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## 1NC TPA DA

Obama is spending his political capital on TPA – it will pass but it will be a tough fight

Politi, 2/10[2/10/14, James, Financial Times, “Trade: Pacts of strife”

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/c1254a20-8ff3-11e3-aee9-00144feab7de.html>]

But that vision is colliding with a sobering domestic reality. Passing big trade bills

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doesn’t mean I’m a rubber stamp for any agreement,” Mr Delaney says.

Any change in embargo drains massive amounts of political capital

Cardenas ’12 [11/13/12, Jose R. Cardenas is a writer for Foreign Policy. “Cuba policy in a second Obama term,” http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/11/13/cuba\_policy\_in\_a\_second\_obama\_term]

Critics of current U.S. policy towards Cuba have already begun speculating what

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U.S. administration would need to re-evaluate the relationship.

**Obama’s focus and capital are key --- failure will crush the economy and U.S. leadership**

**McLarty & Cunningham, 2/2** [February 2, 2014, Mack McLarty is the chief of staff to Clinton during the NAFTA ratification fight, and Nelson W. Cunningham is a Specialist on international trade and foreign policy (2/2/2014, Mack and Nelson W., “A Critical Test of Leadership,” [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/thomas-f-mclarty/a-critical-test-of-leader\_b\_4705623.html]](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/thomas-f-mclarty/a-critical-test-of-leader_b_4705623.html%5d)

In his State of the Union address last week, President Obama took a good

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and Congress, including leaders of his own party, can work together?

Economic decline leads to miscalculation and crisis escalation—escalates

Harris and Burrows, ‘09 [Mathew, PhD European History at Cambridge, counselor in the National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer, member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” <http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f_0016178_13952.pdf>]

Increased Potential for Global Conflict Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

## 1NC T QPQ

Interpretation – economic engagement is establishing broad economic contacts

Resnik ‘1 [Evan Resnik is an assistant Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University. Journal of International Affairs, “Defining Engagement” v54, n2, political science complete]

A REFINED DEFINITION OF ENGAGEMENT

In order to establish a more effective framework for dealing with unsavory regimes, I propose that we define engagement as the attempt to influence the political behavior of a target state through the comprehensive establishment and enhancement of contacts with that state across multiple issue-areas (i.e. diplomatic, military, economic, cultural). The following is a brief list of the specific forms that such contacts might include:

DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS

Extension of diplomatic recognition; normalization of diplomatic relations

Promotion of target-state membership in international institutions and regimes

Summit meetings and other visits by the head of state and other senior government officials of sender state to target state and vice-versa

MILITARY CONTACTS

Visits of senior military officials of the sender state to the target state and vice-versa

Arms transfers

Military aid and cooperation

Military exchange and training programs

Confidence and security-building measures

Intelligence sharing

ECONOMIC CONTACTS

Trade agreements and promotion

Foreign economic and humanitarian aid in the form of loans and/or grants

CULTURAL CONTACTS

Cultural treaties

Inauguration of travel and tourism links

Sport, artistic and academic exchanges(n25)

Engagement is an iterated process in which the sender and target state develop a relationship

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hope that this will precipitate political change from below within the target state.

This definition implies that three necessary conditions must hold for engagement to constitute an effective

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, and the near-total collapse of its national economy.(n28)

Third, the target state must perceive the engager and the international order it represents as a potential source of the material or prestige resources it desires. This means that autarkic, revolutionary and unlimited regimes which eschew the norms and institutions of the prevailing order, such as Stalin's Soviet Union or Hitler's Germany, will not be seduced by the potential benefits of engagement.

This reformulated conceptualization avoids the pitfalls of prevailing scholarly conceptions of engagement. It considers the policy as a set of means rather than ends, does not delimit the types of states that can either engage or be engaged, explicitly encompasses contacts in multiple issue-areas, allows for the existence of multiple objectives in any given instance of engagement and, as will be shown below, permits the elucidation of multiple types of positive sanctions.

But it can’t be just over 1 export

Davidsson 3 – Elias Davidsson, Human Rights Researcher and Activist, Reporter for the Arab American News, Contributing Editor for Global Research, “The Mechanism of Economic Sanctions: Changing Perceptions and Euphemisms”, November, www.aldeilis.net/english/attachments/2877\_econsanc-debate.pdf‎

“Economic sanctions”, a mode of coercion in international relations resuscitated in recent years

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effect is primarily to convey displeasure, rather than to affect the economy.

