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#### “Engagement” requires increasing economic contacts.

Resnick 1 – Dr. Evan Resnick, Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, “Defining Engagement”, Journal of International Affairs, Spring, 54(2), Ebsco

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 of increasing interdependence, culminating in the endpoint of "normalized relations" characterized by a high level of interactions across multiple domains. Engagement is a quintessential exchange relationship: the target state wants the prestige and material resources that would accrue to it from increased contacts with the sender state, while the sender state seeks to modify the domestic and/or foreign policy behavior of the target state. This deductive logic could adopt a number of different forms or strategies when deployed in practice.(n26) For instance, individual contacts can be established by the sender state at either a low or a high level of conditionality.(n27) Additionally, the sender state can achieve its objectives using engagement through any one of the following causal processes: by directly modifying the behavior of the target regime; by manipulating or reinforcing the target states' domestic balance of political power between competing factions that advocate divergent policies; or by shifting preferences at the grassroots level in the 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 foreign policy instrument. First, the overall magnitude of contacts between the sender and target states must initially be low. If two states are already bound by dense contacts in multiple domains (i.e., are already in a highly interdependent relationship), engagement loses its impact as an effective policy tool. Hence, one could not reasonably invoke the possibility of the US engaging Canada or Japan in order to effect a change in either country's political behavior. Second, the material or prestige needs of the target state must be significant, as engagement derives its power from the promise that it can fulfill those needs. The greater the needs of the target state, the more amenable to engagement it is likely to be. For example, North Korea's receptivity to engagement by the US dramatically increased in the wake of the demise of its chief patron, the Soviet Union, 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.

#### The plan is one-time appeasement — it doesn’t establish long-term economic contacts.

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DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN ENGAGEMENT AND APPEASEMENT

In contrast to many prevailing conceptions of engagement, the one proposed in this essay allows a substantive distinction to be drawn between engagement and appeasement. The standard definition of appeasement--which derives from the language of classical European diplomacy, namely "a policy of attempting to reduce tension between two states by the methodical removal of the principal causes of conflict between them"(n29)--is venerable but nevertheless inadequate.(n30) It does not provide much guidance to the contemporary policymaker or policy analyst, because it conceives of a foreign policy approach in terms of the ends sought while never making clear the precise means involved. The principal causes of conflict between two states can be removed in a number of ways.(n31)

A more refined definition of appeasement that not only remains loyal to the traditional connotations but also establishes a firm conceptual distinction from engagement might be: the attempt to influence the political behavior of a target state by ceding territory and/or a geopolitical sphere of influence to that state. Indeed, the two best-known cases of appeasement, Great Britain's appeasement of the United States at the turn of the 20th century and of Nazi Germany in the 1930s, reveals that much of this appeasement adopted precisely these guises. The key elements of the British appeasement of the US-acceptance of the Monroe Doctrine-permission for the US to build and fortify a Central American canal, and acquiescence to American claims on the border between Alaska and the Yukon--consisted of explicit acknowledgement of American territorial authority.(n32) Meanwhile, the appeasement of the Third Reich by Great Britain was characterized by acquiescence to: Germany's military reoccupation of the Rhineland (1936); annexation of Austria (1938); acquisition of the Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia as decided at the Munich Conference; and absorption of the remainder of Czechoslovakia (1939).(n33) A more contemporary example of appeasement is the land for peace exchange that represents the centerpiece of the on-again off-again diplomatic negotiations between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority.

Thus, a rigid conceptual distinction can be drawn between engagement and appeasement. Whereas both policies are positive sanctions--insofar as they add to the power and prestige of the target state--engagement does so in a less direct and less militarized fashion than appeasement. In addition, engagement differs from appeasement by establishing an increasingly interdependent relationship between the sender and the target state. At any juncture, the sender state can, in theory, abrogate such a relationship at some (ideally prohibitive) cost to the target state.(n34) Appeasement, on the other hand, does not involve the establishment of contacts or interdependence between the appeaser and the appeased. Territory and/or a sphere of influence are merely transferred by one party to the other either unconditionally or in exchange for certain concessions on the part of the target state.

