

# Populism and Foreign Policy: A Study of the Role of Populist Leaders in Shaping Foreign Policy of Pakistan

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## Abstract

“This research investigates the role of populist leaders in shaping Pakistan's foreign policy choices, with a specific focus on the interaction between populism and diplomatic frameworks. Through a comprehensive literature review, case studies, and analysis, the paper explores how populist rhetoric influences foreign policy decisions and examines the implications for Pakistan's global standing. The research work is interpretive, make explicit, detailing the data sources and analytical categories. Case studies include the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, relations with India, and interactions with the United States. The findings highlight the complexities of populist-driven foreign policy and its impact on regional and international dynamics. Populist leaders like Imran Khan have prioritized nationalist sentiments, economic sovereignty, and anti-establishment narratives, impacting diplomatic relations and strategic partnerships. The paper concludes with recommendations for policymakers to navigate populist influences effectively and suggests areas for future research to further understand the evolving role of populism in Pakistan's foreign relations.”

## Keywords

Polulism. Foreign Policy, Pakistan, Diplomacy, Regional and Global Dynamics