Reject the team – they prevent predictable limits over affs because there are an infinite number of exports that can be allowed as one exception – undermines preparation which decreases clash necessary to train us into competent advocates

## 1NC China CP

Text: The United States Federal Government should cooperate with China to scavenge air pollution through spraying water into the atmosphere like watering gardens

CP solves pollution in China

Yu ’13 [November 19, 2013. Shaocai Yu is a research Physical Scientist at the Atmospheric Modeling and Analysis Division of the National Exposure Research Laboratory. “Water spray geoengineering to clean air pollution for mitigating haze in China’s cities” http://download.springer.com/static/pdf/793/art%253A10.1007%252Fs10311-013-0444-0.pdf?auth66=1392143763\_c2e3133298f8ce0f83852790bcd8a39b&ext=.pdf]

A geoengineering scheme for mitigating the haze problems in the cities of China by using

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hour watering your ambient atmosphere to keep air clean by this geoengineering approach.

## 1NC Race K

Cuban civil society is anti black – their call for engagement is a call for racism

Allen ’11 [Jafari S. Allen is an Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Anthropology at Yale University. “The Erotics of Black Self-Making in Cuba,” pgs. 52-53 Thanks Charles]

Jose Marti, the intellectual hero of Cuban independence, invoked the biological truth that

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in the image of a black mulata seductress. (1995:18)

The affirmative rhetorical silence on whiteness is an active stance that allows white privilege to thrive by masking its existence and treating is as an assumed norm.

DR. CRENSHAW Prof of Speech Comm @ Univ. Ala. 1997

Carrie-PhD. USC; former director of debate @ Univ. of Ala.; WESTERN JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION

This analysis of Helms’ opening argument illustrates how the ideology of white privilege operates through

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of whiteness like Helms’ protect material white privilege because they mask its existence.

Racism must be rejected in EVERY INSTANCE without surcease. It justifies atrocities, creates another and is truly the CAPITAL SIN.

MEMMI Professor Emeritus of Sociology @ Unv. Of Paris 2000, Albert-; RACISM, translated by Steve Martinot, pp.163-165

The struggle against racism will be long, difficult, without intermission, without remission

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. True, it is a wager, but the stakes are irresistible.

The alternative is an unflinching paradigmatic analysis that poses the question of whether civil society is ethical

As debaters, we aren’t policymakers or political activists but simply pedagogues in intellectual discussion—the act of an unflinching paradigmatic analysis allows us to deny intellectual legitimacy to the compromises that radical elements have made because of an unwillingness to hold moderates feet to the fire predicated on an unflinching paradigmatic analysis

Wilderson, ’10 [2010, Frank B. Wilderson is an Associate Professor of African-American Studies at UC Irvine and has a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, “Red, White & Black: Cinema and the Structure of U.S. Antagonisms,”]

STRANGE AS it might seem, this book project began in South Africa. During

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, Andile Mngxitama, Prishani Naidoo, John Shai, and S'bu Zulu.

## 1NC Alloys

Nickel can’t be made into a super magnet – their evidence cites preliminary research by Laura Lewis – our evidence postdates theirs, quotes Lewis, and says nickel cannot be used in super magnets

Nelson 1/17 [January 17, 2014. Jerry Nelson is a reporter for the Liberty Voice. “Magnets May Replace Gold in Fort Knox” http://guardianlv.com/2014/01/magnets-may-replace-gold-in-fort-knox/]

Magnets may replace gold in Fort Knox, even though they are all around us

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because without it, magnets may be rarer than gold in Fort Knox.

There won’t be any nuclear chain reactions

Potter & Mukhatzhanova 8—[William C. and Gaukhar, \* Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies and Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and \*\* Research Associate at the James Martin Center, “Divining Nuclear Intentions: a review essay.” International Security, Vol. 33, No. 1 [Summer 2008], pp. 139–169, Google scholar] CMR

Today it is hard to find an analyst or commentator on nuclear proliferation who is

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survival models offer considerable insight into that dimension of the proliferation puzzle.48

Deterrence Fails – asymmetries in interest

Smith ‘3 [2003, Derek Smith is a professor of IR at Oxford. “Deterrence and Counterproliferation in an Age of Weapons of Mass Destruction,” Destruction' Security Studies,12:4,152 — 197]

One major flaw of deterrence theory is that it posits a rational actor and then

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we would be remiss to assume that they will never do so again.