#### Blurring the distinction between engagement and appeasement wrecks limits and precision — vote negative.

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ENGAGEMENT VS. ISOLATION, APPEASEMENT VS. CONTAINMENT

The proposed definition of engagement helps clarify the distinctions between alternative foreign policy approaches that rely on positive sanctions and also makes understandable distinctions among some frequently mentioned alternative approaches that rely on negative sanctions. In current discussions on US foreign policy toward rogue states, and especially on US foreign policy toward China, engagement and containment are paired as antipodal policies. In fact, one recent scholarly article addressing US-P.R.C. relations decries the fact that "the media and many pundits have constructed US choices as limited to 'engagement' and 'containment.'"(n35) However, in light of the distinction I posit between engagement and appeasement, one could more intuitively construe containment to be the opposite of appeasement rather than engagement. Containment has been traditionally construed as the attempt to prevent the geopolitical expansion of a target state.(n36) If appeasement constitutes the cession of territory and/or spheres of influence to a target state, containment might more appropriately be considered the policy of preventing a target state from expanding its territorial scope and/or sphere of geopolitical influence. Thus, whereas a sender state can expand contacts across multiple issue areas with a target state while simultaneously deterring it from committing aggression and/or expanding its geopolitical influence by allying with its neighbors (engagement plus containment), it would be impossible for a sender state to cede territory and/or a sphere of influence to a target state while simultaneously preventing that same state from expanding its territory or sphere of geopolitical influence (appeasement plus containment).¶ The opposite of a policy of engagement would be one in which a state comprehensively diminishes and withdraws contacts across multiple issue areas with another state. Although such a policy would be considered a negative sanction, it does not attempt to do so through direct geopolitical means, as does a containment policy. One could label such a policy as disengagement or isolation.(n37) Thus, whereas a state can yield another state territory or an enlarged sphere of influence while simultaneously abrogating contacts with that state (appeasement plus disengagement), it is impossible for a state to expand and diminish contacts with another state across multiple issue-areas (engagement plus disengagement).¶ The distinctions drawn between engagement, appeasement, containment and isolation allow for a more focused and coherent discussion of some of the options available for dealing with rival states. For example, current US policy toward China can be depicted as engagement plus containment. Efforts in recent years to liberalize trade with China, integrate the P.R.C. into international institutions and regimes, facilitate numerous diplomatic visits and summit meetings, and conduct bilateral exchanges of senior military personnel and academics are representative of engagement. However, at the same time, the US has elected to contain rather than appease China by taking steps to prevent the P.R.C. from expanding its territory or sphere of influence in East Asia. Most important, the US has signaled that it would not stand aside if Beijing tries to absorb Taiwan by force. Toward this end, the US has continued to sell large quantities of arms to the Taiwanese government, and, in 1995 and 1996, it played high stakes gunboat diplomacy with China in the Taiwan Straits.(n38) In addition, the United States has retained its Cold War military alliances with both South Korea and Japan and has maintained a strong troop presence in both countries.(n39) The US has also expressed grave concern about "Chinese intrusions" into disputed island territories in the South China Sea.(n40) Taken together, these steps exemplify Columbia University Professor A. Doak Barnett's 1966 injunction to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that American policy toward China should constitute "containment but not isolation."(n41)¶ CONCLUSION¶ In matters of national security, establishing a clear definition of terms is a precondition for effective policymaking. Decisionmakers who invoke critical terms in an erratic, ad hoc fashion risk alienating their constituencies. They also risk exacerbating misperceptions and hostility among those the policies target. Scholars who commit the same error undercut their ability to conduct valuable empirical research. Hence, if scholars and policymakers fail rigorously to define "engagement," they undermine the ability to build an effective foreign policy.¶ The refined definition I propose as a substitute for existing descriptions of engagement is different in two important ways: First, it clarifies the menu of choices available for policymakers by allowing engagement to be distinguished from related approaches such as appeasement, containment and isolation. Second, it lays the groundwork for systematic and objective research on historical cases of engagement in order to discern the conditions under which it can be used effectively. Such research will, in turn, help policymakers acquire the information necessary to better manage the rogue states of the 21st century.

