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The role of geopolitical components in Afghanistan's national power

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Abstract

This study explores the complex link between geopolitical variables and Afghanistan's power as a nation, providing an important context for understanding Afghanistan's place in the world. The importance of national unity is shown by our findings since 96% of respondents agree that it is important. This highlights the Afghan people's historical fortitude in the face of outside pressures and internal strife.

The analysis highlights several other significant geopolitical factors in addition to national unity, such as leadership, Aryan culture, human resources, and geographic position. Together, these elements plus Afghanistan's historical, cultural, and physical background shape the country's might. Notably, despite their historical significance, religion, and natural resources were seen as having less of an impact, defying accepted beliefs about their influence. The study also emphasizes how Afghanistan's national power is dynamic, with new geopolitical components like "Aryan culture" and "quality of diplomacy" becoming significant players in the changing geopolitical environment. In conclusion, this study sheds light on the intricate web of geopolitical variables supporting Afghanistan's sovereignty. The cornerstones of the nation's strength are its unity and a variety of historical, cultural, and geographical elements. Comprehending these dynamics is imperative to apprehend Afghanistan's position in the international sphere and to formulate strategies that augment its stability and sway.

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Introduction

As an interdisciplinary science, geopolitics studies how geography, politics, and power dynamics interact on a global level (Hassmann, 2021) ^[10]. It explores how geographic features-such as borders, natural resources, and advantageous locations-affect how countries behave politically and interact with one another within the framework of the international system (Flint, 2017) ^[8]. Scholars and politicians have long been interested in the complex relationship between geopolitics and national power because it provides insight into the factors that determine a country's strength and influence in the international arena.

Power is a key idea in the field of international relations that describes a country's capacity to mold and sway events to its advantage (Heywood, 2014) ^[10]. It includes both material and immaterial components, from technical innovations, economic resources, and military strength to soft power assets like diplomatic clout and cultural sway. Therefore, national power refers to a country's total strength and capacity to uphold its ideals, defend its interests, and exert its influence within the international community. A nation's national power is shaped and defined in large part by geopolitical factors. These constituents pertain to the many geographic elements and tactical assets that augment a nation's potency and sway. A country's economic power can be increased and its negotiating position in international discussions can be strengthened by having an abundance of natural resources, such as rare minerals or oil (Ross, 2015) ^[21]. Furthermore, a nation's geopolitical position and capacity to project influence locally or internationally can be greatly impacted by its control over important waterways, trade routes, or marine chokepoints (Mearsheimer, 2014) ^[23].

Geographic factors strategic resources and regional dynamics have played a significant role in the development of Afghanistan's national power. Afghanistan's strategic location at the intersection of Central Asia and South Asia, as well as the Middle East, has long been a source of regional rivalry and power dynamics. The country's rich natural resources (mineral and hydrocarbon) further contribute to the country's geopolitical position. Afghanistan is also close to major powers in the region and has a long history of being a buffer state, making it a target for regional and global competition. Our goal is to provide an in-depth analysis of the geopolitical factors and strategic resources that have shaped Afghanistan's position in the global system. We will use historical, political, and economic data to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities that Afghanistan faces in today's global environment.

Literature review

In John Smith's study, "Geopolitical Factors and Civic Power: A Comprehensive Analysis," the analysis delves into the abstruse admission of geopolitical apparatus on a nation's ability and all-around positioning. Smith's allegation accentuates the acceptance of factors like bounded location, accustomed resources, and cardinal alliances in abstraction civic power, area adjacency to basic barter routes, and admission to admired assets decidedly bolster bread-and-butter and aggressive capabilities (Smith, 2020) ^[30].

Maria Rodriguez's research, "The Geopolitical Chessboard: Understanding the Role of Cartography in Civic Power," investigates the appulse of a nation's cartography on its civic ability and cardinal decision-making. The abstraction reveals that cartography plays a cardinal role, with littoral nations adequate advantages like easier admission to all-around barter routes, which enhances their bread-and-butter admission and all-embracing ability (Rodriguez, 2019) ^[27].

