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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,

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“The Reagan Strategy of Containment,” Political Science Quarterly 105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

## 1NC Politics

#### Patent reform will pass---pressure and timing are key---crucial to competitiveness and the economy

Pappas 4/24—Peter, is the former Chief of Staff at the USPTO, where he served from 2009-2013. He is a senior advisor to Engine, an advocacy organization supporting startups and technology entrepreneurship, “The Senate and Patent Reform: The Time Is Now” http://www.rollcall.com/news/the\_senate\_and\_patent\_reform\_the\_time\_is\_now\_commentary-232363-1.html?pos=oopih

Recently, word from the Senate Judiciary Committee is

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can ill afford the cost or distraction of litigation.

#### The plan is massively unpopular

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

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unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action

#### Political Capital key and keeps it at the top of the docket

Meyers, 3/5 -- Politico reporter

[Jessica, "Lawmakers: Patent reform will advance," Politico, 3-5-14, www.politico.com/story/2014/03/patent-reform-104278.html, accessed 3-13-14]

The House passed a patent reform bill,

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“It opened the bill on the Democratic side.”

#### Economic decline causes war and turns every impact

O Hanlon et al 12 (O’Hanlon 12 Kenneth G. Lieberthal, Director of the John L. Thornton China Center and Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution, former Professor at the University of Michigan [“The Real National Security Threat: America's Debt,” Los Angeles Times, July 10th, [http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/07/10-economy-foreign-policy-lieberthal-ohanlon](http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/07/10-economy-foreign-policy-lieberthal-ohanlon" \t "_blank)]

Alas, globalization and automation trends of the last generation

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fundamental prerequisite to effective foreign policy is not reestablished.

## 1NC China

#### The plan alone is our link and impact – US competition over oil in Latin America is the most probable scenario for nuclear conflict – China is all in on resources

Leverett 2005 (Flynt, senior fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institute. The Washington Quarterly 29.1 (2005) 187-201. <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/washington_quarterly/v029/29.1leverett.html>.)

The bid by the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to acquire Unocal

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will generate multiple points of bilateral friction and damage U.S. strategic interests in the region.

#### Chinese response to competition causes militarization of current resources on perception of competition over scarce resources

Samrei, 2011 [July 19th, Dr. Fariborz Saremi is a commentator on TV and radio (German ARD/NDR TV,SAT 1,N24, Voice of America and Radio Israel) on Middle East issues and a contributer to FreePressers.com, WorldTribune.com and Defense&Foreign Affairs. <http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/wtarc/2011/ea_china0895_07_19.asp>]

Thus, since China became a net oil importing country in 1993, its

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political, commercial, and military influence.

#### The impact is nuclear war

Ross 09 [Robert S. Ross. Robert S. Ross is Professor of Political Science at Boston College and Associate of the John King Fairbank Center for East Asian Research at Harvard University. His current research focuses on Chinese security policy, East Asian security, and U.S.-China relations.; International Security, The author is grateful to Robert Art, Dennis Blasko, Magnus Hjortdal, Kim Nødskov, and Øystein Tunsjø for their comments and suggestions. Among his recent publications are China's Ascent: Power, Security, and the Future of International Politics; and Chinese Security Policy: Structure, Power, and Politics., Fall /09, "China's Naval Nationalism; Sources, Prospects, and the U.S. Response", lexis]

China's challenge to the maritime status quo would likely

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that the United States "cares most about." 98

## 1NC Counterplan

#### The European Union should substantially increase its Latin American and Caribbean environmental and natural disaster engagement.

#### Their only article that regional cooperation solves concludes that the EU is best positioned to solve Caribbean environmental risks.

GFDDR, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, 2012

[“Regional cooperation in Disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation: Progress and future plans” <http://gfdrr.org/docs/8thCG_Annex_B.pdf>, p.7, accessed 4-27-14, TAP]

GFDRR will continue to strengthen its cooperation with

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impact of natural ¶ disasters.

## 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 Research and Development (IPRD), an independent think tank focused on the study of violent conflict, he has taught at the Department of International Relations, University of Sussex "The international relations of crisis and the crisis of international relations: from the securitisation of scarcity to the militarisation of society" Global Change, Peace & Security Volume 23, Issue 3, 2011 Taylor Francis 3. From securitisation to militarisation 3.1 Complicity

Orthodox IR approaches: occluding systems, securitising crises,

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by 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

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

## 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

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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

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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.