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#### Obama’s pressuring the GOP with a strong display of Presidential strength and staying on message – the GOP will blink

**Dovere, 10/1/13** (Edward, Politico, “Government shutdown: President Obama holds the line”

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/government-shutdown-president-obama-holds-the-line-97646.html?hp=f3>)

President Barack Obama started ……………………… start going the other way as people rethink this.”

#### Drains capital – Backlash and hostage taking on unrelated priority legislation is empirically proven, likely in future and specifically true for Rubio – Cuba policy is totally unique

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 …………………………. the problem forces policymakers to take action.

#### Taking Obama off message undermines the pressure strategy

**Milbank, 9/27/13** – Washington Post Opinion Writer (Dana, “Obama should pivot to Dubya’s playbook” Washington Post, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-obama-should-try-pivoting-to-george-bushs-playbook/2013/09/27/c72469f0-278a-11e3-ad0d-b7c8d2a594b9_story.html>)

If President Obama can stick to his guns, ………………………embolden his opponents and demoralize his supporters.

#### Economic collapse

**Davidson, 9/10/13** – co-founder of NPR’s Planet Money (Adam, “Our Debt to Society” New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/magazine/our-debt-to-society.html?pagewanted=all>)

If the debt ceiling isn’t lifted again this ………………….. U.S. economy would collapse far worse than anything we’ve seen in the past several years.

#### Nuclear war

**Friedberg and Schoenfeld 8**

[Aaron, Prof. Politics. And IR @ Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School and Visiting Scholar @ Witherspoon Institute, and Gabriel, Senior Editor of Commentary and Wall Street Journal, “The Dangers of a Diminished America”, 10-28, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455074012352571.html>]

Then there are the dolorous consequences …………………………….. attention from internal travails with external adventures.

## Ag da

#### Industrial ag is bypassing small farms now – that’s key to crop yields

Zumbrun ‘8 [Josh. Staffer for Forbes. “Getting Down With the Farm” 9/3/8. Forbes, ln//khirn]

The high-decibel message: ……………………..ds to the potential saviors of the global hungry.”

#### Access to the US export market causes global modeling of Cuban localized agriculture

Kost, 4– agricultural economist, Specialty Crops Branch, Economic Research. Service, US Department of Agriculture (William, “CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?”

http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf)

In addition to the above European markets, the successful ………………………….. other production approaches are just not available.

#### Industrial ag key to prevent soil erosion – extinction

Avery, Director of & Senior Fellow @ Center for Global Food Issues, former agriculture analyst for the State Department, and former staff member of the President's National Advisory Commission on Food and Fiber, 95 (Dennis, SAVING THE PLANET WITH NO-TILL, HIGH-YIELD FARMING," before the Manitoba/North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmer's Association, January 24,

<http://www.mandakzerotill.org/books/proceedings/Proceedings%201995/highyield.html>)

The true long-term threat to human existence is soil ………………………….. for the soil erosion not suffered.

## Kappeler

#### The 1ac frames violence as something that happens in an inferior Latin America, not something we participate in everyday – that guarantees a state-centric approach that entrenches militaristic and unequal power dynamics

**Slater 10** - Professor in the Department of Geography at Loughborough University, (David Rethinking the Imperial Difference: towards an understanding of US–Latin American encounters Third World Quarterly Volume 31, Issue 2, 07 Apr 2010, Taylor & Francis)//A-Berg

Terms such as the North–South …………………… ‘boldly new and disturbingly the same’.74

#### That militaristic framing guarantees endless violence that ensures planetary destruction and structural violence

Lawrence 9 (Grant, “Military Industrial "War" Consciousness Responsible for Economic and Social Collapse,” OEN—OpEdNews, March 27)

As a presidential candidate, [Barack Obama](http://obama.senate.gov/) called [Afghanistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_in_Afghanistan_%282001%E2%80%93present%29) ''the war we must win…………………… to live the life our present war consciousness is creating.

