein withinside the unfold of extremism ideology (Jones, 2015).

Nonetheless, the financial technique of the Biden management closer to Pakistan has changed, as an emphasis has been located tons much less at the huge scale developmental resource, however as an alternative on precise forms of useful resource. This contraction of financial useful resource, which may be represented withinside the findings, aligns with the bigger technique through Biden to reshape U.S. overseas coverage to confront international crises like weather alternate and the COVID-19 pandemic. With Biden, the U.S. has been setting extra emphasis on weather resilience and post-pandemic healing in its useful resource consistent with the worldwide issues of the U.S. withinside the 2020s (Shah, 2022). It is a part of a longer-time period fashion in American overseas coverage this is an increasing number of transferring toward humanitarian resource and weather international relations, specifically withinside the South Asian nations and the growing world (Greer, 2022).

At the identical time, despite the fact that below the management of the Biden management, the U.S. has long gone on supplying monetary aid, specially in instances of herbal disasters, because it did while flooding hit in 2022, the quantities of assist are smaller relative to the Obama era. This discount in developmental help mirrors the converting priorities of the US management and its reduced reliance on Pakistan as a strategic partner, specially withinside the mild of the US purpose to manipulate worldwide problems and allocate its sources to Indo-Pacific partnerships (Bajoria, 2021).

Diplomatic Engagement: Reduced Focus and Strategic Distance

Perhaps the finest divergence in phrases of method to international relations among the 2 administrations is the diploma of direct conversation and high-stage touch among the American and Pakistani presidents. During the guideline of thumb of Obama there has been quite a few involvement withinside the U.S. and Pakistan political and army degree. Along with this, Obama himself visited Pakistan in his first professional term, and distinguished leaders like Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates visited Pakistan regularly (Khan, 2017). This competitive international relations turned into required to maintain a near counterterrorism alliance especially next to the bin Laden raid and the diplomatic pessimism.

By contrast, the Biden management has taken a much less lively role. As the facts and figures display us, the Biden management has been much less engaged at once with Pakistan, in particular, on the onset of the Biden presidency. After taking office, Biden did not now no longer communicate without delay to Prime Minister Imran Khan in greater than a year, a diplomatic step that became additionally in large part visible as a demonstration of Pakistan being a low precedence to the U.S.- Pakistan relationship (Tariq, 2022). This alternate of diplomatic members of the family highlights the larger photograph of American overseas coverage moving closer to the Indo-Pacific on the fee of South Asia, as its number one recognition on China, the U.S. attempts to attention its efforts and assets in an try and stability its strategic priorities (U.S. Department of State, 2022).

Regional Stability and Security: A Shift from Intervention to Indirect Engagement

There is likewise a clean alternate withinside the have an effect on of the USA in making sure the steadiness locally in South Asia among the 2 administrations. The U.S. below Obama turned into

instrumental in securing Afghanistan, helping the army and overseeing peace talks, regularly leveraging Pakistan as its key accomplice within the attempt in opposition to the Taliban (Cohen, 2020). It isn't always that the Obama management did now no longer have tensions with concerning Pakistan within the sphere of local protection and this complexity took place to be the connection of Pakistan with the Taliban and the opposite militant groups. But the U.S. became now no longer inclined to lose Pakistan as a near best friend due to the fact Pakistan needed to stabilize Afghanistan and the relaxation of South Asians.

Under Biden there has been a thorough alternate of cognizance on Afghanistan because the U.S. withdraws in 2021. The withdrawal in chaos and failure to coordinate with Pakistan is likewise a awesome assessment to how the Biden management handled the withdrawal (Gul, 2021). Minimal session with Pakistan in figuring out to withdraw Afghanistan confirmed that Pakistan had misplaced its importance within the strategic issues of the U.S. Biden has prioritized countering China and improving the Indo-Pacific alliances, and Pakistan has performed an an increasing number of marginal function in nearby safety (Khan, 2021).

Under Biden, there is been an attempt to develop the U.S.-Pakistan courting past safety issues, specializing in geo-economics like trade, investment, and connectivity. However, the connection stays particularly restrained because of Pakistan's contemporary political and monetary crisis. President Biden hasn't engaged immediately with Pakistani top ministers all through his tenure, in contrast to preceding U.S. presidents. The State Department, though, has maintained sturdy engagement with Pakistan. Despite the shift, defence and safety cooperation among the U.S. and Pakistan continues, which include counterterrorism and a proposed \$450 million sale to keep Pakistan's F-sixteen fleet. The Biden management's opposition with China and developing partnership with India effect the U.S.-Pakistan courting. Pakistan's long-status alliance with China and contention with India affect U.S. priorities within the area.

India has expressed issues over US engagement with Pakistan, perceiving it as a capability risk to its safety interests. A shift in US method may also exacerbate those worries, probably destabilizing the place. Pakistan may also anticipate the United States to play a greater huge position in resolving its disputes with India, specifically over Kashmir. However, the United States method might also additionally cognizance on selling nearby balance in place of getting entangled in bilateral disputes. The US method can also additionally affect the dynamics of the India-Pakistan dating, probably main to improved tensions or cooperation relying on how each nations reply to US initiatives.

The moving techniques beneathneath the Obama and Biden administrations replicate the evolving nature of worldwide politics, in particular within the context of an rising multipolar order. Here's how their processes suit into this new landscape. The Obama management's strategic pivot to Asia aimed to rebalance the United States awareness at the developing monetary and navy electricity of China. This shift recounted the growing significance of the Asia-Pacific location in worldwide affairs and sought to bolster US alliances and partnerships there. Strengthening relationships with Asian international locations and selling nearby cooperation. Pursuing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) to deepen financial ties with Asia. Increasing US navy presence within the Asia-Pacific area. The Biden management has persisted the point of interest on brilliant strength opposition, especially with China, whilst additionally addressing international demanding situations like weather extrade and pandemics. Key elements include. Recognizing China as a number one geopolitical challenge, the management seeks to bolster US alliances and partnerships to counter Chinese have an effect on. Pursuing a approach of controlled opposition, in which americaA and its competitors cooperate on key problems even as competing in others. Strengthening relationships with conventional allies, inclusive of NATO, to sell balance and cooperation.

CONCLUSION

The modifications in U.S. overseas coverage closer to Pakistan withinside the Obama and Biden administrations imply the manner of converting the worldwide order and the hobbies of the U.S. The emphasis on counterterrorism and development, with heavy navy help and diplomatic involvement, utilized by Obama become a approach to stabilize Pakistan and stem extremism in South Asia. Conversely, the coverage pursued with the aid of using Biden is indicative of a much broader tendency to worldwide opposition with China, weather diplomacy, humanitarian aid, and the downsizing of the army presence withinside the area of South Asia.

It is a awesome recalibration of the overseas coverage that would have an effect on Pakistan extra than some other usa because it keeps its relationships to the U.S., China, and India. Although Pakistan nonetheless performs a key position in local security, specifically Afghanistan and India-Pakistan conflict, the U.S. has prioritized on different pastimes withinside the world. The nature of the U.S.-Pakistan dating will hold dealing with the broader dynamics of the worldwide energy balance, as Pakistan tries to pursue its strategic partnerships with each countrywide powers, because the geopolitical surroundings stays ripe to change.

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