

Determinants of Indian Foreign Policy –

Power as determinant of foreign policy –

Foreign policy has been referred to as synthesis of ends and means, and power has been identified as means. Needless to say, that power is an essential element of politics. The meaning and importance of power is crucial for foreign policy. Power is a phenomenon of all relationships. It is defined by many scholars. According to one, it is ability or capacity to control other. It is a central concept in International Relations. Hans J. Morgenthau described all kinds of politics as a struggle for power. And therefore, international politics is the struggle for power among states.

In general, it is considered that foreign policy aims at the regulation of behavior of other states. Power alone makes state to formulate and implement foreign policy definitely.

Robert Dahl believes that power becomes an end in itself as state desires to have more and more power.

According to political scientist, professor V.V. Dyke, power is both 'the capstone among the objectives which the state pursues and the cornerstone among the methods which they employ'.

T. A. Coulombis and James Wolfe, authors of *Introduction to International Relations: Power and Justice*, defined power as an umbrella concept that denotes anything that 'establishes and maintains the control of Actor, A over B'. It has 3 ingredients-

Authority-

Influence-

Force-...