

U.S. Involvement in South China Sea

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Abstract

In many times the United States involved in many conflicts in all around the world. South China Sea is another conflicting area which has not found a suitable solution to resolve the dispute. As the rebalancing of U.S. control towards the Asia-Pacific happens, the potential for struggle has expanded in the South China Sea because of China's self-assuredness. Accordingly, the United States has made its expectations obvious about its objectives in the area. As an emerging partner, the Vietnam is the most resistant petitioner in the regional debate and has effectively tried to reinforce its military and security partnership as a counter balance to overwhelming Chinese military predominance. Therefore, the main objective of this study is to examine the game among core players of this dispute and their policies and strategies in this issue. This study also aims to study on provocations and challenges which emerges in this dispute. The findings of this study manifest that the relationships of USA with East-Asian countries has caused to China's instigating and provocative role in the region as long as U.S. maintain close connection with these countries. This study takes up a qualitative approach and completely based on secondary data. To suggest the suitable policy options to resolve the dispute this study analyze the possible impacts of this territorial dispute. A SWOT analysis is a better way to identify strengths and weakness, opportunities and threats of each countries which are involved in this dispute. According to this analysis countries can find available options especially United States to avoid the security threats in the region and thereby this study recommended available options to resolve this dispute immediately and establish the peace and security in the region.

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