#### Moreover, the 1ac’s abdication of violent agency to external forces produces political passivity and nihilism resulting in tyranny

**Antonio 1995** [Robert; Professor of Sociology at the University of Kansas; Nietzsche’s Antisociology: Subjectified Culture and the End of History; American Journal of Sociology; Volume 101, No. 1; July 1995]

While modern theorists saw differentiated roles and professions ……………………… ressentiment paves the way for a new type of tyrant (Nietzsche 1986, pp. 137, 168; 1974, pp. 117-18, 213, 288-89, 303-4).

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#### The alternative is to foreground politics in the admission of responsibility in violence – the alt moves away from the use of state power and social control to fix the circumstances that cause violent behavior.

**Kappeler 95** [Susanne Kappeler, Freelance Writer, A History of Violence, 1995, pg 5-6]

A politics aiming at a change in people's …………………….., combining with those factors we normally consider to constitute the structural context of the relation.

## Memo cp

Text --- The Director of the Western Hemisphere affairs Bureau of the United States Department of State should issue and publish in the Federal Register a policy memorandum that relevant United States entities should substantially reduce its sanctions on Cuba

Competes and solves; policy statements do not make law – they’re legally distinct from the plan because they’re only position-taking

Koch 5 (Charles H. Jr., Professor of Law – William and Mary School of Law, “Policymaking by the Administrative Judiciary”, Alabama Law Review, Spring, 56 Ala. L. Rev. 693, Lexis)

n110 E.g., Consol Edison Co of New York v. FERC, 315 F.3d 316, 323 (D.C. Cir 2003)

"Policy statements" differ from substantive ……………………….. neither the public, nor the agency

## ICT

**Their indicates any Caribbean country is susceptible to bioterror, Cuba not key**

**Also drug trafficking is an alt cause – they don’t solve other country’s networks**

**Bioweapons don’t cause extinction -- empirical death tolls prove the impact is minimal.**

Leitenberg, ‘5

[Milton, Senior research scholar at the University of Maryland, Trained as a Scientist and Moved into the Field of Arms Control in 1966, First American Recruited to Work at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Affiliated with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and the Center for International Studies Peace Program at Cornell University, Senior Fellow at CISSM, ASSESSING THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND BIOTERRORISM THREAT, <http://www.cissm.umd.edu/papers/files/assessing_bw_threat.pdf>]

The conclusions from these independent ………………… anthrax spores, which had been prepared within the preceding 24 months.

**No bioterrorism and no impact---multiple obstacles**

**Stolar 6** October 2006, \*Alex Stolar: Research Officer, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, “BIOTERRORISM AND US POLICY RESPONSES ASSESSING THE THREAT OF MASS CASUALTY,” http://www.ipcs.org/pdf\_file/issue/1659566521IPCS-Special-Report-31.pdf, AJ

Each of these steps presents **significant hurdles for ……………….** should heed the maxim which has served so many doctors so well for so long: Primum non nocere.

## OFAC

#### OFAC is ineffective— fundamentally flawed.

John McAuliff 10/24/2012 (Director of the Fund for Reconciliation and Development, "People to people travel rescued but not safe",cubapeopletopeople.blogspot.com/2012/10/peopleto-people-travel-rescued-but-not.html)

In January of 2011 President Obama finally returned …………………… amounts of detail and justification and turned down completely qualified renewals.

#### Overstretch inevitable – plus plan doesn’t repeal the entire embargo

John McAuliff, Founder and Executive Director, Fund for Reconciliation and Development, 4-25-2011 “New OFAC Guidelines Shape Cuba Travel” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-mcauliff/new-guidelines-shape-cuba_b_853387.html>

Finally on April 19th the Office of Foreign Assets Controls [………………….. Humanitarian Projects. Some kinds of charity are OK; some are not; collegiality and sharing of skills are outlawed.

