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#### Iran sanctions is top of the docket and Obama’s using capital to make Dems sustain a veto

CSM 1-13 [By Howard LaFranchi; “Is Congress about to kill Iran nuclear deal against Obama's wishes? (+video)”; 1/13/2014; <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Foreign-Policy/2014/0113/Is-Congress-about-to-kill-Iran-nuclear-deal-against-Obama-s-wishes-video>]

President Obama is warning Congress against steps that could scuttle a deal that he says

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have multiplying impact given the importance of those two sectors to Iran’s economy.

#### New Latin Economic Engagement Initiatives cause massive PC loss – no turns

Isacson, 11

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Though Latin Americans’ perceptions of the United States have improved since a low point during

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Let’s hope that the tone and content of the President’s visit reflect that.

#### PC currently is holding them off

The Hill 1-14 [The Hill, DC Political site, By Jeremy Herb; “Dems back away from Iran sanctions legislation”; 1/14/2014; http://thehill.com/blogs/global-affairs/middle-east-north-africa/195477-reid-dems-back-away-from-iran-sanctions]

Amid intense pressure from President Obama and the White House, Senate Democrats appear to

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floor because it has reached a near filibuster-proof majority of supporters.

#### Failure commits us to Israeli strikes

**Merry 1/1/14** (Robert W. Merry, political editor of the National Interest, is the author of books on American history and foreign policy, “Obama may buck the Israel lobby on Iran”, 2014, 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.

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#### Economic engagement is conditional—the aff is unconditional

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).

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#### Economic engagement with Latin America is a vehicle for neoliberalism, designed to draw countries into the United States’ sphere of economic influence in the name of military interventionism.

Jacobs 4 (Jamie Elizabeth, Assistant Prof of Polisci at West Virginia U, "Neoliberalism and Neopanamericanism: The View from Latin America," Latin American Politics & Society 46.4 (2004) 149-152, MUSE)

The advance of neoliberalism suffers no shortage of critics, both from its supporters who

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further weakening of state sovereignty in the South. [End Page 150]

**Neoliberalism ensures a destruction of the environment**

Darder 10 (Professor Antonia Darder, Distinguished Professor of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Preface” in *Critical Pedagogy, Ecoliteracy, & Planetary Crisis: The Ecopedagogy Movement* by Richard V. Kahn, 2010, pp. x-xiii) **GENDER MODIFIED**

It is fitting to begin my words about Richard Kahn’s Critical Pedagogy, Ecoliteracy,

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the well-being of all species with whom we walk the earth.

#### The alternative is to reject neoliberalism in order to create a bottom-up perspective on realigning the social landscape

**Roberts**, Cornell government professor, **2009**

(Kenneth, Beyond Neoliberalism in Latin America?, pg 1-7)

In recent years voters in Latin America have elected a series of left-of

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identify various responses, and analyze the potential impact of emerging popular subjects.

### Cooperation

#### Gradualism solves

#### A – Normaized US-Cuban ties coming. Happens by 2018 under Diaz-Canel.

Gott ‘13

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The mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small. So it

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the half-century-old revolutionary process into new and unfamiliar waters.

By 2018, Fidel Castro, aged 86, long described as an ageing revolutionary

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would be able to forge a new and beneficial relationship with the US.

#### B – Embargo will inevitably and slowly fall in the squo. Waiting for discovery, not drilling, is key.

Franks ‘8

Jeff Franks – Havana correspondent for Reuter’s – New York Times – 6/12/2008¶ http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/12/business/worldbusiness/12iht-cubaoil.4.13670441.html?\_r=0

Sometime next year, Cuba plans to begin drilling a major oil field off its

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get it, and in this case it's 50 miles off our coast."

#### A Drilling agreement alone won’t spill-over to broad relations

Padgett ‘12

Tim Padgett joined TIME in 1996 as Mexico City bureau chief covering Latin America. In 1999 he moved to Florida to become TIME’s Miami & Latin America bureau chief, reporting on the hemisphere from Tallahassee to Tierra del Fuego. He has chronicled Mexico’s democratization and drug war as well as the rise of Latin leaders like Lula and Hugo Chavez, TIME, 1-27-2012, “The Oil Off Cuba: Washington and Havana Dance at Arms Length Over Spill Prevention,” http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2105598,00.html#ixzz2NxDjxp81, accessed 5-10-2013

What experts on both sides of the Straits hope is that sea currents will carry

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worker imprisoned in Cuba since 2009 on what many call questionable spying charges.

