# Understanding the Foreign Policy doctrine of Biden Era

## Why in news?

The end of Afghanistan War has led to a new foreign policy doctrine for the Biden era

## What are the components of the doctrine?

- **Focus on China and Russia** - containing China and Russia will be the focus of US foreign policy under him
- **Cyber security** -It is a new mode of warfare and must be given prime attention
- **America's counter-terrorism project** – It will be pursued through "over the horizon" capabilities, meaning satellites and unmanned drones, will be the predominant instruments
- **Purpose of external military deployment** - nation-making or democracy-building will not be the purpose. It will be strictly limited to security
- **Security** - Security will not include counter-insurgency, meaning long-term military involvement in a civil war
- **Key drivers of foreign policy** - democracy and human rights will continue to be key drivers of foreign policy, but economic tools and diplomacy will be the main methods for achieving such goals

## What are the critics pointing out?

- Critics say that the option of keeping a small force in Afghanistan was available which would not have handed a victory to the Taliban
- They point that the fundamental flaw of America's security approach was its concentration of power in Kabul
- It is not clear whether Biden consulted European allies (NATO) before deciding to withdraw
- Thousands of Afghan allies were left behind in a vulnerable situation to the Taliban's aggression
- Questions over US' firm support to Taiwan which is mortally threatened by a surging China is under suspicion

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