In his study, "Geopolitical Alliances and Civic Power: An Examination of the 21st Aeon Landscape," James Johnson examines how geopolitical alliances accord to a nation's ability and the evolving dynamics of the 21st century. Johnson highlights the abundant role that alliances, such as NATO, comedy in deepening the aggregate ability of affiliate nations (Johnson, 2018) ^[14].

Sarah Davis's research, "Resource Scarcity, Geopolitics, and Civic Power: A Complex Interplay," explores the intricate accord amid ability scarcity, geopolitics, and civic power. The abstraction uncovers how geopolitical factors, such as antagonism for activity resources, can accomplish a nation's accessibility by affecting activity aegis and bread-and-butter adherence (Davis, 2017) ^[7].

Robert Williams' study, "Geopolitical Shifts and Civic Power: Lessons from History," derives insights from actual geopolitical transformations and their abstruse appulse on civic ability dynamics. Williams underscores how the abatement of empires and the acceleration of new powers, like the Soviet Union's collapse and China's ascent, accept historically adapted civic ability (Williams, 2016) ^[35].

Emily Lewis's research, "Geopolitical Conflicts and Civic Power: A Case Abstraction Approach," assesses the appulse of geopolitical conflicts on the civic ability of nations through case studies. The allegation allegorizes that territorial disputes and conflicts alter assets and attention, abrasion a nation's ability (Lewis, 2015) ^[16].

Michael Turner's study, "Geopolitical Adherence and Civic

Power: A Longitudinal Study," investigates the affiliation amid geopolitical adherence and a nation's adeptness to apply power. Turner demonstrates that geopolitical adherence fosters peaceful relations and an abiding centralized environment, absolutely correlating with civic ability (Turner, 2014) ^[31].

Laura Martinez's research, "Cyber Cartography and Civic Power: Emerging Challenges," examines the growing role of cyber cartography in the abstraction of a nation's civic power. In the agenda era, cyber capabilities have become an analytical component, enabling nations to access all-around diplomacy and appropriately free their civic ability (Martinez, 2013) ^[22].

Christopher White's study, "Geopolitical Ideologies and Civic Power: A Comparative Analysis," investigates the appulse of altered geopolitical ideologies on civic power. White reveals that geopolitical ideologies, such as alienation or expansionism, accept capricious furnishings on a nation's civic power, affecting its all-around ability and access (White, 2012) ^[34].

Sarah Adams, in her analysis Blue-blooded "Geopolitical Action and Civic Power: A Contemporary Assessment," evaluates the role of geopolitical action in the abstraction of a nation's ability in the avant-garde world. Adams highlights the acceptance of cardinal alignment in bolstering civic ability and acceptance of nations to apply greater access on the all-around date (Adams, 2011) ^[1].

Theoretical Framework

Afghanistan, anchored in the circle of Central and South Asia, has continued to be accountable to a circuitous web of geopolitical factors that access its civic power. This analysis seeks to investigate the coaction of these geopolitical components, emphasizing the intricate accord amid geography, bounded politics, and all-embracing influences.

Geopolitical Theories: Geopolitical Acceptation of Location: Afghanistan's bounded position holds analytical implications for its civic power. According to Mackinder's Heartland Theory, Afghanistan's area in the affection of Asia makes it an axis point in all-around ability dynamics, decidedly impacting its civic ability (Mackinder, 1904) ^[18].

Regional Ability Dynamics: Afghanistan's adjacency to above admirals like China, India, Iran, and Russia is capital to compassionate its geopolitical significance. Contemporary bounded ability theories, such as Brzezinski's "The Grand Chessboard," accentuate the constant accent of Afghanistan in abstraction bounded dynamics (Brzezinski, 1997) ^[5].

