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## Plan Text

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#### Plan – The United States federal government should phase out a substantial portion of its economic restrictions toward Cuba.

## Advantage One

### 1AC – Global Credibility Advantage

#### Advantage one is global credibility:

#### 2014 is a 1914 redux --- War and global conflagration are inevitable in the status squo --- and the end of the United States hegemony is now --- China’s rising and the world is rushing to collapse --- prefer our evidence --- historic trends prove the US is on the decline and war is coming.

---All Impacts: Russia War, US-Sino War, Taiwain, North Korea, Japan, Hot Spots, and cyber war

---China is rising because its being forced to be “liberal” through democracy promotion  
---China trade increase

---Proliferation = easy escalation

---US in debt to China

---2014 = ticking time bomb

\*\*\*Edited for abelist language

Seidel, 1/2/2014 (Jamie, Cadetship in Journalism, the Advertiser, Margaret Macmillan, professor of international history at Oxford University, warden of St. Antony’s College, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Senior Fellow of Massey College, University of Toronto, and sits on the boards of the Mosaic Institute, the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, and the editorial boards of International History and First World War Studies. She has honorary degrees from the University of King’s College, the Royal Military College, Ryerson University, Toronto, the University of Western Ontario and Huron University College of the University of Western Ontario. Brookings Institute contributer “Are we on the brink of war? Academic sparks debate by drawing comparisons between 1914 past and 2014 present” http://www.news.com.au/world/are-we-on-the-brink-of-war-academic-sparks-debate-by-drawing-comparisons-between-1914-past-and-2014-present/story-fndir2ev-1226793586357

A CENTURY ago, a simple assassination was enough to topple an tenuous balance between

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it will probably take a major war for the world to find out.¶

#### While the decline of United States hegemony can’t be stopped we can avoid a global meltdown --- investing in multilateralism and rebuilding legitimacy is necessary to prevent escalation of wars --- the US must first rebuild international institutions and end its strategy of democracy promotion.

---No Pluralism Solves arg --- regional power movements will spillover into global conflicts due to superpower draw in.

---Solvency for The ILaw I/L --- rebuilding legitimacy will require rebuilding international institutions (ILaw)

Fujimoto, 2012 (Kevin, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, January 11, 2012, “Preserving U.S. National Security Interests Through a Liberal World Construct,” <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/Preserving-US-National-Security-Interests-Liberal-World-Construct/2012/1/11>)

The emergence of peer competitors, not terrorism, presents the greatest long-term

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protect its interests later when we are no longer the world's only superpower.

#### The plan is the only way to solve that ---

#### 1. Maintaining the Cuban embargo currently wrecks U.S. global legitimacy by undermining the UN and alienating partners and competitors around the world.

Hill et al., 2009, Brigadier General John Adams (Ret.), General James T. Hill (Ret.), Commanding General for US SOUTHCOM 2002-2004, Lieutenant General John G. Castellaw (Ret.), Rear Admiral John D. Hutson (Ret.), Lieutenant General Daniel W. Christman (Ret.), Superintendent of the United States Military Academy 1996-2001, Lieutenant General Claudia J. Kennedy (Ret.), Major General Paul D. Eaton (Ret.), General Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret.), Commanding General for US SOUTHCOM 1994-1996, Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard (Ret.), Col. Lawrence B. Wilkerson (Ret.), assistant to Colin Powell during tenure as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State, Rear Admiral Donald J. Guter (Ret.), General Johnnie E. Wilson (Ret.), Letter from US military officials to President Obama regarding Cuba policy, prepared by the New America Foundation / US – Cuba Policy Initiative, 4/13/09, <http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/National_Security.pdf>

The current policy of isolating Cuba has failed, patently, to achieve our ends

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register deeply in the minds of our partners and competitors around the world.

#### 2. International Law --- The embargo egregiously violates it, destroying our ability to effectively cooperate and lead

Manchak, 2010 (Benjamin Manchak, Staff Writer, Boston College Third World Law Journal, “COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPERMISSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,” Spring 2012, 30 B.C. Third World L.J. 417, <http://lawdigitalcommons.bc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1021&context=twlj>)

Yet, the international community’s efforts to impel the United States to lift its embargo

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of fundamental rights and liberties, Congress must end the embargo on Cuba.