#### Bureaucracy undermines solvency—plan can’t overcome

Ellen Creager¶ Detroit Free Press travel writer Michigan State University¶ BA, Journalism 8-24-2012 “Cuba US People to People Partnership”¶ <http://cubapeopletopeople.blogspot.com/2012/08/people-to-people-in-bureaucratic-danger.html>

Why it is happening, nobody is sure. But the Cuba "People to People" ………………. customers and confidence in their government.

#### No Iran prolif – *prefer expert reporters*.

Hibbs ‘13

(Mark Hibbs is a former journalist who has been covering nuclear proliferation issues for more than 30 years. In 2006, The Atlantic's William Langewiesche wrote that Hibbs "must rank as one of the greatest reporters at work in the world today." Hibbs is now a Bonn-based senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace – This article is an interview of Hobbs by The Atlantic – “Is a Nuclear Iran Inevitable ?” – The Atlantic – April 12th – http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/04/is-a-nuclear-iran-inevitable/274924/)

You mention that there are countries like Iran that don't necessarily pursue the path to the bomb in terms of months or years -- they pursue it in terms of slow progress that reaches a kind of momentum where it's almost irreversible. Do ………………………………. which direction Iran's going to move in.

#### US won’t respond with nuclear lash-out.

Washington Post ‘7

(Thursday, August 2, 2007 – “Obama says no nuclear weapons to fight terror” – http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/02/AR2007080201375\_pf.html)

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama ………………… nuclear weapons. That's not on the table."

### Softpower adv.

#### Venezuela is an alt cause to china – so many agreements with other countries

#### Soft power doesn’t solve—increases resentment

Gray 11—Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the University of Reading, England [Colin S., April, “HARD POWER AND SOFT POWER: THE UTILITY OF MILITARY FORCE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLICY IN THE 21ST CENTURY,” Published by Strategic Studies Institute]

An inherent and unavoidable problem with …………………. value of (American) military force is also to be deplored.

#### US decline will not spark wars.

MacDonald & Parent 11—Professor of Political Science at Williams College & Professor of Political Science at University of Miami [Paul K. MacDonald & Joseph M. Parent, “Graceful Decline? The Surprising Success of Great Power Retrenchment……………………….. strategic problems and risk unnecessary clashes. 101

**No US-China war -- consensus of military experts.**

Ackerman 11 – Signal Magazine’s Editor in Chief (Robert, quoting Timothy Keating, former admiral, “War Between China, U.S. Not Likely,” Signal Scope, 5/10/11, <http://www.afcea.org/signal/signalscape/index.php/2011/05/10/11510>)

The United States and China are not likely to go …………………. a powerful force in the region, he added.

**Economic interdependence prevents conflict.**

Hsu 11 - Senior writer for InnovationNewsDaily (Jeremy, “Economic Ties Could Help Prevent US-China War,” MSNBC, 11/1/11, <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45125209/ns/technology_and_science-innovation/t/economic-ties-could-help-prevent-us-china-war/>, MMarcus)

As the U.S. faces China's economic and ………………………… potentially a stronger partner in the defense as well as economic field," the Rand analysts say.

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## Memo CP

**CP results in the aff because the practical effect of the CP is perceived as the plan- that’s Hunnicut**

\*State Department will comply - shaping the memo into practically binding law

Anthony 92 (Robert A., Foundation Professor of Law – George Mason University School of Law, “Interpretive Rules, Policy Statements, Guidances, Manuals, And The Like - Should Federal Agencies Use Them To Bind The Public?”, Duke Law Journal, June, 41 Duke L.J. 1311, Lexis)

General knowledge of normal bureaucratic behavior permits ……………………………. of binding private parties. n314

\*No one will see the difference. The real world consequence is identical.