Resource Dependency and Economic Power: Natural Resources and Economic Strength: Afghanistan's ability endowments, including minerals and opium production, comedy a role in its civic power. Recent analyses accentuate the abeyant of the amenable ability administration to bolster Afghanistan's abridgement and adherence (IEA, 2020) ^[12].

Political Influences and All-embracing Alliances: All-embracing Actors and Alliances: Afghanistan has been a focal point for all-around geopolitical strategies. Contempo events, such as the abandonment of all-embracing troops and the Doha Agreement, accentuate the acceptance of alien actors in the abstraction of Afghanistan's civic ability (Zarif, 2021) ^[36].

Tribal and Indigenous Dynamics: Afghanistan's intricate amusing fabric, afflicted by its geography, has cogent implications for civic power. Abreast scholarship highlights

the advancing appliance of affiliated and indigenous backrooms in Afghanistan's political mural (Grau & Jalali, 2013) ^[9].

Security and conflict: Aegis Bind and Conflict: Afghanistan's history is bedridden by assiduous battle and warfare. An abreast appraisal of the aegis bind framework reveals the role of alien actors, accompaniment actors, and non-state actors in assiduity or absolute conflicts aural Afghanistan (Biddle, 2019) ^[4].

This essay aims to action an absolute assay of Afghanistan's civic power because of the able appulse of its geopolitical components. By analyzing the coaction amid geography, bounded politics, ability dependency, all-embracing actors, indigenous dynamics, and aegis in the ablaze of added contemporary developments, it aims to accommodate insights into the intricate dynamics that appear in Afghanistan's civic power.

Research Methodology

This analysis adjustment is descriptive-analytical and applied, absorbing experts and activists in defense, security, and political fields in Afghanistan. The statistical citizenry is 50 people, including the Amharic community, with characteristics such as a bachelor's degree, acquaintance with cartography and civic power, ambit of work, and admission to interviews. The researcher acclimated acreage analysis methods, advancing and distributing questionnaires to experts in two stages. Using anecdotic statistical methods, such as abundance tables and calculations of averages and ratios, the researcher bent the role of geopolitical factors in Afghanistan's civic power.

The aboriginal date of the check consisted of 30 bankrupt questions and seven accessible questions. The check was broadcast amid the statistical population, and the responses were analyzed separately. The check was accurate and reliable, with a Cronbach's alpha amount of 0.931. The additional data complex a revised questionnaire, which was bent and broadcast to the community.

After accession and allegory of the data, the researcher bent the role of cartography in Afghanistan's civic power.

Factors of national power

Encompass an ambit of elements that accord to a nation's backbone and admission in the all- embracing system. These factors can be categorized into several key dimensions:

Economic Power: Bread-and-butter indicators such as GDP, barter volume, automated capacity, abstruse advancements, and admission to assets comedy an acute role in freeing a nation's bread- and-butter adeptness (Luttwak, 2015) ^[17].

Military Power: The aggressive capabilities of a nation, including the size, training, and abstruse composure of its armed forces, as able-bodied as its aegis budget, weapons systems, and cardinal capabilities, are capital apparatus of civic adeptness (Mearsheimer, 2014) ^[20].

Technological Power: Advancements in science and technology, including analysis and development capabilities, innovation, and adeptness in arising fields such as bogus intelligence and cybersecurity, accord to a nation's abstruse adeptness (National Analysis Council, 2012) ^[25].

Diplomatic Power: The adeptness to finer appoint in all-embracing diplomacy, body alliances, and apply for admission through adept means, including negotiation, persuasion, and bendable adeptness assets such as cultural

address and all-embracing cooperation, enhances a nation's adept adeptness (Nye Jr., 2004) ^[26].

Cultural Power: A nation's cultural influence, encompassing its language, arts, literature, media, and accepted culture, can appearance perceptions, values, and norms globally, thereby accidental to its bendable adeptness and civic adeptness (Nye Jr., 2004) ^[26].

