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==Inherency==

\*\*====Not one comprehensive bill for the Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement has been passed by both the parties in Congress====\*\*

\*\*Boman, 10/14/13\*\*

\*\*(Karen Boman, Rigzone Staff, October 14th, 2013, "Senate Passes US-Mexico Drilling Pact", http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil\_gas/a/129582/Senate\_Passes\_USMexico\_Drilling\_Pact)\*\*

The U.S. Senate passed a bill Saturday that would implement the U

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the two bills passed to implement the pact, The Hill reported Monday.

==Plan==

====The United States federal government should significantly increase economic engagement by ratifying the Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement.====

==Adv 1: Relations==

====Transboundary agreement is critical to maintaining relations with Mexico—failure to ratify the agreement would send the wrong message to Mexico====

Martin\* and Wood\*\*, 13 \*director of the Energy Program at the Institute of the Americas at the University of California, San Diego AND \*\*director of the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He worked as a professor for 17 years in Mexico and previously was director of the International Relations Program at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Jeremy Martin, , 5/3/13, "U.S. Should Act Quickly on Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement With Mexico", http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/print/12923)//EM

Yesterday, U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto

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together in the Gulf of Mexico, and on energy issues more generally.

====Both the United States and Mexico agree now is the key time to move away from security and focus on economic policies====

\*\*Fausset, September 20th, 2013\*\*

(Richard, Writer for the Los Angeles Times, September 20^^th^^ 2013, "In Mexico, Biden glad to focus on the economy rather than security" [[http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-biden-mexico-20130920,0,5754547.story-http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-biden-mexico-20130920,0,5754547.story]])

MEXICO CITY — Vice President Joe Biden, in the Mexican capital Friday for meetings

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while the two countries continue to publicly trumpet their strengthened economic ties. ¶

====Thinking BEYOND security is key – energy cooperation overcomes alternate impediments and creates a resilient partnership====

\*\*Reyes 13\*\* – JD, member of the USA Today Board of Contributors

(Raul, April, "Opinion: President Obama has the chance to improve US/Mexico relations," http://nbclatino.com/2013/04/29/opinion-president-obama-has-the-chance-to-improve-usmexico-relations/)//BB

Obama will arrive in Mexico with good and bad news. On the positive side

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foreign policy with Mexico based on its potential, not on its problems.

====America is losing ground in Latin America – collapse of influence and relations are inevitable absent the plan====

Michael \*\*Shifter\*\*, April \*\*2012\*\*, Inter-American Dialogue, "Remaking the relationship: The United States and Latin America," [[http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf-http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf]]

Simply addressing an unfinished agenda is not enough . Both the United ¶ States and

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wellbeing . It is time to seize the moment and overhaul hemispheric relations.

====Energy cooperation with Mexico spills over into other regions in Latin America====

Johanna \*\*Forman\*\* et al, 2/8/\*\*2013\*\*, Center for Strategic and International Studies, "recommendations for a new administration: give hemispheric energy policy a strategic vision," [[http://csis.org/files/publication/130207\_JMForman\_Energy\_HemFocus\_0.pdf-http://csis.org/files/publication/130207\_JMForman\_Energy\_HemFocus\_0.pdf]]

Four years ago, U.S. energy policy in the Americas ¶ arose

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adoption of new technologies to ¶ make fossil and renewable resources go farther.

\*\*====Latin America heg is key to global heg====\*\*

\*\*Brand, University of Mainz Department of Political Science Post-Doc Researcher, et al. 12\*\*

(Alexander, McEwen-Fial, Susan, University of Mainz Department of Political Science Lecturer, Muno, Wolfgang, University of Erfurt Visiting Professor of Political Science, Hoffman, Andrea Ribeiro, University of Erfurt Willy Brandt School of Public Policy Lecturer, 4/12, University of Mainz, "BRICs and U.S. Hegemony: Theoretical Reflections on Shifting Power Patterns and Empirical Evidence from Latin America," [[http://international.politics.uni-mainz.de/files/2012/10/mpiep04.pdf-http://international.politics.uni-mainz.de/files/2012/10/mpiep04.pdf]], p. 2-3, accessed 7/6/13, IC)

In our paper we want to assess the validity of such claims by looking at

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of hegemony and hegemonic rivalry, but obviously omits key facets as well.

====Loss of primacy causes a great power war====

Kagan 12, Robert, senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution ~~["Why the World Needs America," February 11^^th^^, [[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577213262856669448.html-http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577213262856669448.html]]~~]

With the outbreak of World War I, the age of settled peace and advancing

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what the world looked like right before the American order came into being.