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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.

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

# 1NC Multilateralism

## Scenario 1

### 1NC - Multilat

#### US Multilateral leadership is impossible –changes in the multipolar system makes their scenario of international cajoling and cooperation academic garbage

Zaki Laïdi is Professor of International Relations at L'Institut d’études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), 13 [“The Cooperation Crisis ,” September, http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/the-retreat-from-multilateralism-by-zaki-laidi#HUGYfKUICuhDJ1sl.99]

PARIS – The rise of emerging economies worldwide

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global issues will be more difficult than ever – with potentially devastating consequences.

#### No transition wars – institutions check – proves some co-op is inev

Fordham 12

Professor of political science at Binghamton University (Ben, International Economic Institutions and Great Power Peace, 8/12/12, http://gt2030.com/2012/08/15/international-economic-institutions-and-great-power-peace/)

I enjoyed Jack Levy’s comments on how the world would have looked to people writing

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that enhance the benefits that emerging powers like China receive from upholding the status quo.

### 1NC – Kakutani Turn

#### 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 with great persuasiveness

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

### 1NC – Soft Power

#### 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**,

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rather than global public goods.

#### ANY alt cause takes out the aff

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

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

### 1NC – LA Multilat

#### Latin America multilateralism terminally fails

Christopher Sabatini is the senior director of policy at the Americas Society and Council of the Americas, 12 [“Rethinking Latin America,” March/April Foreign Affairs, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137101/christopher-sabatini/rethinking-latin-america]

Running down the list of the U.S. State Department's

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international relations, not just those of comparative politics.

### 1NC – Multilat Proper

#### 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

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

#### Plan doesn’t solve perception

Hanson ‘09associate director and coordinating editor at CFR.org 2009 Stephanie “US Cuba Relations” Council on Foreign Relations 4/14 <http://gees.org/documentos/Documen-03412.pdf>

Given the range of issues dividing the two countries, experts say

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that the policy process risks falling victim to the politics of the issue," says Sweig.

### 1NC – Resource Wars

#### No resource wars

Tetrais 12—Senior Research Fellow at the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratgique (FRS). Past positions include: Director, Civilian Affairs Committee, NATO Assembly (1990-1993); European affairs desk officer, Ministry of Defense (1993-1995); Visiting Fellow, the Rand Corporation (1995-1996); Special Assistant to the Director of Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Defense (1996-2001).(Bruno, The Demise of Ares, csis.org/files/publication/twq12SummerTertrais.pdf)

The Unconvincing Case for ‘‘New Wars’’ ¶ Is the demise of war reversible?

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China and East China seas or the Mediterranean, but they will be driven by nationalist passions, not the desperate hunger for hydrocarbons.

### 1NC – Protectionism

#### Open trade is locked in—no protectionism – and no impact to protectionism

Kim 13, Soo Yeon Kim, of the National University of Singapore, associate professor of music at Nazareth College of Rochester, New York, Fellow of the Transatlantic Academy, based at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, The Monkey Cage, January 30, 2013, " Protectionism During Recessions: Is This Time Different?", http://themonkeycage.org/blog/2013/01/30/protectionism-during-recessions-is-this-time-different/

There is widespread agreement regarding the critical role

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restrained multinational firms from pushing for more protection remains an important question for further research.

## Scenario 2

### 1NC – Warming

#### No impact---mitigation and adaptation will solve---no tipping point or “1% risk” args

Robert O. Mendelsohn 9, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

The heart of the debate about climate change comes

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long‐range climate risks. What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.

### 1NC – Biodiversity

#### No impact to the environment and no solvency

Holly Doremus 2k Professor of Law at UC Davis, "The Rhetoric and Reality of Nature Protection: Toward a New Discourse," Winter 2000 Washington & Lee Law Review 57 Wash & Lee L. Rev. 11, lexis

Reluctant to concede such losses, tellers of the ecological horror

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ultimate catastrophe, the material benefits of destructive decisions frequently will exceed their identifiable material costs. n221

### 1NC – Disease

#### New cooperation solves disease

Lena H. Sun 2-20, 2014, The Washington Post, “U.S. launches new global initiative to prevent infectious disease threats; Effort targets 30 countries, with a focus on lab security, immunization and emergency response centers.” Factiva

Faced with what they describe as a perfect storm of

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information about Osama bin Laden before U.S. forces killed him in Pakistan.