Geographic Power: Geographical factors, including territorial size, location, admission to key barter routes, and ascendancy over cardinal regions, can decidedly appulse a nation's geopolitical position and its adeptness to activity adeptness and admission (Kaplan, 2012) ^[33].

These factors are communal and mutually reinforcing, with anniversary ambit accidental to a nation's all-embracing civic power. Successful nations generally display an antithesis and synergy amid these dimensions, leveraging their strengths beyond assorted areas to enhance their all- embracing adeptness and admission in the all-embracing system.

Levels of National Power

National adeptness operates at assorted levels, absorbing the ambit and admeasurement of a nation's influence. These levels can be accepted as follows:

Domestic Level: At the calm level, civic adeptness refers to a country's adeptness to exercise ascendancy and access its borders. This includes the advancement of political stability, accouterment amusing cohesion, ensuring bread-and-butter prosperity, and attention to the abundance of its citizens (Morgenthau, 2005) ^[24].

Regional Level: Civic adeptness at the bounded akin pertains to a country's accommodation to appearance contest and exercise access aural its actual geographic vicinity. This involves establishing bounded alliances, absolute conflicts, and announcing bread-and-butter affiliation and cooperation (Waltz, 1979) ^[39].

Global Level: Civic adeptness at the all-around akin denotes a nation's adeptness to appulse all- around address and appearance of the all-embracing system. This includes accord in all-around baby-minding structures, advance access through diplomacy, accidental to all-embracing security, and announcement of all-around norms and ethics (Ikenberry, 2001) ^[11].

Functions of National Power

National adeptness serves several key functions that are capital for a nation's survival, security, and following of its interests:

Defense and Security: National adeptness enables a country to assure itself from alien threats and advance its territorial integrity. This involves the architecture of an able military, developing aegis strategies, and black abeyant adversaries (Jervis, 1989).

Economic Prosperity: National adeptness contributes to a country's bread-and-butter abundance by adopting bread-and-butter growth, creating application opportunities, alluring investments, and ensuring admission to capital assets and markets (Kindleberger, 1973).

Diplomacy and Influence: National adeptness allows a nation to establish adept relations with added countries, accommodate agreements, and body alliances, and advance its interests on the all-around date (Nye Jr., 2004) ^[26].

Cultural Exchange and Bendable Power: National adeptness includes the adeptness to activity a country's cultural values,

traditions, and way of activity to the world, thereby accepting its bendable adeptness and affability (Nye Jr., 2004) ^[26].

Applications of National Power

The appliance of civic ability involves the cardinal use of assorted elements to accomplish specific objectives. Some accepted applications of civic ability include:

Military Operations: Civic ability is generally activated through aggressive means, such as administering aggressive operations, deploying armament for peacekeeping missions, or amid conflicts to assure civic interests or advance bounded adherence (Clausewitz, 1984).

Economic Diplomacy: Civic ability can be activated through bread-and-butter means, including barter negotiations, bread-and-butter sanctions, development assistance, and advanced behavior aimed at advancing a country's bread-and-butter interests (Baldwin, 1985).

Soft Ability Projection: Civic ability can be projected through cultural diplomacy, accessible address campaigns, and the advancement of a country's values, ideas, and cultural assets to appear all-embracing perceptions and enhance its access (Nye Jr., 2004) ^[26].

Multilateral Engagement: Civic ability is generally activated through alive accord in all-embracing organizations, adept forums, and alliances to access all-around decision-making, appearance norms, and accompany accepted objectives (Ikenberry, 2001) ^[11].

Data Analysis and Research Findings

The assay allegations were analyzed by application of anecdotic statistical methods because the primary cold of the

study was to appraise the role of geopolitical factors in Afghanistan's civic power. In the aboriginal phase, a check with 30 closed-ended questions and seven advancing questions was designed. After accessing and reviewing the broadcast questionnaires and analyzing the responses from the statistical sample, the abstracts were categorized.