==Adv 2: Econ==

### Scenario 1: Mexican Economy

\*\*====Manufacturing low in Mexico now====\*\*

\*\*HSBC, 8/1/13\*\*

\*\*(Manufacturing low for Mexico", http://www.hsbc.com/news-and-insight/2013/manufacturing-low-for-mexico)\*\*

Mexico~’s manufacturing sector contracted for the first time since data collection began in April 2011

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prices for the fourth consecutive month in a bid to win new business.

\*\*====Natural Gas is key to the manufacturing sector====\*\*

\*\*McCarthy, 8/15/13\*\*

\*\*(Shawn McCarthy, Global Energy Reporter, "Mexico hopes energy reforms will spark drilling boom", http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/industry-news/energy-and-resources/mexico-hopes-energy-reforms-will-spark-drilling-boom/article13802579/)\*\*

As most of North America adjusts to a glut of natural gas brought about by

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decline that chopped the country~’s production by a third in the past decade.¶

====Mexico~’s production of natural gas is quickly declining in the squo—only TBH solves====

\*\*Washington Platts, October 1st, 2013\*\*

\*\*("US Senate committee considers US-Mexico transboundary bills" http://www.platts.com/latest-news/oil/washington/us-senate-committee-considers-us-mexico-transboundary-21632155)\*\*

Cooperation between US companies and Pemex to unlock the billions of barrels of oil believed

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governments, as required by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law.

====Absent the plan, Mexican gas drilling will inevitably fail—they lack a regulatory model====

\*\*Wood, Mexico Institute Director, et al., 12\*\*

(Duncan, November 2012, Wilson Center – Mexico Institute, "A New Beginning for Mexican Oil: principles and recommendations for a reform in Mexico~’s national interest" <[[http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/wood\_new\_beginning\_mexico.pdf-http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/wood\_new\_beginning\_mexico.pdf]]>, p. , accessed 6-24-13, JB)

Mexico, as is now commonly noted, holds the fourth largest shale gas reserves

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effective ¶ development of unconventional resources in Mexico will remain out of reach.

====Only US can assist with development – they have the infrastructure ====

\*\*Crowe, Motley Fool, contributor, 13\*\*

(Tyler Crowe, M.S. University of New Hampshire, M.B.A. College des Ingenieurs, Contributor; The Motley Fool, "Why North America Can Do Shale Drilling Better Than the Rest", June 23, 2013, l[[http://www.fool.com/investing/general/2013/06/23/why-we-can-do-shale-drilling-and-the-rest-cannot.aspx-http://www.fool.com/investing/general/2013/06/23/why-we-can-do-shale-drilling-and-the-rest-cannot.aspx]], accessed June 30, 2013, QDKM)

The U.S. started the shale drilling game, but there are several

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Muckerman, and Fool.com contributor Tyler Crowe in the following video.

\*\*====Manufacturing is one of the main sectors that drives Mexico~’s economy====\*\*

\*\*Amadeo 8/13/13\*\*

\*\*(Kim Amadeo, M.S., Sloan School of Business, M.I.T. and M.S. Planning, Boston College. She has recently published Beyond the Great Recession: What Happened and How to Prosper. Kimberly is President of WorldMoneyWatch.com. She has 20 years senior-level experience in economic analysis and business strategy working for major international corporations. "Mexico~’s Economy", http://useconomy.about.com/od/worldeconomy/p/Mexico\_Economy.htm)\*\*

Mexico~’s Economy Depends on Exports to the U.S.:¶ Mexico is the 16th

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a result, production has fallen 25% in the last ten years.¶

====Mexican Economy is vital to the world~’s economy—four reasons====

\*\*Bloomberg 6/27 \*\*

~~[Peter Coy, Staff Writer, June 27th 2013, Bloomberg Businessweek, "Four Reasons Mexico Is Becoming a Global Manufacturing Power," [[http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-06-27/four-reasons-mexico-is-becoming-a-global-manufacturing-power-http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-06-27/four-reasons-mexico-is-becoming-a-global-manufacturing-power]], Accessed 6/29/13, CB~~]

Mexico is beginning to beat China as a manufacturing base for many companies despite its

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who will have more money for imported products if their living standards rise.¶

Economic decline causes war – studies prove

Royal, Director Cooperative Threat Reduction DOD, 2010

(Jedediah, Director Cooperative Threat Reduction DOD, 2010,"Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises" in ~’Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives~’ ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215, Accessed: 6/30/13, LPS)

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may increase the likelihood of external conflict

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to fabricate external military conflicts to create a ~’rally around the flag~’ effect.

