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Weekly assignments

2.4 Discussion analysis

1. United States both in population and its leaders conceive its role in the world in the aftermath of WWII. After WWII there had been political upheaval in the world which encouraged US leaders to take part in the global matters. United States realized that Soviet Union has started exerting its influence across the countries. This encouraged American leaders specifically Truman to take part in world affairs (Cooke, 1948). Crisis in Europe are most imminent factor that encouraged America to support it in regaining economic stability. Leaders had realized that the economic decline can impact American economy later. US therefore suggested a reconstruction plan to Europe and helped it in overcoming crisis. The reason for US leaders to take role after WWII was to weaken the power of Soviet.

2. Truman administration was motivated by factors for taking part in European crisis. I think that the most dominant reason for Truman’s administration was the geopolitical expansion of Soviet Union. Truman aimed at preventing the spread of communism which was the mission of Soviet. Truman doctrine stated that US will not remain an isolated country but take part in world affairs. Marshal plan was also developed under the guidance and according to the instructions of Truman (Cooke, 1948). US assumed that due to war Europe might turn to communism. The reason for building a Marshall plan was to offer aid to Europe for overcoming its crisis. The plan worked well as it helped Europe in rehabilitation and also boosted American economy. I think Truman’s focus was on resisting against communism. Also it was not possible for America to become an isolated state after world war because it was linked to the countries due to its trade. Marshal plan had been successful in combating against the spread of communism.

3. President Trump and his administration is not correct in withdrawing its role as a global leader. Trump’s policy is to ‘make America great again’ which motivated him to focus on nation’s development only. His administration believes that taking a role of global leader has already cost America billions of dollars which is wrong. US withdrew itself from Paris Agreement under Trump’s agenda of focusing on country’s interest. Rest of the world is also criticizing the role of Trump’s administration in adopting a strict foreign policy (Zhang, Qing-ChenChao, Zheng, & Huang, 2017). I think the bold moves of Trump and his administration are wrong because it has undermined international relationships of America with other countries. US has adopted a strict immigration policy that also reflects its denial for taking the role of global leader. Since Trump came into power his focus has been on restricting immigrants and deported many undocumented foreigners. America also adopted a strict policy against refugees. Closing trade with neighbor country Mexico is also showing Trump’s agenda of limiting America’s involvement in global matters.

4. If United States withdraws from world affairs it would impact other countries negatively. Two significant areas that suffered adverse implications include immigration and climate protection. The foreign policy of Trump reflects that US don’t want to take interest in global affairs that don’t benefits the country. For this reasons Trump has reduced funds for the agenda of global climate protection. Entire focus of Trump and his administration is on strengthening its nuclear power and military base. Withdrawal from Paris Agreement will have adverse implications on the global agenda of protecting climate. America’s decision of withdrawing from global affairs will also discourage other countries from becoming part of global initiatives such as helping refugees or reducing global warming. By denying any global responsibility America will play a negative role. Consider for example Trump’s decision of not becoming part of Paris Agreement (Zhang, Qing-ChenChao, Zheng, & Huang, 2017). This agreement is emphasizing on limiting the use of carbon technologies for attaining environmental sustainability (Washington, 2019). I think this is wrong because America itself remained a strong advocate of globalization and encouraged many other countries for entering into trade. However recently it imposed sanctions on countries like Mexico and China. This will affect the business and trade in these countries. Also American has discouraged the role of globalization.

Response

Hello Navarre,

I like your post because you have attempted to provide detailed answers to all questions. I agree that WWII brought a sense of urgency for US population and leaders as they realized the repercussions. Western Europe continues to exert its influence on rest of the world. I think aftermath of WWII convinced US to adopt and strict defensive policy. I agree with Navarre that President Truman and his administration was motivated by economic assistance offered by Greek government. The speech appealed US for taking action against Europe. I strongly agree that Greece was heading to civil war which encouraged US to take part in European crisis. The ideas of Truman were highlighted in the foreign policy. It is also associated with the Marshall plan that was presented in the initial period of cold war. I think Truman was also motivated by the geopolitical expansion of Soviet Union. I don’t agree that Trump and his administration are correct in withdrawing from its role as a global leader. I think US remained the strongest advocate of globalization and now acting opposing which is unfair. Rest of the world will be affected negatively if US withdrew it from global affairs.

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