### Framework

#### A. Interpretation – debate is a game that requires the aff to defend USFG economic engagement towards Cuba, Mexico, or Venezuela

#### --‘Resolved’ means to enact a policy by law.

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Definition of the word

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“to establish by law”.

#### --“United States Federal Government should” means the debate is solely about the outcome of a policy established by governmental means

Ericson 3 (Jon M., Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts – California Polytechnic U., et al., The Debater’s Guide, Third Edition, p. 4)

The Proposition of Policy: Urging Future Action In policy propositions, each topic contains

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compelling reasons for an audience to perform the future action that you propose.

#### B. Violation – they claim to win for reasons other than the desirability of that action

#### C. Reasons to prefer:

#### 1. Predictability – debate games open up dialogue which fosters information processing – they open up infinite frameworks making the game impossible

Haghoj 8 – PhD, affiliated with Danish Research Centre on Education and Advanced Media Materials, asst prof @ the Institute of Education at the University of Bristol (Thorkild, 2008, "PLAYFUL KNOWLEDGE: An Explorative Study of Educational Gaming," PhD dissertation @ Institute of Literature, Media and Cultural Studies, University of Southern Denmark, http://static.sdu.dk/mediafiles/Files/Information\_til/Studerende\_ved\_SDU/Din\_uddannelse/phd\_hum/afhandlinger/2009/ThorkilHanghoej.pdf)

Debate games are often based on pre-designed scenarios that include descriptions of issues

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dialogue as an end in itself” (Wegerif, 2006: 61).

#### 2. Ground – the resolution exists to create balanced difficulty, creating a topic that is supposed to be moral and controversial – games requires acceptance of rules whose purpose is to forbid the easiest means to a goal – this makes the game meaningful

Hurka 6 – philosopher who serves as the Jackman Distinguished Chair in Philosophical Studies at the University of Toronto (Thomas, 2006, "Games and the Good," Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume 80, http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~thurka/docs/pass\_games.pdf)

I take this admiration to rest on the judgement that excellence in games is good

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good to the details of his analysis more explicitly than he ever does.

#### 3. Education – debate as a competitive political game is the best framework to solve dogmatism and human brutality

Carter 8 – prof @ The Colorado College, research support from the Rockefeller Foundation and the staff of the Villa Serbelloni, Bellagio, Italy, the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Benezet Foundation at The Colorado College (Lief H, 2008, "LAW AND POLITICS AS PLAY," Chicago-Kent Law Review, 83(3), http://www.cklawreview.com/wp-content/uploads/vol83no3/Carter.pdf)

Vico asked his audience at the University of Naples in 1708 to debate two competing

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Play thereby helps humans become Shaw’s “race that can under-stand.”

#### 4. Decision-making – debate gaming through dramatic rehearsal strengthens decision-making – only maintained by a confined educational space

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Joas’ re-interpretation of Dewey’s pragmatism as a “theory of situated creativity”

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the contingent outcomes and domain-specific processes of problem-based scenarios.

#### Decisionmaking is a trump impact—it improves all aspects of life regardless of its specific goals

Shulman 9, president emeritus – Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, (Lee S, Education and a Civil Society: Teaching Evidence-Based Decision Making, p. ix-x)

These are the kinds of questions that call for the exercise of practical reason,

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, and heart all play a significant role in the lives of citizens.

### K – Coloniality

#### The pursuit of modern economics and US engagement is rooted in domination and coloniality which perpetuates total war in pursuit of the plan—this turns case—modern coloniality replicates the harms it tries to fix

Escobar 04 [Arturo, Colombian-American anthropologist primarily known for his contribution to postdevelopment theory and political ecology, “Beyond the Third World: Imperial Globality, Global Coloniality, and Anti-Globalization Social Movements”, http://www3.nd.edu/~druccio/Escobar.pdf]

1. Modernity’s ability to provide solutions to modern problems has been increasingly compromised.

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modernity thus becomes a sine qua non for imagining after the third world.

#### The alternative is to engage in Border Thinking—results in a breakaway from Occidentalism which prevents conflict

Grosfuguel 11 [Ramon, University of Cal. Berkeley, “Decolonizing Post-Colonial Studies and Paradigms ofPolitical Economy: Transmodernity, Decolonial Thinking, and Global Coloniality,” http://www.dialogoglobal.com/granada/documents/Grosfoguel-Decolonizing-Pol-Econ-and-Postcolonial.pdf]

One of many plausible solutions to the Eurocentric versus fundamentalist dilemma is what Walter Mignolo

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how to transcend the imperial monologue established by the European-centric modernity.

### CP – Short Sea Shipping

#### CP Text: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its short sea shipping capability for NAFTA trade opportunities towards Mexico

#### SSS leads to new job growth

**MARAD ‘11** [U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration], America’s Marine Highway Report to Congress, Prepared in Consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, April 2011, p. 12-13]

Expanded use of Marine Highway services has the potential to generate orders for new vessels

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growth are the chief sources of new demand for workers throughout the economy.