Lifting embargo causes perception of weakeness, a Latin American democratic backsliding, a China-Russia-Cuba alliance, and aggressive Cuban Lashout

Brookes 9 Peter Brookes 4/16/2009 (heritage council, Senior Fellow, Brookes is serving his third term as a congressionally appointed member of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. He previously served in the administration of President George W. Bush as deputy assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific affairs. In this post, he was responsible for U.S. defense policy for 38 countries and five bilateral defense alliances in Asia, Brookes was a professional staff member with the House International Relations Committee. He also served with the CIA and the State Department at the United Nations. In the private sector, he worked in the defense and intelligence industries. A decorated Navy veteran, Brookes served on active duty in Latin America, Asia and the Middle East in aviation and intelligence billets, Brookes, now a retired Navy commander, served as a reservist with the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Naval Intelligence, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Vice President, Brookes is pursuing a doctorate at Georgetown University. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (B.S.); the Defense Language Institute (Russian); the Naval War College; and the Johns Hopkins University (M.A.). He also has taught at the National Defense University and studied German and Polish, National Security Affairs, “Keep the Embargo, O” http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o)

Lifting the embargo won't normalize relations, but instead legitimize -- and wave the white

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communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

That alliance causes nuclear and biological war and the end of capitalism

Gussack 7 (September, Nevin, Guest Writer for THE CENTER FOR INTELLIGENCE STUDIES a non-partisan public policy institution dedicated to the research and dissemination of substantive information regarding the threat posed by foreign intelligence services to the United States, http://www.centerforintelligencestudies.org/OC\_RedDawn.html, “RED DAWN IN RETROSPECT:

COMMUNIST PLANS OF CONQUEST DURING THE COLD WAR”, nkj)

Executive Summary: Since the dawn of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, international communism sought

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“He who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it.”

Obama weakness causes global conflict

Coes 11 – Ben Coes 11, Visiting Fellow at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. A graduate of Columbia College, where he won the prestigious Bennett Cerf Memorial Prize “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

Democratic backsliding in Latin America causes regional proliferation and nuclear conflict

Schulz 2k (Donald Schulz, Chairman of the Political Science Department at Cleveland State University, March 2000, The United States and Latin America: Shaping an Elusive Future, http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub31.pdf)

A second major interest is the promotion of democracy. At first glance, this

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heightened politico-military rivalry between different blocs or coalitions in the hemisphere.

## 1NC China

China’s manufacturing is key to their economy

Monan 13 [January 26, 2013, Zhang Monan is a fellow of China's State Information Centre and of the China Foundation for International Studies. Copyright: Project Syndicate, “Manufacturing remains key to China's economic transformation”, http://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/1136101/manufacturing-remains-key-chinas-economic-transformation]

China's economy is at a crossroads. Foreign and domestic observers alike are asking which

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advantage, which is the key to sustainable growth over the next decade.

**China’s economic rise prevents CCP instability and lashout --- decline tubes the global economy, US primacy, and Sino relations**

**Mead 9** [February 4, 2009, Walter Russell Mead is a Henry A. Kissinger Senior Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, “Only Makes You Stronger,” The New Republic, http://www.tnr.com/story\_print.html?id=571cbbb9-2887-4d81-8542-92e83915f5f8

The greatest danger both to U.S.-China relations and to American power

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modernization and change; nobody knows what will happen if the growth stops.

**China’s leading clean tech development now---it’s zero-sum---key to Chinese growth, CCP stability, soft power, and warming**

**McMahon 13** Tamsin is a reporter for the National Post. “How China is going to save the world,” 1/27, http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/01/27/business/

China’s ongoing struggles with pollution have been a blight on the country’s international reputation.

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of them related in some way to environmental protection and renewable energy technology.

Manufacturing is key—the aff collapses it

Chadha ‘13 [June 10, 2013. Mridul Chadha currently works as Head-News & Data at Climate Connect Limited, a market research and analytics firm in the renewable energy and carbon markets domain. “China Has Invested Billions Of Dollars In Renewable Energy Projects In US, Europe.”

http://cleantechnica.com/2013/06/10/china-has-invested-billions-of-dollars-in-renewable-energy-projects-in-us-europe/]

It is a well known fact that China is the leader in developing domestic renewable

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-win scenario for the Chinese manufacturers as well as the project developers.