### Scenario 2: US Economy

====Slow growth in the US economy will lead to another economic shock in 2014====

\*\*Pineros, August 1, 2013\*\*

Brittany, manager for American Enterprise Institute, The US is headed for another recession in 2014, [[http://www.aei.org/article/economics/the-us-is-headed-for-another-recession-in-2014/-http://www.aei.org/article/economics/the-us-is-headed-for-another-recession-in-2014/]]

Four years after the end of the Great Recession, the United States economy is

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. Taken together, the outlook appears less healthy than most forecasters predict.

====First is trade cooperation – opening up the Gulf to increased development spurs bi-lateral economic cooperation and stimulates the U.S. economy====

\*\*Simmons, economist at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., 4/30/13 \*\*

~~[Daniel, 4-30-13, Master Resource, "U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement: A Rare Victory for Oil and Gas in the Obama Era", http://www.masterresource.org/2013/04/u-s-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbons-agreement/, accessed 6-30-13, HG~~]

The energy and economic welfare of the United States and Mexico are intertwined by our

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with the highest degree of safety and environmental standards. Elements of the Agreement

====Increased oil and natural gas production are the only proven creators of growth in the US economy- alternatives can~’t fill in====

\*\*Bradley, Robert 6/17/13\*\*

Forbes, The American Oil %26 Gas Industry Is Rescuing The Obama Economy, [[http://www.forbes.com/sites/robertbradley/2013/06/17/the-american-oil-gas-industry-is-rescuing-the-obama-economy/-http://www.forbes.com/sites/robertbradley/2013/06/17/the-american-oil-gas-industry-is-rescuing-the-obama-economy/]]

Noted expert Daniel Yergin concurs. "Abundant low-cost energy is stimulating a

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American dream for all of us as consumers, producers, and investors.

====Economic Collapse causes multiple scenarios of nuclear war====

\*\*Friedberg and Schoenfeld 8\*\*

(Aaron, professor of politics and international relations at Princeton University~’s Woodrow Wilson School and Gabriel, senior editor of Commentary, is a visiting scholar at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, N.J., October 21, 2008, Wall Street Journal, "The Dangers of a Diminished America", [[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455074012352571.html-http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455074012352571.html]], June 27, 2012) ALK

Then there are the dolorous consequences of a potential collapse of the world~’s financial architecture

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disastrous effects of disengagement and the stiff price tag of continued American leadership.

==Contention 3: Solvency==

====Passing the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement will provide the legal authority to drill in the Gulf of Mexico.====

\*\*Penn Energy, April 18, 2013.  
\*\*[[http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pennenergy/2013/04/bill-introduced-to-approve-transboundary-hydrocarbon-agreement-w.html-http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pennenergy/2013/04/bill-introduced-to-approve-transboundary-hydrocarbon-agreement-w.html]].

The bill would approve and implement the terms of the U.S.-Mexico

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continue dragging its feet on energy development," said Rep. Jeff Duncan.¶

\*\*====We have until January 17th 2014 to reach an agreement====\*\*

\*\*Unger, October 1, 2013. \*\*Staff Writer. The Christian Science Monitor. "Congress Could Undercut US-Mexico Joint Drilling Deal in Gulf". http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/1001/Congress-could-undercut-US-Mexico-joint-drilling-deal-in-Gulf

U.S. and Mexican efforts to jointly develop offshore oil and gas fields

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side is likely to drill for oil and gas in the border region.¶

\*\*====Mexico has already ratified their side—\*\* The United States needs to complete its side of the Transboundary agreement to facilitate oil drilling in the gulf. ====

\*\*Goldwyn, August 14th 2013\*\*

\*\*(David Goldwyn, Former U.S. State Department~’s special envoy and coordinator for international energy affairs from 2009-2011, "Time to Implement the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement — Congress: Drop the Poison Pill", Brookings, http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2013/08/14-us-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbon-goldwyn-brown-gill)\*\*

The United States and Mexico concluded a Transboundary hydrocarbons agreement, officially titled the "

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implementation is important for both Mexican and U.S. security interests.¶

====TBH can ONLY be done through legislation ====

Simmons 2013 – Regulatory and state affairs director at the Institute for Energy Research (Daniel, "IER~’s Simmons to Testify on Hydrocarbons Agreement," IER, 4/24/13, IER, http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/2013/04/24/testimony-of-daniel-simmons-subcommittee-on-energy-and-mineral-resources/)//Bwang

North America is an energy rich continent. Our energy issues are not issues of

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than a year for the Administration to submit Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement to Congress.

====Ethical obligation to avert extinction.====

Epstein and Zhao 9 (Richard and Y, Laboratory of Computational Oncology, Department of Medicine, University of Hong Kong, "The threat that dare not speak its name: human extinction", Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, Volume 52, Number 1 (winter 2009): 116-25 Project Muse)

Final ends for all species are the same, but the journeys will be different

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now all too often dismiss as "human nature" (Tudge 1989).