#### Alt causes to US-Cuban ties – Human Rights, Guantanamo, and Cuban exiles

Hanson & Lee ‘13

Stephanie Hanson and Brianna Lee, Council on Foreign Relations, “U.S.-Cuba Relations”, 1/31/13 http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113

What are the issues preventing normalization of U.S.-Cuba relations? Experts

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alienating a strong voting bloc in an important swing state in presidential elections.

#### Cuba doesn’t want close relations with the US

French ‘13

Anya Landau French, Director of the New America Foundation U.S. – Cuba Policy Initiative, 2-10-2013, “Secretary Kerry: Will He or Won't He Take On Cuba?,” http://thehavananote.com/2013/02/secretary\_kerry\_will\_he\_or\_wont\_he\_take\_cuba

And, then there’s the Cuban government. As much as many in the Cuban

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existence, something the leadership obviously isn’t going to put on the table.

#### No risk of nuclear terror

Mueller 10 (John, professor of political science at Ohio State, Calming Our Nuclear Jitters, Issues in Science and Technology, Winter, <http://www.issues.org/26.2/mueller.html>)

Politicians of all stripes preach to an anxious, appreciative, and very numerous choir

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above: one in a million or one in three billion per attempt.

#### Proliferation doesn’t cause war

Tepperman ‘9 ( 9/7/2009 (John - journalist based in New York Cuty, Why obama should learn to love the bomb, Newsweek, p.lexis)

A growing and compelling body of research suggests that nuclear weapons may not, in

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leaders in each country did what they had to do to avoid it.

#### Prolif disincentives conflict and solves nuclear war—our evidence is comparative

Asal and Beardsley 07 (\*Victor, Department of Political Science, State University of New York, Albany and \*\*Kyle, Department of Political Science, Emore Universtiy “Proliferation and International Crisis Behavior” Journal of Peace Research, vol. 44, no. 2, 2007, pp. 139–155 Sage Publications [www.saramitchell.org/Asalbeardsley.pdf](http://www.saramitchell.org/Asalbeardsley.pdf)) kyan)

Other, more optimistic, scholars see benefits to nuclear proliferation or, perhaps not

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the plausible loss of social value commensurate with the potential gains of an attacker’

### Russia

#### Cuba-Russian relations will not cause war, empirics prove, this is their card

Inter-American Dialogue 12 [U.S. based think tank for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs, "Are External Tensions Entangling Latin American Countries?"<http://www.cepr.net/documents/CEPR\_News/LAA120810.pdf>]

A Wayne S. Smith, senior fellow and director of the Cuba Project at

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Latin America. There is no reason for the Russians to do so."

^Their card ends here^

A Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

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to the new Lada factory in Cuba that Putin announced several years ago?"

#### No escalation – disagreements remain limited

Weitz 11 (Richard, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and a World Politics Review senior editor 9/27/2011, “Global Insights: Putin not a Game-Changer for U.S.-Russia Ties,” <http://www.scribd.com/doc/66579517/Global-Insights-Putin-not-a-Game-Changer-for-U-S-Russia-Ties>)

Fifth, there will inevitably be areas of conflict between Russia and the United States

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of social communication, that will constrain whoever is in charge of Russia.

#### No nuclear strike

Graham 7 (Thomas Graham, senior advisor on Russia in the US National Security Council staff 2002-2007, 2007, "Russia in Global Affairs” The Dialectics of Strength and Weakness http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/numbers/20/1129.html)

An astute historian of Russia, Martin Malia, wrote several years ago that “

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while laying the basis for more constructive long-term relations with Russia.

#### No risk of miscalc

Dr. Leonid Ryabikhin, General (Ret.) Viktor Koltunov and Dr. Eugene

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[www.ewi.info/system/files/RyabikhinKoltunovMiasnikov.pdf](http://www.ewi.info/system/files/RyabikhinKoltunovMiasnikov.pdf).

