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**Interpretation – economic engagement must be conditional**

**Shinn 96** [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists of a set of objectives, a strategy for

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105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

## 1NC Counterplan

Counterplan: The United States federal government should ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

CTBT is key to legitimacy of treaty-based regimes – that’s the vital internal link to binding multilateral cooperation

Jayantha Dhanapala 05, member of the Board of Sponsors of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and a governing board member of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 2005, (“Multilateral Diplomacy and the NPT: An Insider’s Account”, <http://www.unidir.org/files/publications/pdfs/multilateral-diplomacy-and-the-npt-an-insider-s-account-323.pdf>, AW)

INTRODUCTION: UNDERSTANDING THE NPT IN ITS WIDER CONTEXT

Previous chapters have described many events concerning the package of decisions in 1995 that resulted

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conditions can, if ignored, become a seedbed for future global catastrophes.

## 1NC Security

Orthodox atomistic approaches to global problems makes extinction inevitable – we control causality of conflict

Ahmed 12 Dr. Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed is Executive Director of the Institute for Policy

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, 2011 Taylor Francis 3. From securitisation to militarisation 3.1 Complicity

Orthodox IR approaches: occluding systems, securitising crises, reifying violence 2.1

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necessitating more violence, while inhibiting preventive action, it guarantees greater insecurity.

The alternative is to reject the 1AC – it adopts a critical approach to IR

Bilgin 5—Pinar Bilgin, Associate Professor of International Relations at Bilkent University (Turkey) [“Conclusion,” Regional Security in the Middle East: A Critical Perspective, Published by Routledge, ISBN 0415325498, p. 205-207]

Emphasising the mutually interactive relationship between intellectuals and social movements should not be taken to

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‘desired’ future but is also cognisant of ‘threats to the future’.

## 1NC Politics

Obama’s push is making NSA agreement converge now, but current political momentum is key

Darren Samuelsohn, senior policy reporter for POLITICO Pro, and Jake Sherman, congressional reporter for POLITICO, 4/9 [“Dueling dilemmas for national security reform,” http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/nsa-national-security-reform-105549.html]

In the House, Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and Majority Leader

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of both Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

The plan is a massive congressional fight that infects the legislative future of unrelated initiatives

LeoGrande 12 [William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf]

Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie? Political considerations played

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capital rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action

That’s key to NSA authority—Congress would easily reject all NSA surveillance

Brendan Sasso, National Journal, 3/25/14, Why Obama and His NSA Defenders Changed Their Minds, www.nationaljournal.com/tech/why-obama-and-his-nsa-defenders-changed-their-minds-20140325

It was only months ago that President Obama, with bipartisan backing from the heads

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think that more than anything else, that is galvanizing us into action."

Obama and the House Intelligence Committee leaders believe their proposals are now the NSA's best

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Freedom Act, and outside groups will continue their policy push as well.

NSA intelligence capabilities critical to US leadership, and prevention of terror and cyber attacks

Michelle Van Cleave, Senior fellow, National War College, Jack Kemp Foundation Principal, Nov/Dec 2013, What It Takes: In Defense of the NSA, www.worldaffairsjournal.org/article/what-it-takes-defense-nsa

Highest on the list of “lessons learned” from the September 11th terrorist attack

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very least, a part of the continuing experiment that is our democracy.

Extinction

Owen B. Toon 07, chair of the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at CU-Boulder, et al., April 19, 2007, “Atmospheric effects and societal consequences of regional scale nuclear conflicts and acts of individual nuclear terrorism,” online: http://climate.envsci.rutgers.edu/pdf/acp-7-1973-2007.pdf

To an increasing extent, people are congregating in the world’s great urban centers,

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should be carried out as well for the present scenarios and physical outcomes.

## 1NC ALBA

Latin American geopolitics are split for the time being – but an indication of Cuban preeminence unites them

Cave 14

Damien Cave 14, NY Times, (“Response From Latin American Leaders on Venezuelan Unrest Is Muted”, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/22/world/americas/response-from-latin-american-leaders-on-venezuelan-unrest-is-muted.html?_r=0>, AW)

MEXICO CITY — When President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela arrived in Havana for a regional

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and sustains Cuba. The politics of this are very, very complicated.”

