# Round 1 - Sequoyah

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### 1AC – Instability

#### Castro’s reforms will inevitably fail – that triggers economic and social collapse

Morales 13(Ermilio, He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the José Antonio Echevarría Higher Polytechnic Institute in Havana, and a Masters in Marketing from the University of Havana. He also earned an MBA from the Higher School of Marketing in Madrid, Spain. As a high-ranking professional in Cuba, he worked for more than 10 years in marketing research, and authored or co-authored more than 50 different government marketing studies of products and services in the health-care field, tourism, cell phones, retailing, medical equipment, tourism, and investment strategies. He provided technical service for the Cuban government in a variety of binational projects in South Africa, Argentina and Canada, “Cuban reforms: the ultimate utopia?” August 23rd, 2013, <http://thehavanaconsultinggroups.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=348%3Acuban-reforms-the-ultimate-utopia&catid=47%3Aeconomy&lang=en>)//moxley

The reforms that began under Raúl Castro's government, despite having the greatest reach since

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as architects, engineers and programmers-- are not included in these reforms.

#### Only an immediate and complete rollback of the embargo can ensure successful reform and prevent Cuban collapse

Timothy Ashby, Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 3/29/13

(PRESERVING STABILITY IN CUBA AFTER NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES – THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADING WITH STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES, www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/)

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of economic, social, and

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-way trade must include both Cuba’s private sector as well as SOEs.

#### Plan key to US-Cuban relations which preserve Caribbean stability – coop enables effective regional security

Tierney 9 (John F. – Chairman, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, “Hearing on "National Security Implications of U.S. Policy toward Cuba"”, 4/29, http://tierney.house.gov/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=588&Itemid=500141)

Current U.S. policy toward Cuba is anachronistic and unsustainable - and it

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in the western Caribbean and disrupt ongoing operations of South American cocaine mafias.

#### Caribbean stability solves for the root cause of conflict and inequality - checks terrorism

E.U. 06 [EU – European Union legislation, 2/3/06; “An EU-Caribbean Partnership for Growth, Stability, and Development”; <http://ec.europa.eu/development/icenter/repository/communication_86_2006_en.pdf> [\\accesssed](file:///\\accesssed) 9/24/13\\NL]

Security, stability and conflict prevention are essential prerequisites for sustainable development. Security has

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the dialogue and interaction among members, acting as a peer pressure mechanism.

#### Caribbean instability leads to terrorism and distracts the US from critical hotspots including Africa, the Caucus, and North Korea

Gorrell 5 (Tim, Lieutenant Colonel, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” 3/18, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074)

Regardless of the succession, under the current U.S. policy, Cuba’s

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in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

#### North Korean threats go nuclear

Kline 13—Comment Editor and Writer @ National Post [Jesse Kline (Master of Journalism degree from the University of British Columbia), “Deterrence is the best way to prevent war with North Korea,” National Post, April 9, 2013, pg. http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2013/04/09/jesse-kline-deterrence-is-the-best-way-to-prevent-war-with-north-korea/]

Another day, another provocation from North Korea. Last week the reclusive regime threatened

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might of the U.S. military bearing down on North Korea.

Ever since the Korean War ended in 1953, the Kim regime has been bringing the peninsula to the brink and then backing off once the international community agrees to concessions. This is especially true any time South Korea elects a new president or conducts war games with the United States—two events that have taken place in recent weeks.

Appeasement seemed like a viable option until it became apparent that the North was developing weapons of mass destruction. As it turned out, constantly giving in to the North Koreans failed to stop them from developing a nuclear weapon and only encouraged the regime to continue playing games with the international community.

The North keeps playing these game because it works. By ratcheting up the rhetoric

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pressuring the international community into giving aid to the cash-strapped country.

Kim Jong-Un is moving the world to the brink of war only because past experience has shown that he'll get something out of it. The truth is that there is very little chance of North Korea deliberately starting a conflict, as the regime is surely aware that it would be crushed by the American army in a head-to-head conflict.

The U.S. has put South Korea under its nuclear umbrella—i

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move by edgy soldiers guarding the demilitarized zone could ignite the tinder box.