#### Solves trade- SSS can solve congestion and leads to reliable transfer of cargo

**MARAD ‘11** [U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration], America’s Marine Highway Report to Congress, Prepared in Consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, April 2011, p. 17]

America’s Marine Highway can play a role in alleviating this congestion on some of our

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and to facilitate the transition to greater use of this underutilized national asset.

### DA – Iran Sanctions (Emory)

#### Sanctions won’t pass but it’s close – Obama’s lobbying is key to sustain Dems

Bowman 1/23/14 [Michael Bowman, VOA News, Support Slipping for Iran Sanctions in US Senate, http://www.voanews.com/content/support-slipping-for-iran-sanctions-in-senate/1836453.html, EP]

CAPITOL HILL — More Democratic senators are quietly signaling their opposition to a bill that

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presidential veto of any sanctions Congress may pass before negotiations run their course.

#### Plan drains Obama’s political capital

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 Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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

#### Failure to block sanctions commits the U.S. to supporting Israeli strikes on Iran

**Merry, 1/1/14** - Robert W. Merry, political editor of the National Interest, is the author of books on American history and foreign policy (Robert, “Obama may buck the Israel lobby on Iran” Washington Times, factiva)

Presidential press secretary Jay Carney uttered 10 words the other day that represent a major

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seen as being not quite what it has been cracked up to be.

#### Impact is nuclear war

**Reuveny** **10** (Rafael – professor in the School of Public and Environmental affairs at Indiana University, Unilateral strike on Iran could trigger world depression, p. http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/news/speaking\_out/reuveny\_on\_unilateral\_strike\_Iran.shtml)

A unilateral Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear facilities would likely have dire consequences, including

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green light. A unilateral Israeli strike could ultimately spark World War III.

### DA – Iran Sanctions (2nd Year State)

#### Sanctions bill won’t pass – credible pressure key to convert skeptics

Crittenden 2/4 [Michael, Staff Writer for the Wall Street Journal, 2014, “Congress Eases Standoff With White House Over Iran Sanctions,” http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304851104579363372176271460]

The Obama administration appeared to be

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that oppose it are not soft on Iran or anti-Israel."

**The plan costs political capital and is partisan**

**Freemark 1/25** (Yonah, “On Infrastructure, Hopes for Progress this Year Look Glum”, The Transport Politic, 25 January 2012, < http://www.thetransportpolitic.com/2012/01/25/on-infrastructure-hopes-for-progress-this-year-look-glum/>)

President Obama barely mentions the need for improvements in the nation’s capital stock in his

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more than replicate the existing law, perhaps with a few bureaucratic reforms.

#### Failure to stop sanctions greenlights Israel strikes

Merry 14 [Robert, Political Editor for the National Interest and Author of Several Books on American History and Foreign Policy January 1, “Obama May Buck the Israel Lobby on Iran,” http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/dec/31/merry-obama-may-buck-the-israel-lobby-on-iran/]

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#### Global war

Reuveny 10 [Rafael, Professor in Political Economy at the University of Indiana, PhD in Economic and Political Science from the University of Indiana, August 9, “Guest Opinion: Unilateral Strike on Iran Could Trigger World Depression,” http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/news/speaking\_out/reuveny\_on\_unilateral\_strike\_Iran.shtml]

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U.S. forces on nuclear alert, replaying Nixon’s nightmarish scenario.

### DA – Saudi Oil

#### The only blockade preventing Saudi Arabian proliferation is a strong US security commitment—perception of shifting oil consumption causes proliferation

Rogers 13—Military Legislative Assistant at U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, and former Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security [Will Rogers, “America Committed to Gulf Security Despite Changing Relationship with Region's Oil, says Gen. Dempsey,” Center for New American Security, March 20th 2013, http://www.cnas.org/blogs/naturalsecurity/2013/03/america-committed-gulf-security-despite-changing-relationship-regions]

America’s relationship with the Middle East’s energy resources is changing as U.S.

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- will have to be managed carefully. What a tightrope to walk.

#### Marine highways lessens dependence on foreign oil

Lahood, 11 [Ray Lahood, US Dept of Transportation, Fast Lane: Official Blog of the USDOT, 4/8/11, <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2011/04/americas-marine-highway-system-delivering-goods-more-efficiently-reducing-dependence-on-foreign-oil-.html>]

America's marine highway system: delivering goods more efficiently, reducing dependence on foreign oil

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. And it will be a future that America is prepared to win.

#### Saudi prolif causes nuclear war

Edelman 11—Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments & Former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy [Eric Edelman, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb 2011, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67162/eric-s-edelman-andrew-f-krepinevich-jr-and-evan-braden-montgomer/the-dangers-of-a-nuclear-iran]

The Islamabad option raises a host of difficult issues, perhaps the most worrisome being

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to their nuclear arsenals; for instance, they might hide their weapons.