Plan revives Latin American anti-Americanism – surrenders to Castro and lionizes Cuba

Brookes 9

Peter Brookes, senior fellow for National Security Affairs in the Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation, 4/16/09, (“Keep the Embargo, O”, <http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o>, AW)

In another outreach to roguish regimes, the Obama administration on Monday announced the easing

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communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

Leftist militarization causes Russian expansion

Vassallo 10

JoEllen Vassallo 2010, MA in IR, St. John Fisher College, (“The Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas: The Destabilizing Impact on Latin America”, <http://fisherpub.sjfc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=intlstudies_masters>, AW)

Another area of concern is Russia‟s relationship with ALBA. Russia serves as

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political and economic agenda, which has resulted in conflict in the region.

Extinction

Walle 12

(Walter, Research Associate at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “Russia Turns to the South for Military and Economic Alliances,” <http://www.coha.org/russia-turns-to-the-south-for-military-and-economic-alliances/>)

Quite clearly, Russia’s interest in Latin America is escalating. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

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alone among Latin American countries in recognizing the independence of the new republics.

# Multilat

## 1NC Multilateralism Defense

Multilat is inevitable but fails – 4 warrants

Young et al 13, Kevin Young is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, David Held is Master of University College, and Professor of Politics and International Relations, at the University of Durham. He is also Director of Polity Press and General Editor of Global Policy, Thomas Hale is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, Open Democracy, May 24, 2013, ("Gridlock: the growing breakdown of global cooperation", <http://www.opendemocracy.net/thomas-hale-david-held-kevin-young/gridlock-growing-breakdown-of-global-cooperation>, AW)

The Doha round of trade negotiations is deadlocked, despite eight successful multilateral trade rounds

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they now block and inhibit problem solving and reform at the global level.

Soft power fails - empirics

Drezner 11

Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Foreign Affairs, July/August 2011, "Does Obama Have a Grand Strategy?", <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/print/67869>

What went wrong? The administration, and many others, erred in believing that

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as promoting narrow U.S. interests rather than global public goods.

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Gray ’11 [Colin S, Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the University of Reading, England, and Founder of the National Institute for Public Policy, “Hard Power And Soft Power: The Utility Of Military Force as An Instrument Of Policy In The 21st Century,” April, http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1059]

It bears repeating because it passes unnoticed that culture, and indeed civilization itself,

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it may be, a country cannot easily escape legacies from its past.

## 1NC Multilateralism Bad

Decline of unilateralism causes international destabilization – the impact is nuclear war in every regional hotspot

Kakutani 12 – Michiko, Political scientist, geostrategist, and US National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, 1/29/12, (“Surveying a Global Power Shift”, [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&\_r=0)](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//Beddow)

\*\*\*Cites Zignew Brzezinski\*\*\*

What Mr. Brzezinski does do here — lucidly, and for the most part

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importance to social well-being and ultimately to human survival would stall.”

groups, militias, rogue states, etc.

## 1NC Asia Defense

No escalation – regionalism and institutions

Acharya 13, Amitav, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center, Professor of Global Governance at the University of Bristol, Professor at York University, Fellow of the Harvard University Asia Center, 2/1/13, (“Preventive Diplomacy:

Issues and Institutions in the Asia Pacific Region”, <http://www.amitavacharya.com/sites/default/files/Preventive%20Diplomacy.pdf>, AW)

The regionalisation of preventive diplomacy has important implications for the Asia Pacific region. In

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instrument of preventive diplomacy than of conflict-resolution in the conventional sense.

## 1NC Multilat Solvency

Single actions don’t change international perceptions

Fettweis, 8 (Christopher – professor of political science at Tulane, Credibility and the War on Terror, Political Science Quarterly, Winter)

Since Vietnam, scholars have been generally unable to identify cases in which high credibility

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a coherent test; when it was, it almost inevitably failed.40

# Transition

## 1NC Hotspots Defense

Their laundry list of vague impacts is academic garbage – conflicts can’t just emerge

Fettweis, 11Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 9/26/11, Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO

Assertions that without the combination of U.S. capabilities, presence and commitments

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their security is all but assured, with or without the United States.