Yet there is no reason to believe that standard deterrence mechanisms will not work in

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appear crazy, but there's no indication that he has a death wish.

However, as former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger once said, "Deterrence requires a combination of power, the will to use it, and the assessment of these by the potential aggressor. Moreover, deterrence is the product of those factors and not the sum. If any one of them is zero, deterrence fails."

The North Koreans are betting that the American publicare in no mood for war,

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the Pentagon will be delaying a planned missile test sends the opposite signal.

In order for deterrence to work, Washington has to be abundantly clear that any act of war will provoke a swift, and deadly, American response. And that any nuclear weapon—detonated anywhere in the world—using North Korean technology will result in Washington turning Pyongyang into a wasteland.

So long as Kim Jong-Un and his cronies believe there is a real and credible threat from the United States, there is very little to worry about. Cancelling planned displays of American firepower and not being explicit about U.S. support for countries such as South Korea and Japan, will only embolden North Korea—making the powder keg more likely to blow.

**African conflicts cause great power war**

**Glick 7** (Caroline – senior Middle East fellow at the Center for Security Policy, Condi’s African holiday, p. http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/home.aspx?sid=56&categoryid=56&subcategoryid=90&newsid=11568)

The Horn of Africa is a dangerous and strategically vital place. Small wars,

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waters of the Nile River which flows through all countries of the region.

**Caucasus conflict goes nuclear**

Joshua Kucera**,** 12/28/2011. Freelance journalist specializing in Central Asia and the Caucasus. “Predicting Conflict in 2012: Karabakh? Tajikistan? Uzbekistan? Iran?” EurasiaNet, http://www.eurasianet.org/node/64765.

And in Komsomolskaya Pravda, Mikhail Barabanov of the Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies and Moscow Defense Brief discusses a recent claim by Chief of the General Staff Nikolai Makarov that the chance of Russia getting involved in a war have recently increased. (Translation by Johnson's Russia List):

Major Western countries and first and foremost the United States might intervene in conflicts on

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Armed Forces. Things might escalate into a nuclear exchange, you know.

#### Caribbean instability causes bioterrorism and LNG explosions

Bryan 1 (Anthony T., Director of the Caribbean Program – North/South Center, and Stephen E. Flynn, Senior Fellow – Council on Foreign Relations, “Terrorism, Porous Borders, and Homeland Security: The Case for U.S.-Caribbean Cooperation”, 10-21, http://www.cfr.org/publication/4844/terrorism\_porous\_borders\_and \_homeland\_ security.html)

Terrorist acts can take place anywhere. The Caribbean is no exception. Already the

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else to the clandestine manufacture and deployment of biological weapons within national borders.

#### Bioterrorism results in extinction

Sandberg et al 8 – Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University. PhD in computation neuroscience, Stockholm—AND—Jason G. Matheny—PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins. special consultant to the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh—AND—Milan M. Ćirković—senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade. Assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad. (Anders, How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?, 9 September 2008, http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction)

The risks from anthropogenic hazards appear at present larger than those from natural ones.

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may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

#### LNG tanker explosions cause catastrophic damage – outweighs nuclear war

Lovin 1 (Amory B., Chief Scientist of the [Rocky Mountain Institute](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rocky_Mountain_Institute), and L. Hunter Lovin, President – National Capitalism and Co-Founder – Rocky Mountain Institute, “Brittle Power: Energy Strategy for National Security”, http://verdilivorno.it/doc\_gnl/198204\_Brittle\_Power\_intro\_GNL\_note.pdf)

About nine percent of such a tankerload of LNG will probably, if spilled onto

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of a megaton of TNT, or about fifty-five Hiroshima bombs.

Thus the plan - The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward the Republic of Cuba.

### 1AC – Economy

#### Lack of investment in capital goods makes collapse inevitable

Nash-Hoff 10/24 [Michelle, Founder and President of ElectroFab Sales, a sales agency specializing in helping manufacturers select the right processes for their products, 2013, “Decline in Capital Investment Is Threat to American Innovation,” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michele-nashhoff/decline-in-capital-invest\_b\_4143596.html]

In early October, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation released a report titled "

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United States. Thus, investment declines in one industry sector after another.