Analysis of the above arguments shows, that they do not have solid grounds.

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and the United States have developed proper measures to observe the agreed requirements.

### Safety

#### Status quo solves oil spills – Coast Guard response plans and inspections

**Nerurkar and Sullivan 11** (Neelesh AND Mark P., "Cuba's Offshore Oil Development: Background and U.S. Policy Considerations," Congressional Research Service, 11/28/11, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41522.pdf)//AM

The Obama Administration has been making efforts to prepare for a potential oil spill in

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highest industry standards when ¶ conducting its exploratory drilling in Cuban waters.50

#### Cuban oil exploration will stay low in the squo.

Jorge Piñón 2013 (energy affairs researcher) Progreso Weekly – May 7th – http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=92634

That is the process we have conducted for the past 10 years in Cuba,

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deep waters such as we’ve seen in the past two or three years.

#### International oil companies are turning to other parts of the globe.

Mary O'Grady (is a member of the editorial board at The Wall Street Journa) WSJ – April 24, 2013 http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324474004578442511561458392.html

Remember all the hype about Cuba drilling for oil in Caribbean waters and American companies

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in the world where the technological and geological challenges are less.'"

#### Bio-D doesn’t matter

Sagoff 97 [Mark, Senior Research Scholar @ Institute for Philosophy and Public policy in School of Public Affairs @ U. Maryland, William and Mary Law Review, “INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEFINING TAKINGS: PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION: MUDDLE OR MUDDLE THROUGH? TAKINGS JURISPRUDENCE MEETS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT”, 38 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 825, March, L/N]

Although one may agree with ecologists such as Ehrlich and Raven that the earth stands

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sense, good for mankind. The most valuable things are quite useless.

#### Climate change proves Oceans and marine bioD are resilient – alarmist predictions empirically denied

Taylor 10 [James M. Taylor is a senior fellow of The Heartland Institute and managing editor of Environment & Climate News., “Ocean Acidification Scare Pushed at Copenhagen,” Feb 10 http://www.heartland.org/publications/environment%20climate/article/26815/Ocean\_Acidification\_Scare\_Pushed\_at\_Copenhagen.html]

With global temperatures continuing their decade-long decline and United Nations-sponsored global

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The phenomenon of CO2-induced ocean acidification appears to be no different.

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#### Ethical obligation – neoliberalism decimates value to life through inequality and political oppression

Makwana 6 (Rajesh, STWR, 23rd November 06, <http://www.stwr.org/globalization/neoliberalism-and-economic-globalization.html>, ZBurdette)

Neoliberalism and Economic Globalization¶ The goal of neoliberal economic globalization is the removal of

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reducing poverty. They would then be in a better position to compete in

#### Epistemology – the foundations of the 1AC are skewed aff. They get to cherrypick their evidence from a multitude of sources, all of which come from authors who are paid off by the neoliberal system to exaggerate impacts.

Swaffield 12 (Joanne Swaffield 12, Professor of Economics at The University of York, 2012, “Can ‘climate champions’ save the planet? A critical reflection on neoliberal social change,” Environmental Politics, Vol. 21, No. 2, p. 248-267)

So far, our research with climate champions is consistent with the claim that a

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discursive practices, there was an important challenge to the dominance of neoliberalism.

#### Cooption DA – Neoliberalism coopts and appropriates resistance movements—coexistence is impossible

Clarke, Professor of Social Policy at the Open University 08 (John, “Living with/in and without neo-liberalism”, Focaal 51, 2008, <http://oro.open.ac.uk/18127/1/10_Clarke.pdf>)//AS

By cohabitation I mean to identify the problem of how neo-liberalism lives with

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(and the political and cultural imaginaries they carry) to new purposes.

**Neolib would NOT co-opt Cuba and would only help address Cuban poverty**

**Feinberg ‘12**

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Most importantly, Cuba needs to overcome its animosities and fears and reach a national

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of the benefits that foreign investment can bring to a small island economy.

#### Models flawed – over predicts losses

Knight 12 [Richard, “Biodiversity loss: How accurate are the numbers?,” 4-24, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17826898>]

Twenty years ago, the Earth Summit in Rio resulted in a Convention on Biological

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hour three species disappear" he must have known it was too precise.