## 1NC Disease Defense

No impact to disease and alt causes the aff doesn’t overcome

Jennifer Brower, science/technology policy analyst, and Peter Chalk, political scientist, Summer 2003, Rand Review, Vol. 27, No. 2, “Vectors Without Borders,” http://www.rand.org/publications/randreview/issues/summer2003/vectors.html

This year's outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in Beijing, Hong

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increase the likelihood that people will come into contact with potentially fatal diseases.

Meds and containment solve

Economist, 11/22/’10

(<http://www.economist.com/node/17493456>)

Fortunately, globalisation will also speed the flow of health data. In 2011 the

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, if successful it could make pandemic anniversaries a thing of the past.

## 1NC Transition Defense

Structural reforms now – solves stability

RT 10/23, (“Cuba hopes abandoning two-currency system will boost economy”, <http://rt.com/business/cuba-two-currency-system-economy-579/>)

President Raul Castro has announced Cuba will no longer use the two currency

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pressed the government to provide more details in the face of such a complex initiative.

Plan causes rollback of reform – makes instability inevitable

Sanguinetty 13 (Jorge A. Sanguinetty, expert on human capital strategies and the political economy of policy reform in developing and transitional economies, Jorge A. Sanguinetty is a former economic planner in Cuba with first-hand knowledge of centrally planned economies and how they can transition to more open, market-based systems. Born in Cuba in 1937, Sanguinetty worked as an economist in the tourist and sugar industries before emigrating to the United States in 1967 and obtaining a Ph.D. in economics at the City University of New York. One of the founding members of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Sanguinetty is the author of Cuba: Realidad y Destino (Ediciones Universal 2005; English translation forthcoming). Many of Sanguinetty’s works on Cuba are available on www.cubafuturo.net. Sanguinetty is the president, CEO, and founder of DevTech Systems, Inc., a consulting firm which offers government agencies, multilateral institutions, and private-sector entities technical assistance in dealing with development issues such as institutional reform in market economies, the economics of justice administration and legal systems, and transition economics. Sanguinetty has published extensively on education reform in developing countries, especially in Latin America, and has worked on projects in more than twenty countries, including the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Jordan, Russia, and South Africa, “Who benefits and loses if the US-Cuba embargo is lifted?”, April 2013, <http://devresearchcenter.org/2013/04/08/who-benefits-and-loses-if-the-us-cuba-embargo-is-lifted-by-jorge-a-sanguinetty/>)

The answer depends on the conditions under which the embargo is lifted. I focus

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lifting of the US embargo is likely to bring about democracy in Cuba.

America won’t intervene

Dr. Khatchik Der Ghoukassian is a Professor of International Relations at the Universidad de San Andres, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Visiting Professor at the American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, Summer 2008. http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/CRIA\_Caucasus-CentralAsia\_Instability\_NewImperialPeriphery.pdf

Galbraith’s metaphor, for instance, is useful to highlight some features of the current

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with overseeing Latin America) in formulating threat perceptions and making the recommendations.

Past deterioration disproves the impact

Carmelo Mesa-Lago 9, Economist, (“ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BALANCE OF 50 YEARS OF CUBAN REVOLUTION”, <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume19/pdfs/mesolago.pdf>, AW)

Out of a total 84 indicators in Tables 1–3, 29 related to

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- cial services should be made financially sustainable in the long-term.

# Obama Credibility

## 1NC Korea Defense

No Korean war---laundry list---(rational regime, empirics, military inferiority, and it’s all just domestic propaganda)

Fisher 13 Max, Foreign Policy Writer @ Washington Post & Former Editor at the Atlantic, “Why North Korea loves to threaten World War III (but probably won’t follow through)” http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2013/03/12/why-north-korea-loves-to-threaten-world-war-iii-but-probably-wont-follow-through/

North Korea is indeed a dangerous rogue state that has, in the recent past

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because he deserves it, but because you want the tantrum to stop.