Warming causes extinction

Mazo 10– (PhD in Paleoclimatology from UCLA. Jeffrey Mazo, Managing Editor, Survival and Research Fellow for Environmental Security and Science Policy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, 3-2010, “Climate Conflict: How global warming threatens security and what to do about it,” pg. 122)

The best estimates for global warming to the end of the century range from 2

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adaptation to these extremes would mean profound social, cultural and political changes.

China has taken active measures to reduce pollution – specifically within the steel industry

Duggan ’13 [June 18, 2013. Jennifer Duggan is a Shanghai based journalist who keeps an environmental blog for the Guardian. “China launches new measures to tackle air pollution” http://www.theguardian.com/environment/chinas-choice/2013/jun/18/pollution-china]

China's cabinet has outlined measures aimed at improving the country's air pollution problems, which

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determined to make long-term and unremitting efforts to solve the problem."

Statements by the State Council prove China is moving towards a more energy saving industry base

Duggan ’13 [August 14, 2013. Jennifer Duggan is a Shanghai based journalist who keeps an environmental blog for the Guardian. “China to invest in energy saving industries to tackle pollution” http://www.theguardian.com/environment/chinas-choice/2013/aug/14/china-investment-energy-saving-pollution]

China is to fast-track expansion and investment in energy saving technologies in an

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"enabling environment and support the development of domestic market," she said.

No military conflict between China and Japan will happen – breakthroughs in relations are possible and cooperation follows crisis

VanderKlippe ’14 [January 30, 2014. Nathan VanderKlippe is a reporter for The Globe and Mail. “Japanese diplomats hard at work to mend frayed relations with China” <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/japanese-diplomats-hard-at-work-to-mend-frayed-relations-with-china/article16603686/>]

There’s no military conflict between China and Japan – nor, really, even a

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happening. But I am optimistic that China and Japan can avoid conflict.”

No Sino-Russian War - Relations are at a new height – mutual support that leads to world stability

Ranran 2/2 [February 2, 2014. Liu Ranran is an editor for Xinhua News. “Xi's Sochi Visit to Deepen Sino-Russian Ties” http://english.cri.cn/6909/2014/02/02/2821s811201.htm]

Russia, for the second time, will be Chinese President Xi Jinping's first foreign

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as those on Syria and Iran, keeping smooth communication and effective cooperation.

No lashout – CCP knows it would be suicide and PLA wouldn’t support it

Gilley 4 [Bruce, former contributing editor at the Far Eastern Economic Review, M.A. Oxford, 2004, China’s Democratic Future, p. 114]

Yet the risks, even to a dying regime, may be too high.

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about its future, the resort to nuclear confrontation would not make sense.

# China DA

## 2NC Economy Turn

Chinese growth turns nationalism with Japan

IHT, ’04 (August 17, “China’s New Power Can Be Contained” International Herald Tribune, p 8, lexis)

Nationalist sentiments are sprouting in Northeast Asia. There is nothing inevitable about their growth

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United States that took unilateral measures to correct its huge imbalance with China.

## 2NC Clean Tech Turns

**Chinese water scarcity from coal risks political instability**

**Wilson Center 2012** (Choke Point: China/中国之瓶颈：水匮乏与能源需求, <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/choke-point-china>)

The burgeoning confrontation between energy and water creates a choke point that poses fundamental global

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point could endanger economic growth, food production, and even political stability.

**Chinese demand for coal production causes water shortages which threaten economic collapse and political instability.**

**Schneider 11** [June 22, 2011, Keith Schneider is a senior editor for Circle of Blue-a nonprofit focusing on resource shortages founded in 2000, Double Choke Point: Demand for Energy Tests Water Supply and Economic Stability in China and the U.S., http://www.circleofblue.org/waternews/2011/world/choke-point-china-us-comparison/)

By any measure, conventional and otherwise, China’s tireless advance to international economic prominence

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rising incomes and improving opportunities, is at risk, say some authorities.

**Renewables solve coal**

**Hart 11** [November 7, 2011, Hart works for the Center for American Progress, “China Goes Solar as America Stumbles”, <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/report/2011/09/07/10242/china-goes-solar-as-america-stumbles/>]

Expanding the renewable energy sector will move China in the right direction on their

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green collar” jobs to boost more workers up into the middle class.

## 2NC Manu K2 Econ

The manufacturing sector has implications for the broader economy

Aljazeera 13 [July 24, 2013, Aljazeera is an International reporting agency, focused on the US, Europe, and Asia, “China manufacturing continues to lose steam”, http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2013/07/201372455818793711.html]

China has become such a major importer of goods that any weakness in demand is

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demand will be," said Alexandra Knight, economist at National Australia Bank.