### 1NC – Resiliency

#### Resiliency checks biod loss

Kareiva et al, Chief Scientist and Vice President, The Nature Conservancy, 12

(Peter, Michelle Marvier, professor and department chair of Environment Studies and Sciences at Santa Clara University, Robert Lalasz, director of science communications for The Nature Conservancy, Winter, “Conservation in the Anthropocene,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/conservation-in-the-anthropocene/, accessed 12-18-12, CMM)

2. As conservation became a global enterprise in

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-- never existed, at least not in the last thousand years, and arguably even longer.

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## ALBA

### 2NC – Impact

#### 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

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

### 2NC – Coronel

#### Turns leadership – decks power projection

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

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attempts at visualizing the future but, also, warning signals that will serve to act now, in order to mold desired outcomes.

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#### EU engagement with Cuba stimulates action for US anti-embargo policy – doesn’t link to ALBA – perceived as EU push – doesn’t link to politics – it’s in the future

\*\*NOTE: fil-lip /ˈfiləp/ – something that acts as a stimulus or boost to an activity

Stephen Wilkinson, 6-24-2008, chairman of the International Institute for the Study of Cuba and an editor of the International Journal of Cuban Studies, “Europe takes the lead on Cuba,” http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/jun/24/cuba.eu

Europe takes the lead on Cuba The EU's

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The question is whether he and those who agree with him can prevail.

## Multilat

### 2nc la multilat

#### Multiple pounders to latin American multilateralism

Grandin 10 – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” *New Labor Forum*, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)//SJF

It’s not going to happen. Efforts to implement any

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Colombia into a citadel of U.S. hard power in the Andes.

### 2nc multilat fails

#### Failure to meet that burden means you should evaluate the risk of the advantage as 0

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,

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

### 2NC – Congress Module

#### No risk of spillover – Congress is ideologically anti-multilateral

Kaye 13

David Kaye, Professor at UC Irvine, Council on Foreign Relations, October 2013, (“Stealth Multilateralism”, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139649/david-kaye/stealth-multilateralism)

The U.S. Senate rejects multilateral treaties as if it were sport.

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And because such a small group of senators can block any given treaty, they essentially control ratification.

### 2NC – Layne Module

#### Multilateralism doesn’t legitimize power – takes out solvency

Layne 06

Layne 06 Associate Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University (Christopher, “The Peace of Illusions” 141)

Unipolar agnostics claim that by acting multilaterally-

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them did, they know it after the U.S invasion of Iraq

## China

### 2AC – A2 – China War

#### Heg prevents China and forces cooperation – decline causes world war

Alvin S. Felzenberg, a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication and at Yale University, is the author of The Leaders We Deserved (and a Few We Didn’t): Rethinking the Presidential Rating Game. AND Alexander B. Gray studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University and the war-studies department of King’s College, London, January 3, 2011 4:00 A.M, “The New Isolationism”, <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/print/256150>, KENTUCKY

Anything Reps. Ron Paul (R., Tex.) and Barney Frank (D., Mass.)

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to provide a dominant American military presence on land, at sea, and in the air.

#### No risk of China War – mutual cooperation

Friedberg 2005, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs and Director of Policy Planning in the Office of the Vice President, International Security, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Fall 2005), pp. 7–45

Fortunately, a number of the factors to which the

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profound and far-reaching domestic political reforms.

## Resource Wars

#### No risk of resource wars—shortages don’t trigger military confrontation

Victor 7— professor of law at Stanford Law School and the director of the Program on Energy and Sustainable Development. He is also a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (David, Nov 14, 2007, <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Global_Economy/IK14Dj04.html>, “What resource wars?”, ZBurdette)

Rising energy prices and mounting concerns about

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and more reliable to buy them in markets.

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Conclusive studies prove it increases propensity for conflict

Royal 10 (Jedediah, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction – U.S. Department of Defense, “Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises”, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, Ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215)

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may

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, crises and armed conflict has not featured prominently in the economic-security debate and deserves more attention.