## 1NC Kashmir Defense

No impact to Kashmir

Cook 7**—**CFR senior fellow for Mid East Studies. BA in international studies from Vassar College, an MA in international relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and both an MA and PhD in political science from the University of Pennsylvania(Steven, Ray Takeyh, CFR fellow, and Suzanne Maloney, Brookings fellow, 6 /28, Why the Iraq war won't engulf the Mideast, http://www.iht.com/bin/print.php?id=6383265, AG)

Underlying this anxiety was a scenario in which Iraq's sectarian and ethnic violence spills over

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its civil strife and prevent local conflicts from enveloping the entire Middle East.

# 2NC

## CTBT

### 2NC – A2: Links to PTX

#### Plan’s popular – constituencies and NGO shield the link

Jean du Preez et al 09, Jean du Preez is director of the International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program and is a Professor at Monterey Institute of International Studies, Sean Dunlop is a Member Nonproliferation Graduate Fellows Program and employed at the Office of Nonproliferation and International Security within the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, 2/01/09, (“The United States and the CTBT: Renewed Hope or Politics as Usual?”, <http://www.nti.org/analysis/articles/united-states-and-ctbt/>, AW)

Though CTBT ratification may have once been viewed solely as a liberal goal, today

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to represent "a diversity of views across the political spectrum."[56]

Treaty supporters are right to be cautious, but to a point. After the

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network of unprecedented scale that can be put to use for this purpose.

### 2NC – A2: Nuclear Primacy DA

Nuclear deterrence is whack – non-falsifiable

Krieger 11, 2/07/11 David, Ph.D in Political Science, Founder of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and has served as its President since 1982, Chair of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility, (“Ten Serious Flaws in Nuclear Deterrence Theory”, <http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=206>) ALLEN

As a former commander of the US Strategic Command, General George Lee Butler was

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lead to the conclusion that the theory is unstable, unreliable and invalid.

#### Nuclear capabilities inevitable – CTBT doesn’t affect testing – empirics

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As the NAS report indicates, the historical role of testing has been to verify

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into service in 1997, and did not require nuclear testing.[49]

### 2NC – Add-Ons

#### **No impact to bioterror – tech constraints and structural barriers**

Keller 13, Rebecca Keller, Stratfor Analyst, 3/7/13, (“Bioterrorism and the Pandemic Potential”, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/bioterrorism-and-pandemic-potential>, AW)

The risk of an accidental release of H5N1 is similar to that of other infectious

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rapidly exchange information, conduct research and promote individual awareness of the threat.

#### No risk of an LNG explosion

Dr. Phani K. Raj, 3/21/2007, President, Technology & Management Systems, Inc., Testimony to Committee on Homeland Security, “Department of Homeland Security: LNG Tanker Security,” http://hsc.house.gov/hearings/index.asp?ID=25

Other researchers have postulated the failure of LNG ship tanks due to fire heat exposure

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as a potential public hazard phenomenon in the scenario of an accidental or intentional

## ALBA

### 2NC – Russia

#### Confrontation causes extinction

Helfand and Pastore 9

[Ira Helfand, M.D., and John O. Pastore, M.D., are past presidents of Physicians for Social Responsibility. March 31, 2009, “U.S.-Russia nuclear war still a threat”, http://www.projo.com/opinion/contributors/content/CT\_pastoreline\_03-31-09\_EODSCAO\_v15.bbdf23.html]

President Obama and Russian President Dimitri Medvedev are scheduled to Wednesday in London during the

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alert status of nuclear weapons that existed in 1995 remains in place today.