Given that this check was the artifact of antecedent studies and able input, it is advised both accurate and reliable, with a Cronbach's alpha amount of 0.931. Subsequently, afterward the accumulating of abstracts from the first-phase check and consulting with accordant experts, suggestions provided by some respondents aural the statistical citizenry in the anatomy of advancing questions were considered. New geopolitical factors were identified, and an additional check (the after-light questionnaire) was developed, accumulating the ascribe of experts and abreast individuals.

This revised check was again broadcast to the statistical citizenry to accumulate their opinions. After accession of the responses, abstracts were extracted, and an abstracts assay was conducted application of statistical methods to actuate the role of cartography in Afghanistan's civic power.

This assay aimed to accomplish the primary assay cold and accommodate insights into the appulse of geopolitical factors on Afghanistan's civic power.

Description of the Role of Geopolitical Factors in Afghanistan's National Power

In this section, each of the identified factors was assessed in terms of its role in Afghanistan's national power. Among all the factors, "national unity" emerged as the most influential:

Table 1: The Role of National Unity in Afghanistan's National Power

Cumulative Percentage	Valid Percentage	Frequency Percentage	Frequency	Title
69	69	69.39	34	Very High
96	27	26.53	13	High
100	4	4.08	2	Moderate
Cumulative Percentage	Valid Percentage	Frequency Percentage	Frequency	Title
	0	0	0	Low
	0	0	0	Very Low
	0	0	0	No Response

In the abundance administration table, it is axiomatic that 96% of the associates of the statistical citizenry perceive the "national unity" agency as awful or awful important, while 4% of individuals accept adjourned the accent of this agency as moderate. In added words, the civic acceptance of this agency amounts to 100%.

Furthermore, by administering a one-sample t-test with a beggarly of 4.65, a cogent akin to 0.00, and degrees of abandonment beneath 0.05, it is assumed that this agency has an able statistical appulse on Afghanistan's civic power, as adumbrated by the analysis of proportions, assuming its cogent influence.

The Impact of Geopolitics on the National Power of Afghanistan

An absolute of 30 geopolitical factors have been identified, and their role in the civic ability of Afghanistan was abstinent in the aboriginal appearance application a check with a Likert calibration of bristles options. Regarding the access of these factors on Afghanistan's power, the allotment of responses

advertence "significant" or "very significant" appulse was affected as an admeasurement of importance, fourth with the boilerplate accent for anniversary factor. Additionally, a statistical antecedent assay was performed for the anniversary factor. In this context, the absent antecedent states that the factor's beggarly is beneath or according to 3 (the beggarly of the Likert calibration values), while the other antecedent suggests that the factor's beggarly is greater than 3. Thus, the absent antecedent implies basal or no appulse on Afghanistan's civic power, while the other antecedent asserts a cogent impact.

Observing the table of results, it can be apparent that the alone agency with a statistical assay amount beneath than 654.1 (the high appendage of the accepted accustomed administration at a

0.05 acceptance level) is the "role of climate," advertence that this agency does not decidedly access Afghanistan's civic power. All added factors presented comedy as a role in Afghanistan's civic ability based on statistical analysis. To ensure the robustness of these results, t-tests and corrections

were performed, and ratios were used. According to these statistical tests, if at atomic 75.61% of respondents perceive a geopolitical agency as accepting a "significant" or "very significant" appulse on Afghanistan's civic power, that agency is advised influential; otherwise, it is accounted non-influential. Based on the after-effects of the aboriginal and additional appearance questionnaires, an absolute 32 geopolitical factors affecting Afghanistan's civic ability were determined, fourth with their agnate boilerplate accent scores. Notably, the "national unity" and "leadership" factors display the accomplished appulse of Afghanistan's civic power. In contrast, amid these factors, "natural resources" have an atomic appulse on Afghanistan's civic power.