## US Econ Decline – Turns Case

US economic decline completely undoes the effects of the case – outweighs on timeframe because resiliency doesn’t exist in the region – now is a unique window for a case turn

Rathbone, Financial Times, 3-31-14

[John Paul, “After Latin America’s boom years, anticipating the deluge” <http://blogs.ft.com/beyond-brics/2014/03/31/after-latin-americas-boom-years-anticipating-the-deluge/>, accessed 4-25-14, TAP]

Back in 2008, President Luis Inácio Lula da Silva boasted that the tsunami of the global financial crisis

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Otherwise, tomorrow is going to be an even bumpier ride.

## Turns Multilateralism

Turns multilateralism – makes the US ineffective in institutions

Thompson 9 (Loren, chief executive officer of Lexington, “America’s economic decline, Armed Forces Journal, March 9, <http://www.armedforcesjournal.com/2009/03/3922551>)

Shortly before President Barack Obama took office, the U.S.

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China as a rising power poised to capitalize on America’s decline.

## Turns Protectionism

Turns protectionism – numerous constraints

Vitez 09, Osmond, Bachelor of Science from Pensacola Christian College and a Master of Science from Liberty University, [Last date referenced was 2009], (“Effects of the Economic Crisis on Free Trade”, <http://smallbusiness.chron.com/effects-economic-crisis-trade-1667.html>, AW)

Economic crises can have significant negative effects

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fewer imports in the free trade market..

## AT Vote ≠ Pass

Their ev says it’s a compromise – makes passage more likely

Alex Byers, Politico “Collins pushing Senate on patents – Charter could grab subscribers from Comcast,” 4/23/14

The Senate Judiciary Committee, of course, is expected to vote next week on a patent reform compromise

More evidence---the Judiciary committee has made bipartisan progress—Leahy, Schumer and Coryn are circulating the bill next week

Freeland 4/17—Stephen, is an associate in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, “Senate postpones vote on patent reform bill until after recess” http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=2453b2ae-6f92-4443-a691-e6ca0eb927b4

The Senate Judiciary Committee was scheduled

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for a vote the week of April 28 after the Senate recess concludes.

The fee shifting compromise bridges the gap---just a question of persuading skeptical democrats are hard right republicans

The Hill 4/13/14 “Leahy walks tightrope on Senate patent bill” http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/203395-leahy-walks-tightrope-on-senate-patent-bill

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)

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What they do is cut deals,” the lobbyist said.

## AT Doesn’t Solve

Incremental reform is valuable-our impact is linear

Melius-JD Candidate Vandy-12 15 Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. 161

NOTE: Trolling for Standards: How Courts and the Administrative State Can Help Deter Patent Holdup and Promote Innovation

The proliferation of patent infringement suits

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less competitive and innovative with every lawsuit. 15

Patent reform key to economic recovery

Brown-Forbes-3/26/14

http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2014/03/26/three-ways-that-congress-can-help-stop-patent-trolls/

Three Ways That Congress Can Help Stop Patent Trolls

Who would have thought that everyday business practices

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after the intermediary manufacturers and producers.

## AT Leahy Turn

The plan is a flip-flop from Obama – Gross keeps action unpopular

Adams and Trotta 2/4 (Staff Writers for Reuters, Miami and Havana News, “U.S. policy change on Cuba stalled - by Obama”, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/06/us-usa-cuba-idUSBREA150WV20140206>, ZS)

(Reuters) - U.S. relations with Cuba are at their best in almost

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unwilling to make concessions just to please Washington.

The plan drains political capital and derails other legislative 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]

The Republicans' sweeping victory in the

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the president retains substantial executive authority to selectively loosen the embargo for both commerce and travel.42

## AT Link Menendez/Leahy/Link U/Q

Lifting the embargo causes massive backlash

WP 14 [Peter Wallsten, Manuel Roig-Franzia and Tom Hamburger, “Sugar tycoon Alfonso Fanjul now open to investing in Cuba under ‘right circumstances’,” Feb 2, http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/sugar-tycoon-alfonso-fanjul-now-open-to-investing-in-cuba-under-right-circumstances/2014/02/02/4192b016-8708-11e3-a5bd-844629433ba3\_story.html]

The logistical, political and legal complexities

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“You can influence Cuba’s future much more by participating in Cuba’s future than by staying away.”