#### U.S. economy key to the global economy

Caploe ‘9

(David Caploe is CEO of the Singapore-incorporated American Centre for Applied Liberal Arts and Humanities in Asia., “Focus still on America to lead global recovery”, April 7, The Strait Times, lexis)

IN THE aftermath of the G-20 summit, most observers seem to have

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US - and it is going to have to be solved there too.

#### The plan solves – 3 reasons:

#### a. Resources – The embargo kills US access to resources like natural gas and oil

Grogg 06- Patricia Grogg; Cuban correspondent to IPS, studied Journalism in the University of Havana (“Cuba Embargo’s Boomerang Effect” IPS, October 2006, <http://havanajournal.com/politics/entry/cuba-embargos-boomerang-effect/>, accessed: 6/27/13, ML)

Washington’s embargo against Cuba also has an impact on the United States economy and prevents

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also signed a contract for four blocks in this deep water drilling area.

#### Resource wars lead to extinction

Lendman ‘7

(Stephen Lendman is a renowned author and Research Associate of the Center for Research on Globalization (CRG). The Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG) is an independent research and media organization based in Montreal. The CRG is involved in book publishing, support to humanitarian projects as well as educational outreach activities including the organization of public conferences and lectures. The Centre also acts as a think tank on crucial economic and geopolitical issues. Stephen has written extensively on war and peace, social justice in America and many other national and international issues. Stephen Lendman is a recipient of a 2008 Project Censored Award, University of California at Sonoma – “Resource Wars – Can We Survive Them?” – Global Research, June 06, 2007 – http://www.globalresearch.ca/resource-wars-can-we-survive-them/5892)

With the world’s energy supplies finite, the US heavily dependent on imports, and

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, or at least a big part of it, would have survived.

#### b. Trade – The embargo significantly decreases trade between Cuba and America

West-Duran 12 – Alan West-Duran, PhD, Director of the Latino/Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at Northwestern University, (“Cuba”, Book published by Gale: Cengage Learning, 2012 (Publish Date), <http://www.gale.cengage.com/pdf/samples/CubaSampleChapter.pdf>, Accessed 7/02/13, AW)

President Barack Obama has said, “Our guiding¶ light . . . is

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hardship for Cuban¶ families, especially their loved ones on the island.

#### Extinction – Trade solves all conflict

Daniel Grisworld 12/28/5, director of the Cato Institute Center for Trade Policy Studies,”Peace on Earth? Try Free Trade among Men”

Buried beneath the daily stories about car bombs and insurgents is an underappreciated but comforting

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acquire them peacefully by trading away what they can produce best at home.¶

#### c. Manufacturing – Lifting the embargo significantly boosts manufacturing

Ball 12 (chipsball, contributer to Hubpages, “Lift Trade Embargo Against Cuba… Create U.S. Jobs”, August 2012, <http://hubpages.com/forum/topic/100613>, Accessed: 7/4/13, EH)

The U.S. Economy needs a "jolt". Lifting the U.

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is whether or not the Obama Administration has the courage to pursue it.

#### Decline of US manufacturing triggers unchecked Chinese rise and South China Sea conflict

Mosher 6 Steven is the President of the Population Research Institute. “CHINESE INFLUENCE ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY THROUGH U.S. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CORPORATE AMERICA: HEARING BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,” Feb 14, http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/intlrel/hfa26076.000/hfa26076\_0f.htm

The ruthless mercantilism practiced by the CCP is thus a form of economic warfare.

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desire to reduce U.S. influence and presence in the region.

#### **Unchecked Chinese rise causes great power nuclear war**

Walton 7 – C. Dale Walton, Lecturer in International Relations and Strategic Studies at the University of Reading, 2007, Geopolitics and the Great Powers in the 21st Century, p. 49

Obviously, it is of vital importance to the United States that the PRC does

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a healthy multipolar system that is not marked by close great power alliances.