## 2NC China K2 Global

Chinese market domination reducing cost-key to global transition

Financial Times 11/28/11

China’s rush into renewables: The way the world turns

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/0502a28a-15c9-11e1-a691-00144feabdc0.html#axzz26682tjcd>

Whatever its elements, the approach brought about a sea change not just in China

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, a German turbine maker. “China was a game-changer.”

Chinese leadership on renewable energy key to global scaling

Runyon-editor renewable energy.com-11/16/07

Worldwatch Report Looks at The Role of Renewables in China's Future

Source: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=50585>

Worldwatch Institute President, Christopher Flavin, drives home the impact China may have on

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ground to the Chinese we too must move aggressively to seize the moment."

Key internal link for warming

Collier-visiting scholar at the Center for Environmental Public Policy-9

<http://gspp.berkeley.edu/IPR/whoowns.pdf>

Who Owns the Clean Tech Revolution? Intellectual Property Rights and

International Cooperation in the U.N. Climate Negotiations

The outcome of the IPR dispute will determine the future of the global clean tech revolution. Without the rapid diffusion and adoption of emissions-reducing, energy saving technologies across the planet, especially in poorer nations, there will be little hope of halting or significantly slowing the advance of climate change.

## 2NC Uniqueness – Bomb

China renewables are set to grow right now due to advancements in manufacturing – solves clean energy and emissions

Bateman, 1/13 [1/13/14, Josh Bateman is a freelance journalist based in Asia. “The New Global Leader in Renewable Energy”, http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2014/01/the-new-global-leader-in-renewable-energy?page=all]

Since 2010, China has been the largest consumer of energy in the world.

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more competitiveness...The Government realizes it needs to let the market develop."

## 2NC AT No Impact to Warming

Overwhelming consensus says warming is real, caused by greenhouse gasses, and it is not too late to be solved. It would be dangerous to trust the skeptics.

**Conversation 6/14/11**

( The Conversation is an independent source of information based in Melbourne, Australia, and wholly owned by The Conversation Media Trust, a not-for-profit company analysis and commentary from the university and research sector – written by acknowledged experts and delivered directly to the public. Megan Clement, assistant section editor: Energy and Environment at the conversation; “Climate change is real: an open letter from the scientific community”; <http://theconversation.edu.au/climate-change-is-real-an-open-letter-from-the-scientific-community-1808>, AL)

The overwhelming scientific evidence tells us that human greenhouse gas emissions are resulting in climate

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, Honorary Associate, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Macquarie University.

# China Defense

## 2NC – China Enviro Defense

**Collapse destroys environmental regulations**

**Elliott 8** [August 25, 2008, Larry Elliot is an Economics Editor at the Guardian, “Can A Dose of Recession Solve Climate Change?”, http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2008/aug/25/economicgrowth.globalrecession]

There are many reasons why it is not quite as simple as that. My

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waiting for industrial capitalism to collapse under the weight of its own contradictions.

China is improving its management of water pollution

Xinhua 2/6 [Febraury, 6, 2014. Xinhua News. “China pledges more efforts to enhance water management” http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/840976.shtml#.UvltlRBdVJ0]

China's Ministry of Water Resources said it has established a new performance appraisal system to

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Chen added that China will start implementing the performance assessment system in March.

## 2NC AT Cuba Add On

No risk of Cuba instability – we won’t let hotspots escalate before Cuba

Wong-Diaz ‘6 [December/2006, Fancisco Wong-Diaz is a professor of law, political science and international relations at the City College of San Francisco. “CASTRO’S CUBA: QUO VADIS?” http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub744.pdf

This monograph examines alternative scenarios in the twilight of Fidel Castro and in a post

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, Castro knows that he will retain power as long as he lives.

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## Overview

Economy is vulnerable – most recent data proves

Durden 7-23 [7/23/13, Tyler Durden is a collection of economists and editors who write for the Zero Hedge which is a economics, market, and political analysis site, “A Tour Of The Post-Crisis World Economy In 10 Easy Charts”, http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2013-07-23/tour-post-crisis-world-economy-10-easy-charts]

How far has the global economy come in its recovery from the financial crisis?

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but hardly robust, and these economies face a daunting set of headwinds.