### 2NC – Coronel

#### Turns all their multilat and cred biz

Coronel 07

(Contributor to the CATO Institute, member of the Board of Directors of Petroleos de Venezuela, president of Agrupacion Pro Calidad de Vida, (“A possible political scenario for Latin America, 2007-2012,[http://muevete.wordpress.com/2007/09/18/a-possible-political-scenario-for-latin-america-2007-2012/](http://muevete.wordpress.com/2007/09/18/a-possible-political-scenario-for-latin-america-2007-2012/" \t "_blank))

Still, there is no doubt that there are strong efforts being made by some

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signals that will serve to act now, in order to mold desired outcomes

### 2NC – Link – Cuba

#### Appeases leftist governments – no risk of a link turn – Anti-Americanism is structurally inevitable

Walser 12

Ray Walser, PhD, is Senior Policy Analyst for Latin America in the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, a division of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, at The Heritage Foundation, 9/24/12, (“Time Is Ripe for U.S. Policy to Address Anti-Americanism in Latin America”, <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/09/us-policy-to-address-anti-americanism-in-latin-america-needed>, AW)

While the murder of American diplomats and violent anti-American riots across the Islamic

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own people and fan the flames of anti-Americanism in the Western Hemisphere

#### Lifting the embargo emboldens Cuba – empirics

CPAC 12

Conservative Political Action Conference, 2/9/12, (“Encouraging Anti-American Autocrats”, <http://www.capitolhillcubans.com/2012/02/encouraging-anti-american-autocrats.html>, AW)

The anti-American alliance of Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez is an important issue

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our values in the Middle East if our own neighborhood is in turmoil.”

## Multilat

### 2NC – Soft Power

#### Tons of alt causes

Burgsdorff 09 – Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, <http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf>)//NG

As a matter of fact, together with other measures such as closing Guantanamo,

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it would be interpreted by the international community as steps towards effective multilateralism.

#### International coercion inevitable

Jenkin 06 – Clinton, University of New Hampshire, University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (“Book Review: Smoke and Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism and the Illusion of Multilateral Security,” http://icj.sagepub.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/content/16/1/69.full.pdf+html)

Smoke and Mirrors, a runner-up for the Donner Book Prize, offers

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an incorrect course of action does not become correct because of widespread agreement.

## Transition

### 2NC – No Impact

#### Bosco votes neg – this isn’t WW1, Bosnia 2.0 anymore – deterrence, empirics, and international norms prevent escalation ­– that’s the conclusion of his article

Bosco 06 (David Bosco, 1AC Author, no qualz whatsoever, “Forum: Keeping an eye peeled for World War III,” July 2006, http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06211/709477-109.stm)

It was late June in Sarajevo when Gavrilo Princip shot Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife.

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the U.N. Security Council regularly gathers the great powers' representatives in a room to hash out developing crises.

#### America won’t intervene

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- cial services should be made financially sustainable in the long-term.

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## PTX

### AT No Push

Obama is committed to pushing congress for NSA reform

Julian Hattem, writer for The Hill, 4/8 [“Holder: ‘We’re not done’ on NSA reform,” http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/202935-holder-were-not-done-on-nsa-reform]

The Obama administration is promising to come back to Congress with additional reforms of government

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of incidentally acquired information about U.S. persons,” Holder said.

### AT Backdoor

Back door won’t happen – Obama’s reforms are key

Sink 3/30/14(Justin, The Hill, “Feinstein: 'Different views' on NSA reform” http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/202118-feinstein-different-views-on-nsa-reform)

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) said Sunday she was

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“Whether we take action right away remains to be seen,” she said. “I am open to that action.”

### AT U/Q Overwhelms

Consensus now – just a question of PC

Josh Gerstein is a White House reporter for POLITICO, specializing in legal and national security issues, 4/11[“Goodlatte: NSA reform can't dodge Judiciary Committee,” http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2014/04/goodlatte-nsa-reform-cant-dodge-judiciary-committee-186708.html]

"This is the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee. Obviously, the Intelligence Committee

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CQ/Roll Call's John Gramlich and Susan Swain of C-SPAN.

Obama is commanding support – only the plan could derail it

David Segal, a former Rhode Island state representative, is executive director of Demand Progress, is a 1.5 million member advocacy organization, 4/10 [“Waiting for Goodlatte,” http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/203115-waiting-for-goodlatte]

The President recently announced his intention to reform telephone metadata collection under Section 215 of

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Demand Progress indicates that the bill would pass in a full House vote.