#### South China Sea conflict goes nuclear

Wittner 11 (Lawrence S. Wittner, Emeritus Professor of History at the State University of New York/Albany, Wittner is the author of eight books, the editor or co-editor of another four, and the author of over 250 published articles and book reviews. From 1984 to 1987, he edited Peace & Change, a journal of peace research., 11/28/2011, "Is a Nuclear War With China Possible?", [www.huntingtonnews.net/14446](http://www.huntingtonnews.net/14446))

While nuclear weapons exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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that of the world, they should be working to encourage these policies.

#### Economic decline causes war – studies prove

Royal ‘10

(Jedediah, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, 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)

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

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not featured prominently in the economic-security debate and deserves more attention.

#### Economic collapse causes Asian instability and war – high probability

**Auslin 9** – resident scholar at AEI (Michael “Averting Disaster”, The Daily Standard, 2/6, http://www.aei.org/article/100044

As they deal with a collapsing world economy, policymakers in Washington and around the

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types of miscalculation and greed that have destroyed international systems in the past.

#### Asia war outweighs – draws in great powers and destroys international stability

White 8 – Hugh White 8, Professor of Strategic Studies at Australian National University and Visiting Fellow, the Lowy Institute, June 4, 2008, “'Why War in Asia Remains Thinkable' ,” online: http://www.iiss.org/conferences/global-strategic-challenges-as-played-out-in-asia/asias-strategic-challenges-in-search-of-a-common-agenda/conference-papers/fifth-session-conflict-in-asia/why-war-in-asia-remains-thinkable-prof-hugh-white/

But while I agree that war in Asia is unlikely, it does seem to

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and their successors have done so much to study, understand and prevent.

### 1AC – Solvency

#### Only *full removal* of the embargo solves – partial or conditioned removal is worse than the status quo.

Gorrell 05 Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army War College [Lieutenant Colonel Tim Gorrell, Cuba: The Next Unanticipated Anticipated Strategic Crisis?, Strategy Research Project, 18 March 2005, U.S. Army War College, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074]

RETAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA, BUT ENFORCE THEM IN VARYING DEGREES DEPENDING ON THE POLITICAL

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have to lose by attempting a bold shift in its policy toward Cuba?

#### Lifting of the embargo is inevitable – triggers your disads

**Ediger 9/19/12** – (Don, “Cuba Post-Castro Future” Masters from the University of Southern California and a writer for Consortium News with background at the Sacramento Master Club, Consortium News is a peer-reviewed and edited News service with reviewers from the Associated Press and Newsweek, Available online @ http://consortiumnews.com/2012/09/19/cubas-post-castro-future/)

With Fidel Castro now 86 and his brother Raul at 81, big changes appear

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might also provide the Cuban government with an incentive to be less repressive.¶

#### Currently, the embargo won’t get removed until 2018

**Rajo 3-2-13** (Carolos, “Analysis: Castro brothers' successor may inherit a very different Cuba”, March 2nd, 2013, <http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/03/02/17133513-analysis-castro-brothers-successor-may-inherit-a-very-different-cuba?lite>)//moxley

The U.S. State Department reacted tepidly to Castro’s announcement and made clear

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For now, at least, it seems that won’t happen until 2018.

#### Independently, Latin America is structurally improving due to globalization

O’Neil 13(Shannon O’Neil is senior fellow for Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), O’Neil has taught in the political science department at Columbia University. She is a frequent commentator on major television and radio programs, and her work has appeared in Foreign Affairs, Foreign Affairs Latinoamerica, Americas Quarterly, Política Exterior, Foreign Policy, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times, among others, and she has testified before the U.S. Congress on U.S. policy toward Mexico, she was a justice, welfare, and economics fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. She was also a Fulbright scholar in Mexico and Argentina. Prior to her academic work, Dr. O’Neil worked in the private sector as an equity analyst at Indosuez Capital Latin America and Credit Lyonnais Securities. She holds a BA from Yale University, an MA in international relations from Yale University, and a PhD in government from Harvard University, “Latin American Success Story”, June 16th, 2013, <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/07/16/latin-america-s-secret-success-story.html>)//moxley

Latin America rarely looms large on the global scene, overshadowed by Europe, the

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than to look toward its hemispheric neighbors, who have much to impart.