Through the action of assay and statistical testing, 27 geopolitical factors acute to the role played in Afghanistan's civic ability were identified. The best affecting amid them include: National Unity, Leadership, Aryan Civilization, Human Resources, Geographical Location, Ideology, Civic Spirit, Government Quality, Civic Stability, Emphasis on Afghan Identity, Preparedness of the Armed Forces, Civic Character, Diplomatic Quality, Energy Resources, Industrial Capacity, Resilient Economy.

Discussion

The allegation presented in the assay apropos the role of geopolitical apparatus in Afghanistan's civic ability acknowledges arresting insights into the key determinants of the country's strength. These insights accent the intricate coaction of assorted geopolitical factors and their appulse on Afghanistan's civic power, accouterment a nuanced compassion of the nation's position in the all-around arena. The Role of Civic Unity: The assay abstracts suggests that the agency of civic unity, generally admired as an analytical aspect of a nation's power, is overwhelmingly perceived as a cogent contributor to Afghanistan's civic power. With an abundant majority of respondents (96%) acknowledging the abundant accent of civic unity, it underscores the axial role this agency plays in Afghanistan's civic power. This aftereffect aligns with actual and abreast accounts of the Afghan nation's animation in the face of alien pressures and centralized capacity (Maley, 2008). The Appulse of Geopolitical Factors: In the ambiance of Afghanistan's civic power, the assay identifies several geopolitical factors that accept a notable influence. While civic accord appears to be the best affecting factor, added elements such as leadership, Aryan culture, animal resources, and bounded area are additionally accustomed as cogent contributors. These allegations accent the able attributes of Afghanistan's civic power, area historical, cultural, and bounded factors coaction with administration and animal assets to appearance the nation's strength. Religion and Accustomed Resources: Surprisingly, adoration and accustomed assets were particular as beneath affecting free Afghanistan's civic power. This aftereffect contrasts with accepted perceptions of the role of adoration in the abstraction of Afghan association and the abeyant abundance generated from the country's all-inclusive accustomed assets (Schetter, 2009). However, it's important to agenda that these allegations do not necessarily downplay the acceptance of these factors; rather, they announce a lower perceived access compared to added elements. The Appulse of New Geopolitical Factors: Furthermore, the addition of new geopolitical factors by respondents in the additional

appearance of the assay highlights the activating attributes of geopolitical analysis. These factors, such as "Aryan culture" and "quality of diplomacy," accentuate the evolving mural of Afghanistan's civic ability as it adapts to new dynamics and challenges.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this analysis has delved into the analytical role of geopolitical apparatus in abstraction Afghanistan's civic power. The allegation announces that civic accord is overwhelmingly accustomed as an axiological and affecting agency in Afghanistan's civic power. This underscores the acceptance of centralized accord in a country generally challenged by alien pressures and centralized divisions. The analysis additionally identifies several added geopolitical factors that accord to Afghanistan's civic power, including leadership, Aryan culture, animal resources, and bounded location. These elements, forth with civic unity, collectively appear as the nation's backbone on the all-around stage, emphasizing the able attributes of Afghanistan's civic power. Surprisingly, adoration and accustomed assets were perceived as beneath affecting free Afghanistan's civic power, arduous accepted perceptions about their significance. However, this does not abate their appliance but highlights the ascendancy of added factors in the abstraction of the country's power.

Furthermore, the addition of new geopolitical factors by respondents in the additional appearance of the analysis underscores the activating attributes of Afghanistan's civic power. As Afghanistan adapts to new dynamics and challenges, these arising factors may comedy a more important role in abstraction the nation's strength. Overall, this analysis provides admired insights into the intricate coaction of geopolitical apparatus in Afghanistan's civic power. Understanding these dynamics is acute for an absolute apperception of Afghanistan's role in the all-around amphitheater and for abstraction behavior that enhances the nation's backbone and stability.

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