Lines of defense are gone

Nadler ’09 [2/13/09, Jon Nadler is a Senior Investment Products Analyst, "Easy Money. Who Needs It?," http://www.kitco.com/ind/nadler/printerfriendly/feb132009B.html]

The first line of defense is gone. The economy is not resilient and is

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all the money it wants, but it can't make anyone spend it."

Economic collapse causes explosive global conflict with China and Russia.

Auslin, History Professor at Yale, ‘9 (Michael, March 6, “The Global Economy Unravels” http://www.forbes.com/2009/03/06/global-economy-unravels-opinions-contributors-g20.html)

Conversely, global policymakers do not seem to have grasped the downside risks to the

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may be a series of small explosions that coalesce into a big bang.

Growth solves water and air contamination

Taylor 2 (Jerry, director of natural resource studies at the Cato Institute, “Sustainable Development”, August 26, Policy Analysis No. 449)

Data pertaining to water quality are unfortunately far less comprehensive and robust than data pertaining

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will increase only with improvements in economic growth in the developing world.158

## No Link Dem

**Capital will overcome uniqueness deficit**

**McGregor, 1/12** [January 12, 2014, Richard McGregor is a writer for ft.com “Democrats prove barrier for Obama in quest for trade deals,” <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/fcc7adfe-7b9c-11e3-a2da-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2qgoMsIAV>))

Bill Reinsch, of the National Foreign Trade Council, which is in favour of more open markets, says estimates that about 50 Democrats in the House were ready to back TPA – enough to get it passed with Republican support – were overly optimistic. “The administration is in the right place philosophically but **there will need to some arm-twisting from the White House like there was with Nafta**,” he said.

**Obama reaching out to Dems now --- pushing hard for TPA**

**Boyer, 2/4** [February 4, 2014, Dave Boyer is a writer for The Washington Times, “Obama reaches out to Democratic leaders,”]

Despite his vow to work around Congress, President Obama huddled Monday with Senate Majority

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"China and Europe aren't standing on the sidelines. Neither should we."

This is historically accurate – political capital makes the difference

Galston 2/14 [2/4/14, William, senior fellow at Brookings “Obama's Moment of Truth on Trade; Bill Clinton bucked his own party to get Nafta. Will this president do the same to get agreements with Europe and Asia?” Wall Street Journal]

Although House Speaker Tom Foley supported the treaty, he said that in view of

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be willing to accept truly bipartisan majorities tilted toward Republicans in both chambers.

## No Link U

Even small actions alienate key House members

Ayuso and Risco, 13 [June 20, 2013, Silvia Ayuso and Isaac Risco are writers for the Havana Times,“Cuba/USA to Resume Immigration Talks”, http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=94992]

The remark mirrors one made earlier this week, when the U.S.

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us to lift the blockade and make further concessions,” the legislator stated.

## Uniqueness

Obama is ramping up pressure now – it’s a top priority and the full-court press just began this week

Boyer, 2/4[2/4/14, Dave, Washington Times, “Obama reaches out to Democratic leaders” factiva]

The White House is eager for passage of a trade bill written by Sen.

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enjoys schmoozing with lawmakers more than the president does, also will attend.

That’s different from his prior rhetorical support – it’s going to be focused, personal campaign

Parnes, 1/21[1/21/14, Arnie, “Obama: Give me fast track trade” The Hill,

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/195858-white-house-works-to-convince-dems-to-give-obama-fast-track-on-trade>]

The White House is making a major push to convince Congress to give the president

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House officials are “devoted” to working with members on the issue.

**Opposition is not definitive --- political capital overcomes uniqueness deficit and changes can be made for Reid to allow a vote and allow it to pass**

**Economist, 2/8** [February 8, 2014, The Economist, “When Harry mugged Barry; Harry Reid threatens to impoverish the world by at least $600 billion a year,” , <http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21595958-harry-reid-threatens-impoverish-world-least-600-billion-year-when-harry>]

IN HIS state-of-the-union address Barack Obama asked Congress to

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a far more full-throated case for the benefits of free exchange.

## Bipart Support

Bipartisan support for keeping the embargo---lobbies also hate the plan (don’t read this card, we have better link cards)

Sweig ’12 [2/28/12, Julia E. Sweig, is the Senior Fellow for Latin America Studies and Director for Latin America Studies, Council on Foreign Relations. “The Frozen U.S.-Cuba Relationship,” http://www.cfr.org/cuba/frozen-us-cuba-relationship/p27510]

Let me start by talking about three geographical points on the map that are relevant

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set the United States on the path of normalization with Cuba for now.