#### And, the embargo is an act of genocide – it disproportionately affects the Cuban population and is maintained only to destroy socialism

Malott 7 (Curry, From New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM

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Critical Education Policy Studies, v5 n1 May 2007 pg. 245)//moxley

[The US has not been] trying to influence the revolution but to

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whom have lived their entire lives under the embargo (Granma, 2005).

#### The unconditional offer of normal trade relations boosts US-Cuban relations and fosters a stable transition – that’s key to American soft-power

Koenig, 10 – US Army Colonel, paper submitted for a Masters in Strategic Studies at the US Army War College (Lance, “Time for a New Cuba Policy” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA518130>)

The option with the greatest possibility of success and reward for the United States is

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guides her onto a path that will benefit the nations of the Americas.

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### Appeasement

Obama administration appeasing Cuba now – travel restrictions and remittances

USA Today 13 (USA Today, "The United States and Cuba have agreed to resume talks in immigration issues next month.", 6/19/13, http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/06/19/cuba-immigration-talks/2439915/ )

HAVANA (AP) — The United States and Cuba have agreed to resume bilateral

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completing his sentence and agreeing to renounce his U.S. citizenship.

**Non-unique—Obama appeasing Cuba now**

**Diaz-Balart ‘12** (Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart represents the 21st congressional district in South Florida; August 21, 2012; “Mario Diaz-Balart: Obama has Pursued Policy Appeasement”; Fox News Latino; http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/08/21/mario-diaz-balart-obama-has-pursued-policy-appeasement-toward-castro-regime/)

These compliments – and the fact that they were not disavowed by the White House

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our position in the world, we need a change at the top.

#### Obama is appeasing Cuba

Mario Diaz-Balart 2012: Obama Has Policy of Appeasement Toward Castro Regime, "Mario Diaz-Balart: Obama Has Policy of Appeasement Toward Castro Regime", <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/08/21/mario-diaz-balart-obama-has-pursued-policy-appeasement-toward-castro-regime/>

In July, Hugo Chavez commented on the United States presidential election, saying that

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In response, the Castro brothers amped up their repression of the Cuban people

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and imprisoned American humanitarian aid worker Alan Gross for the “crime” of

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oppressors until the promise of a free, democratic Cuba is finally realized.

**Non-unique—Obama appeasing Cuba now**

**Diaz-Balart ‘12** (Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart represents the 21st congressional district in South Florida; August 21, 2012; “Mario Diaz-Balart: Obama has Pursued Policy Appeasement”; Fox News Latino; http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/08/21/mario-diaz-balart-obama-has-pursued-policy-appeasement-toward-castro-regime/)

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#### The AFF isn’t appeasement – it is an effective foreign policy tool that is necessary to suppress conflict

Rogin 12 (A graduate of George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, Josh Rogin covers national security and foreign policy and writes the daily Web column The Cable. His column appears bi-weekly in the print edition of The Washington Post. "Chuck Hagel does not like sanctions", Monday, December 17, 2012, <http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/12/17/chuck_hagel_does_not_like_sanctions>)

Hagel, who serves as co-chair of President Barack Obama's intelligence advisory board

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: Our 40-year policy toward Cuba is senseless," Hagel said.

#### Prefer our authors – theirs are Conservative hacks – empirics flow AFF

Logevall et al 10 – professor at Cornell University and coauthor of America’s Cold War: The Politics of Insecurity (Frederik, KENNETH OSGOOD is a professor at Florida Atlantic University and author of Total Cold War: Eisenhower’s Secret Propaganda Battle at Home and Abroad, “The Ghost of Munich: America's Appeasement Complex”, July/August of 2010, <http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/article/ghost-munich-americas-appeasement-complex>)

As the debate over Obama’s foreign policy continues, we would do well to remember

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to Munich; it was what he agreed to when he got there.

### Democracy

#### No impact

**Rosato ‘3** (Sebastian, PhD Candidate Pol. Sci. – U. Chicago, American Political Science Review, “The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory”, 97:4, November, Proquest)

Each variant of the institutional logic rests on the claim that democratic institutions make leaders

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, there is good reason to doubt each variant of the institutional logic.