### AT Cyber War

It’s key to the foundational capabilities

Aid 13 [Matthew Aid (leading intelligence historian and expert on the NSA, frequent commentator on intelligence matters for the New York Times, the Financial Times, the National Journal, the Associated Press, CBS News, National Public Radio (NPR) and many others);

“Inside the NSA's Ultra-Secret China Hacking Group: Deep within the National Security Agency, an elite, rarely discussed team of hackers and spies is targeting America's enemies abroad.”; JUNE 10, 2013; http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/06/10/inside\_the\_nsa\_s\_ultra\_secret\_china\_hacking\_group]

TAO's work would not be possible without the team of gifted computer scientists and software

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retired NSA official, TAO "is the place to be right now."

### PC Theory True

PC key to our disad – specifically

David Hawkings, Roll Call, 3/25/14, Hill’s Bipartisan Deadlock on Phone Records May Be Easing, blogs.rollcall.com/hawkings/obama-nsa-reform-plan-could-ease-congressional-deadlock-on-spying/2/

Eight months ago, in one of its most important and fascinatingly nonpartisan votes of

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a deal based on the ideas from the House and the White House.

### AT No Push

Obama is forced into pushing the plan

Leogrande 13 [William M. LeoGrande is professor in the Department of Government, School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. The Danger of Dependence: Cuba's Foreign Policy After Chavez 4-2-13 http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12840/the-danger-of-dependence-cubas-foreign-policy-after-chavez Are U.S.-Cuban Relations Poised for Change?]

In his first public statement after assuming Cuba's presidency in 2006, Raúl Castro held

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term, relations with Cuba were not much better than at the start.

### AT No Impact to Cyber War

Cyber war uniquely causes extinction

Andres and Breetz 11Richard Andres, Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College and a Senior Fellow and Energy and Environmental Security and Policy Chair in the Center for Strategic Research, Institute for National Strategic Studies, at the National Defense University, and Hanna Breetz, doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Small Nuclear Reactorsfor Military Installations:Capabilities, Costs, andTechnological Implications, [www.ndu.edu/press/lib/pdf/StrForum/SF-262.pdf](http://www.ndu.edu/press/lib/pdf/StrForum/SF-262.pdf)

More recently, awareness has been growing that the grid is also vulnerable to purposive

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however, may not share this fear or be deterred by this possibility.

## Obama Cred

### 1AR – Korea War

#### Professors agree---NK has no capability no matter how crazy they are

Neuman ‘13 SCOTT NEUMAN, NPR "How Credible Are North Korea's Threats?," March 9 www.npr.org/2013/03/09/173839660/how-credible-are-north-koreas-threats

Simply possessing a static nuclear device, however, is not the same as having one that can be launched atop a missile, Lind says.

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"Could they build something, load it on an airplane and drop it over South Korea? Maybe, but it would [be] pretty difficult, probably impossible."

### 2AC – Indo-Pak

#### No Indo-Pak war

Mutti 9— Master’s degree in International Studies with a focus on South Asia, U Washington. BA in History, Knox College. over a decade of expertise covering on South Asia geopolitics, Contributing Editor to Demockracy journal (James, 1/5, Mumbai Misperceptions: War is Not Imminent, http://demockracy.com/four-reasons-why-the-mumbai-attacks-wont-result-in-a-nuclear-war/)

Fearful of imminent war, the media has indulged in frantic hand wringing about Indian

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and is using its regional influence to bring more diplomatic pressure on Pakistan.

Double bind – either squo solves Obama power

NPR 12-31-2011; Obama's Grade In Foreign Policy 2011: 'Incomplete' http://m.wfiu.npr.org/news/front/144442535?page=2

"You have a world in which there is political turmoil in many countries.

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United States remains highly positive in much of the world," he says.

Or they can’t solve Obama power

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On the other hand, this unwillingness to set ambitious or creative goals has contributed

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distressing state of international affairs despite several high profile successes by the administration.