

The Influence of 'AUKUS' Military Alliance on European Strategic Interesting study

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Abstract

International society faces various dynamics and dilemmas. Nation States seeks to accomplish their national interest through different methods. Strategic affairs have recently become one of the major study fields under International Relations. Recently there was a controversial discussion about the Strategic Autonomy of Europe. European Union attempts to implement an autonomous strategy from the other nations of the western world such as United States and United Kingdom. Another interesting alliance that has been created is the 'AUKUS'. It is a tri party military alliance which consist United States, United Kingdom and Australia. The purpose of the Military alliance is to provide nuclear powered submarines to Australia to patrol them in nearby the South China Sea in order to counter the expansion of China in the Indo-Pacific region. However, Australia entered in to this alliance cancelling the agreement with France regarding their navel security. This matter formulated a Geo-Political tension with the agreement of AUKUS. However, the objective of the research is to find out whether this Military alliance of 'AUKUS' promoted the European Strategic Autonomy as with separation of United States and United Kingdom from the Europe Strategically. This research is based on qualitative data. The method of descriptive analysis has been used to analyze the qualitative data of the research. The materials which have been used for this particular research are literature relevant to the purpose of the research and they are such as research papers, online publications, reports, journal articles and interviews etc. The data have collected form open sources. The Results of the research shows that 'AUKUS' alliance prompted a clear tension between France and among the members of this alliance. Its shows that there is certainly a strategic split among the western powers. By establishing a military pact, the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia engage with a hard approach to Chinese presence in the Indo-Pacific. This is much different than the soft approach that Europe conducts against China. This new alliance has questioned the relevance of existence of the current military alliance NATO. It is evident that AUKUS has clearly rejected the EU states. Because of the above reasons EU lead by France is able to push their autonomous strategy. Therefor the conclusion of the research is that it was significant that the AUKUS military alliance prompted the Europe to focus on their Strategic Autonomy separately from the other western powers.

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