### Neoliberalism

#### Methodologies are always imperfect – endorsing multiple epistemological frameworks can correct the blindspots of each

Stern and Druckman 00 (Paul, National Research Council and Daniel, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution – George Mason University, International Studies Review, Spring, p. 62-63)

Using several distinct research approaches or sources of information in conjunction is a valuable strategy

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the results coming from any single study, method, or data source.

#### Alt can’t overcome resiliency – No shift

Stelzer 9 Irwin Stelzer is a business adviser and director of economic policy studies at the Hudson Institute, “Death of capitalism exaggerated,” http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,26174260-5013479,00.html

A FUNNY thing happened on the way to the collapse of market capitalism in the

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, so far, so good for reformed capitalism. No substitutes accepted.

#### Causes transition conflicts, requires totalitarianism, and flips their impacts

**Aligica ‘3**  (fellow at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University, and Adjunct Fellow at the Hudson Institute(Paul, 4/21. “The Great Transition and the Social Limits to Growth: Herman Kahn on Social Change and Global Economic Development”, April 21, http://www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication\_details&id=2827)

Stopping things would mean if not to engage in an experiment to change the human

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are trying to avoid" (Kahn, 1976, 210; 1984).

#### Neolib’s inevitable and movements are getting smothered out of existence—no alternative economic system

Jones 11—Owen, Masters at Oxford, named one of the Daily Telegraph's 'Top 100 Most Influential People on the Left' for 2011, author of "Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class", The Independent, UK, "Owen Jones: Protest without politics will change nothing", 2011, www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/owen-jones-protest-without-politics-will-change-nothing-2373612.html

My first experience of police kettling was aged 16. It was May Day 2001

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– from Seattle to Prague to Genoa – and the authorities were rattled.

Today, as protesters in nearly a thousand cities across the world follow the example

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of revolt, there remains no left to give it direction and purpose.

#### No impact – correlation doesn’t imply causation

**Larrivee 10**— PF ECONOMICS AT MOUNT ST MARY’S UNIVERSITY – MASTERS FROM THE HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL AND PHD IN ECONOMICS FROM WISCONSIN, 10 [JOHN, A FRAMEWORK FOR THE MORAL ANALYSIS OF MARKETS, 10/1, <http://www.teacheconomicfreedom.org/files/larrivee-paper-1.pdf>]

The Second Focal Point: Moral, Social, and Cultural Issues of Capitalism

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problems in the first place, at least not to the degree theorized.

#### Neoliberalism is sustainable

Park 12 [Mi Park, PhD at Dalhousie University, “Imagining a Just and Sustainable Society: a Critique of Alternative Economic Models in the Global Justice Movement”, Critical Sociology, published online 2-13-2012 at SAGE Journals]

Many critics of globalization believe that economic expansion, regardless of resource regimes, is

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model is premised on the notion of decoupling economic growth from ecological degradation.

#### No value to life” doesn’t outweigh---prioritize existence because value is subjective and could improve in the future

Torbjörn Tännsjö 11, the Kristian Claëson Professor of Practical Philosophy at Stockholm University, 2011, “Shalt Thou Sometimes Murder? On the Ethics of Killing,” online: http://people.su.se/~jolso/HS-texter/shaltthou.pdf

I suppose it is correct to say that, if Schopenhauer is right, if

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suffering (in their lives) than I avoid (in my life).

#### All environmental factors getting better

Lomberg 10**—**Ph.D in pol science (4/21, Bjorn Earth Day: Smile, don't shudder; Ignore doomsday environmentalists. Things aren't so bad. And if rich countries would worry about the right things, all the better, USA Today, LexisNexis)

Given all the talk of impending catastrophe, this may come as a surprise,

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data showed us that many key environmental measures were indeed getting better. ,

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### Democracy

#### **Democracy** doesn’t solve war --- it’s multilateral institutions and historical patterns

Schwartz and Skinner '01 Thomas and Kiron K (Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution

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-Peru, 1995 NATO-Yugoslavia, 1999 India-Pakistan, 1999