#### 3. It ends the strategy of democracy promotion --- the embargo was put in place solely because Cuba’s not democratic.

Hinderdael, 2011 (Klaas, M.A. candidate at SAIS Bologna Center, concentrating in American Foreign Policy and Energy, Resources, and Environment, “Breaking the Logjam: Obama's Cuba Policy and a Guideline for Improved Leadership”, 6/11/2011, <http://bcjournal.org/volume-14/breaking-the-logjam.html?printerFriendly=true>)

The two countries’ histories have long been intertwined, particularly after the Monroe Doctrine of

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truly willing to extend his hand once America’s traditional adversaries unclench their fists.

#### 4. The plan’s embrace of political diversity promotes U.S. interests more effectively in the multilateral international order than promoting a narrow democratic model

Kupchan and Mount, 2009 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Adam, doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, “The Autonomy Rule,” Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Spring 2009, <http://www.democracyjournal.org/pdf/12/Kupchan.pdf>)

Many American strategists recognize the inevitability of a more level global playing field, but

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the principles around which the next order is most likely to take shape.

#### **5. Cooperation with a plurality of different regime types is key to promote global governance and prevent backlash**

Kupchan, 2012 (Charles A., professor of international relations at Georgetown and a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “America’s Place in the New World”, The New York Times, 4/7/2012, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/08/opinion/sunday/americas-place-in-the-new-world.html?pagewanted=1&_r=0>)

Still, they’re missing the point. The most potent challenge to America’s dominance comes

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confront dangerous pariahs and manage a world in which power is broadly shared.

#### Only multilateralism can act as a backstop on balance of power competition and power grabs --- specifically solves Russia and China war.

Kupchan, 2012 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn”, Kindle edition (no page numbers)

Although Western hegemony is in its waning days, it still provides a significant level

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can be effectively addressed only in partnership with a wide array of countries.

#### Also solves hot spot escalation.

Kupchan and Mount, 2009 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Adam, doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, “The Autonomy Rule,” Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Spring 2009, <http://www.democracyjournal.org/pdf/12/Kupchan.pdf>)

Employing these minimal and consistent standards for inclusion would not only increase the number of

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discretion and a reflection of the diversity that is intrinsic to political life.

#### Multilateral cooperation facilitates power sharing that creates shared framework of interaction that act as a check on conflict-their solvency takeouts are irrelevant

Pouliot, 2011 (Vincent, Professor of Political Science at McGill University, “Multilateralism as an End in Itself,” International Studies Perspectives (2011) pgs. 18-26)

Because it rests on open, nondiscriminatory debate, and the routine exchange of viewpoints

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that further strengthen the impetus for multilateral dialog. Pg. 21-23

## Advantage Two

### 1AC – Ethanol Advantage:

#### First we solve ---

#### 1. Cuban ethanol is critical to displace ethanol produced domestically and ethanol imported from Brazil – Cuban ethanol would satisfy U.S. demand

Specht, 4/24/2013 (Jonathan – Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis 2012. “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States” – ExpressO – <http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf>)

The full debate over the environmental consequences of the Brazilian biofuel production 111 is largely

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to promote the importation of Cuban sugarcane-based ethanol should be encouraged.

#### 2. We solve your alt causes – the reason that agribusiness is booming in the Cerrado right now is because of US corn ethanol production

Butler 07, Rhett,  co-founder of [Tropical Conservation Science](http://www.tropicalconservationscience.org/), an open-access academic journal that aims to provide opportunities for scientists in developing countries to publish their research, and the [Tropical Forest Network](http://www.tropicalforestnetwork.org/), a social network in the San Francisco Bay Area broadly interested in tropical forest conservation and ecology. Outside of these pursuits, Rhett Butler has advised a wide range of organizations, including governments, multilateral development agencies, media outlets, academic institutions, foundations, and private sector entities. He has been an information source for the BBC, CNN, CBS, NBC, Fox News, National Geographic, the Wall Street Journal, Fortune Magazine, Business Week, Bloomberg, the Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, Reuters, Voice of America, the Associated Press, the San Francisco Chronicle, the L.A. Times, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Forbes, among others. Rhett Butler also speaks regularly on topics surrounding forests and the environment (especially trends in deforestation) and new media. He has spoken at Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Santa Cruz, the National University of Singapore, ETH Zurich, the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation 2010 meeting in Bali, UNFCCC COP 16 in Cancun, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, and Stony Brook University, among other places and events. In 2011 and 2012 he participated in the U.S. State Department Speakers Program in Indonesia. <http://news.mongabay.com/2007/0821-cerrado.html>

The cerrado, wooded grassland in Brazil that once covered an area half the size

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of Cerrado is not good if the current trends persist," added Machado.

