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Modernizing infrastructure is key – they’re missing an internal link

CoC 11 Chamber of Commerce 11 (“Steps to a 21st Century U.S.-Mexico Border”, http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/mexicoreportfullbook.pdf, June 9 2011, US Chamber of Commerce)

To keep pace with transformations in the national and global economies, the U.

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are also necessary, particularly at the U.S.-Mexico border.

US-Mexico relations are key to solve cyber-security threats

Downie 11 Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, 11 (Dr. Richard, deputy director and fellow with the CSIS Africa Program, master’s degree in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, “Critical Strategic Decisions in Mexico: the Future of US/Mexican Defense Relations,” July 2011, http://www.ndu.edu/chds/docuploaded/Dr\_Downie\_OCP\_2011.pdf)

2). Impact on US/Mexico Defense Relationship. The “stay the course

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to a closer US/Mexico defense relationship arising from our past history.

Miscalculation goes nuclear

Coleman 8 (Kevin, Technology Management Consultant, “Department of Cyber Defense An

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that a conventional exchange could escalate to the use of weapons of mass destruction

2AC AT Advantage CP 2

It’s a question of jurisdictional funding – cx proves the cp can’t do that

CAL 13 (California Legislature, 5/1/13, “Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the United States-Mexico border.”,<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ajr_4_bill_20130501_chaptered.htm>, AW)

AJR 4, Hueso. The United States-Mexico border. This measure would

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each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

2AC AT Politics

No impact to green tech leadership and no collapse

Vic Shao, Chief Executive Officer of Green Charge Networks, an energy storage startup based in Silicon Valley, 14 [“Vic is Chief Executive Officer of Green Charge Networks, an energy storage startup based in Silicon Valley, jan 11, http://www.care2.com/greenliving/5-reasons-the-cleantech-industry-is-stronger-than-ever.html#ixzz2xN748IW3]

As a cleantech CEO who has received $12M in funding from the US Department

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with new technology, it’s clear that the cleantech industry isn’t going anywhere.

Patent lobbies are huge – block legislation

William Neilson Jr., Political writer, 4/16 [“Lobbyists continue to cut down any productive patent reform,” http://www.androidauthority.com/patent-reform-368922/]

Last year, mega patent-troll Intellectual Ventures opened up shop in Washington,

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been lobbying them for years with high pay and little work to achieve.

Ukraine, Syria, Middle East, and Asia pivot are way bigger foreign policy crises than the plan

Gideon Rachman is chief foreign-affairs commentator for the Financial Times, 4/23 [“Obama’s ‘Asia pivot’ ambiguous and distracted,” http://gulfnews.com/opinions/columnists/obama-s-asia-pivot-ambiguous-and-distracted-1.1323478]

Ukraine is a distraction. Syria is a distraction. For believers in America’s “

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a long way to convincing the critics that the pivot really means something.

Midterm season is here early – nothing will pass

Tim Mak, Congressional Correspondent, 4/25 [“Congress kicks back as campaign politics takes over,” http://washingtonexaminer.com/congress-kicks-back-as-campaign-politics-takes-over/article/2547687]

Congress has entered an early hibernation period.¶ Between now and Election Day in November

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anticipate happening for the rest of the year? Not a whole lot.”

Winners win and PC isn’t key

Hirsh 13 (Michael, Chief correspondent for National Journal, Previously served as the senior editor and national economics correspondent for Newsweek, Overseas Press Club award for best magazine reporting from abroad in 2001 and for Newsweek’s coverage of the war on terror which also won a National Magazine Award, There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital, http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207)

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun control issues illustrates how suddenly shifts

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

Obama doesn’t push the plan

Combs 1 Window on State Government - Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts 2001 State Functions at the Texas-Mexico Border and Cross-Border Transportation http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/border/sfatb2.html

II. Responsibilities of Governmental Agencies and Private Entities at the Texas-Mexico Border

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inspections include more detailed reviews of cargo documentation, cargo, and drivers.

PC not real

Edwards 9 Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University, holds the George and Julia Blucher Jordan Chair in Presidential Studies and has served as the Olin Professor of American Government at Oxford [George, “The Strategic President”, Printed by the Princeton University Press, pg. 149-150]

Even presidents who appeared to dominate Congress were actually facilitators rather than directors of change

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to issue, it will almost always be a minority in each chamber.

Improving POE’s has bipartisan agreement

Ramos 13 (Kristian Ramos is New Democracy Network’s Policy Director of the 21st Century Border Initiative, “Realizing the Strategic National Value of our Trade, Tourism and Ports of Entry with Mexico” The New Policy Institute is the educational affiliate of the NDN, a think tank based in Washington, DC. May 2013 http://ndn.org/sites/default/files/blog\_files/NPI%20U%20S%20-Mexico%20Trade%20Tourism%20POE%20Report\_0.pdf)

Key policies and infrastructure can either help or hinder this enormous economic exchange. Forty

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number one or number two trading partner, multiplying jobs in both countries.

Group support

BH 10 (“Senators: U.S. Must Invest in Infrastructure, Personnel at International Bridges” http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=InNews&ContentRecord\_id=8fca6ad8-c12f-4b06-82fe-fad0ccbc76c4)

The state’s members of the U.S. House of Representatives have lobbied unsuccessfully

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we were fine at the ports, but that was a false assumption.”

2AC AT Oil Dependence

LNG boom solves oil dependence

Meghan Foley, 8/25/13, USA Today, http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2013/08/25/natural-gas-boom-overkill/2692767/

Natural gas was first a boon for domestic energy producers and then an albatross.

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natural gas than it can use.

No impact to dependence – countries cooperate

Jaffe 8 [Amy Myers Jaffe is the Wallace S. Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, “ Opportunity, not War,” Survival | vol. 50 no. 4 | August–September 2008 | pp. 61–82]

We’ve heard the argument before: scarcity of future oil supplies is a danger to

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in ‘The Impending Oil Shock’ is whether this time will be different.

2AC AT Pemex Reform

New requirements made means PEMEX won’t sign on – no risk it passes

MSN 14 (Microsoft Network Money, News Center, “Mexico energy reform won't force Pemex into contracts – lawmakers”, <http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=OBR&date=20140219&id=17365619>, ZS)

The keenly awaited fine print that will flesh out a landmark Mexican energy reform will

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private or foreign energy companies, will likely not be considered until September.

Won’t pass – tons of pounders

Reuters 4/26

Reuters, 4/26/14, (“Competition bill passes Mexico's Senate, easing legislative logjam”, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/04/26/mexico-reforms-idUKL2N0NI01F20140426>, AW)

Lawmakers face a legislative logjam that includes

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before the oil sector overhaul can pass.

No chance of success – overwhelming opposition – also no risk Nieto’s key

Booton 4/11 Jennifer Booton FOX Business, April 11, 2014, (“Challenges Loom Despite 'Vast Opportunities' for Mexican Oil”, <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2014/04/11/despite-vast-opportunities-for-oil-in-mexico-challenges-loom/>, AW)

As Mexico works to denationalize its oil and gas market after seven decades, billions

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detailed framework for the reform is expected to be announced later this month.

2AC AT Mexican Politics

Increasing cooperation popular among most Mexican voters

Taylor 12 (Guy Taylor, the Washington Times State Department correspondent, whose work was supported by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting and the Fund For Investigative Journalism, Charismatic front-runner in Mexican presidential race vows shift on drugs, trade, 4/17/12, http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/apr/17/trade-top-priority-for-mexican-front-runner/)

The front-runner in Mexico’s presidential race has attracted throngs of supporters among elite

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States and Canada, but especially with the United States,” he said.

No political capital left to push

Avalos 12(Jorge Ramos Ávalos is a Mexican journalist, anchor for Noticiero Univision and host of the Sunday morning news talk show Al Punto, “A Credibility Crisis for Mexico’s New President,” November 21, 2012, http://jorgeramos.com/en/a-credibility-crisis-for-mexicos-new-president)

Enrique Pena Nieto is facing a credibility problem: Millions of Mexicans remain convinced that

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the evidence, that Mexico had held “a free and authentic election.”

Declining economy kills Nieto’s credibility – plan’s key to solve

AP 12/9 (Associated Press via Huffington Post International News Service, “Enrique Pena Nieto's Approval Ratings Drop In His First Year”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/10/enrique-pena-nieto-approval-ratings_n_4421276.html>, ZS)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A poll in Mexico says approval for President Enrique

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been governing. The error margin was plus or minus three percentage points.

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The IMF fails with Mexico – prefer empirics – it also triggers national debt which makes the link to politics

Vasquez 12 (Ian Vasquez, Cato Institute, “What To Expect From IMF? Look At Mexico”, <http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/what-expect-imf-look-mexico>, ZS)

Now that the House has decided to put off a vote on IMF funding until

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S. national debt and affect the borrowing costs of the federal government.

Total US engagement k2 relations

Woodrow Wilson Center 09, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute, “THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO: Towards a Strategic Partnership,” <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/The%20U.S.%20and%20Mexico.%20Towards%20a%20Strategic%20Partnership.pdf>

The Obama administration and the incoming Congress have the opportunity to raise the level of

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engagement: security cooperation, economic integration, immigration, and border management.

## 1AR Politics

There’s a slew of battles coming up that drains PC

Carrie Budoff Brown, Politico, 3/30/14, Obama’s overseas trip: 5 big takeaways, dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=BEB92240-B170-43D0-822A-3E36407BF469

President Barack Obama zigzagged across Europe to

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Succeeding in any one of these areas would be a major second-term accomplishment.

Zero risk of uniqueness or link – patent reform won’t even get to committee until after the spring recess

Ed Silverstein is an award-winning reporter and editor, 4/10 [“Will U.S. patent reform take place this spring or continue to be delayed?” http://www.insidecounsel.com/2014/04/10/will-us-patent-reform-take-place-this-spring-or-co]

A proposed patent reform bill has been delayed once again by the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Senators wanted more time to examine the provisions – particularly among the Democrats.

Bipartisan consensus – Obama also isn’t tied

Ramos 13 (Ramos, Kristian. "Updating Ports of Entry Will Help Preserve Our Vital Trade with Mexico | 21st Century Border." 21st Century Border. 07 June 2013. <http://21border.com/2013/06/07/updating-ports-of-entry-will-help-preserve-our-vital-trade-with-mexico/>)

The immigration legislation making its way through Congress addresses legalization, border security, a

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to the region’s economy and help ensure the years ahead are prosperous ones.