#### 3. Loosening the embargo is critical to spur the development of the Cuban ethanol industry

Ronald Solgio 2010, professor emeritus of economics at Rice University and a Rice scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. writes a chapter within the book “Cuba’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation,” a Brookings Publication, edited by Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, PhD of Political Science, University of Nebraska, http://books.google.com/books?id=7jNs2P2Z9NYC&pg=PA94&lpg=PA94&dq=Castro+has+rightly+pointed+out+that+there+can+be+a+direct+trade-off+between+using+land+for+food+production+and+for+ethanol.+And+in+many+areas+of+the+world&source=bl&ots=HyrXldD6BH&sig=2oxwPH5xUkKGjXcJbHvWxJPGdAQ&hl=en&sa=X&ei=2Q8VUom8FOWw2wXXuYCIDw&ved=0CDQQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q&f=false Pg.99-100

The shift in acreage devoted to food crops has not been successful in terms of

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point whether soybeans represent a more efficient use of Cuban land than sugarcane.

#### 4. Raul will say yes.

Elledge, 2009 Nicholas Elledge – Research Fellow at Council on Hemispheric Affairs – degrees from The London School of Economics and Political Science and Southern Methodist University – “Cuba’s Sugarcane Ethanol Potential: Cuba, Raul Castro, and the Return of King Sugar to the Island” – October 29, 2009 – http://www.coha.org/cubas-sugarcane-ethanol-potential/

Raul Castro, who has been hailed as more of a pragmatist than his famed

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shots, Cuba could become a key player in the global ethanol game.”

#### Second are our scenarios ----

#### Scenario One is the Environment:

#### Continued reliance on Brazilian ethanol decimates the environment – shifting to Cuban ethanol is critical to prevent the destruction of Brazil’s biological diversity

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Castro has rightly pointed out that there can be a direct trade-off between

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does not necessarily have to involve environmental and food production trade-offs.

#### And – The Brazilian Cerrado is uniquely important – degradation wrecks global biodiversity and accelerates warming beyond the point of no return due to the massive release of CO2 into the atmosphere.

Isabella Vitali 2011, Soya and the Cerrado: Brazil’s forgotten jewel , <http://assets.wwf.org.uk/downloads/soya_and_the_cerrado.pdf> , Senior Policy Officer

Loss of the Cerrado is of global concern not only because of its significant contribution

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Change (2000), at some 265 tonnes of carbon per hectare.33

#### Independently US-Corn Based ethanol production also drives exacerbating climate change and bio-destruction.

Specht, 4/24/2013 (Jonathan, Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis 2012, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States” <http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf>)

The process by which incentives for ethanol production change land use¶patterns and thereby

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corn production and, thus, to ¶ the domestic ethanol industry.68

#### It’s not just the Cerrado – ethanol production in the Amazon will reverse previous trends towards protection, accelerating global warming. The plan is necessary to solve all alt causes by reorienting farming practices.

McGowan, 2007, Chris, writer for Huffington Post, focusing specifically on environmental issues, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-mcgowan/biofuel-could-eat-brazils_b_64466.html>

The Amazon has lost 17-20% of its forest . Scientists are worried

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corn, which in turn will cause more agricultural expansion into the Amazon.

#### And – Accelerated warming guarantees extinction

Deibel 2007 (Terry, Professor of National Strategy at the National War College, “Foreign Affairs Strategy: Logic for American Statecraft”, pgs. 387-389)

Finally, there is one major existential threat to American security (as well as

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States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet.

#### And – Biodiversity is key to the survival of all living things

Bruce E. Tonn, Urban Planning Prof @ Tennessee, November 2007, Futures v. 39, no. 9, “Futures Sustainability”, ln

The first principle is the most important because earth-life is needed to support

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earth-life into the distant future the earth's biodiversity must be protected.