Boer 99 (Tom J., Attorney – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and JD – George Washington University Law School, “Review Of Interpretive Rules And Policy Statements Under Judicial Review Provisions Such As Rcra Section 7006(A)(1)”, Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review, Spring, 26 B.C. Envtl. Aff. L. Rev. 519, Lexis)

n43 See, e.g., Asimow, supra note 19, at 383-84.

Although the theoretical difference …………………………… are usually identical.

Tons of literature exists

Raso 10 (Connor R., JD – Yale Law School and Ph.D. in Political Science – Stanford University, “Strategic or Sincere? Analyzing Agency Use of Guidance Documents”, The Yale Law Journal, January, 119 Yale L.J. 782, Lexis)

Scholars and policymakers *…………………………….* to avoid the notice and comment process.

## Ag da

#### Defer negative unless its 100 percent extinction – we could recover

Sanders, Matheny, and Cirkovic, 8 [Anders Sandberg, is a James Martin Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University. PhD in computational neuroscience @ Stockholm University Jason G. Matheny is a PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. and Milan M. Ćirković senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade. He is also an assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia and Montenegro. “How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?” 9-9-2008 http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction]

There is a discontinuity between risks that ………………….., and thus deserve support regardless of how much one worries about extinction.

#### Billions starve without modern agriculture—your model fails

**Borlaug**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Distinguished Professor of Science at Texas A&M, **and Carter**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and former President of the United States of America, 9/14/**2005**

(Norman and Jimmy, “Food for Thought,” Wall Street Journal, http://www.agbioworld.org/biotech-info/topics/borlaug/WSJ-2005-Foodthought.html)

The past 50 years have been the most ……………………….. have been spared such a tragedy.

#### New technology ensures yields will expand

#### RedOrbit 10 [3/17/10, " Creating a Multifunctional Agricultural System "] //khirn

The emergence of biofuels into ………………… Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment at the University of Minnesota.

#### American ag is expanding crop yields globally – they’ll meet global demand

#### Corn and Soybean Digest 10 [Kent Thiesse, 3/16/10, " National Ag Week "] //khirn

The top five agriculture products …………………… much safer than a few decades ago.

#### More evidence – every sector is expanding yields

AP 10-14 [The Assc Press. 10/14/9. ln//khirn]

Based on Oct. 1 conditions, …………………… 6% compared to a year ago.

#### ( ) Crop yields soaring – most CONCLUSIVE and THOROUGH studies

TWN 10-21 [The TideWater News. 10/21/9. Factiva//khirn]

Nationally, corn production is ……………………………….. provide indication of average yields

## OFAC

#### OFAC is ineffective— fundamentally flawed.

--political lightening rod

--oversteps political calcs

John McAuliff 10/24/2012

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Why it is happening, nobody is sure. But the Cuba "People to People………………………… and confidence in their government.

## 2nc softpwoer

**China rise will be peaceful- empirics**

**Bhakal, 12**(Maitreya- Freelance Writer at ABSAS Solutions Pvt. Ltd. “Five reasons why China will not invade Taiwan, and an analysis of Cross-strait Relation.” http://indiaschinablog.blogspot.com/2011/08/analysing-cross-strait-relations-and-5.html)

China is one of the few …………………………... It had no interest in occupying any territory.

## 2nc ICT fails

#### Can’t solve for ICT without lifting the entire embargo

Theodore J. Piccone, et al, July 2010, Piccone: Vice president and director for the Foreign Policy program. Christopher Sabatini oversees the Americas Society and Council of the Americas, and Carlos Saladrigas: Editor-in-Chief of at AmerQuarterly and Senior Director of Policy of ASOCA, [Brookings: “Bridging Cuba’s Communication Divide: How U.S. Policy Can Help”, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2010/7/15%20cuba%20communications/07\_cuba\_telecommunications\_piccone.pdf] [MN]

We know there is a strong correlation between ……………………….approach will simply not do the job.

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#### Will pass – Obama goal-setting, Republican political pressure

**Kaplan 10/11** [Oct 11, 2013, “Debt ceiling, government shutdown talks finally begin: Is the endgame near?,” <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57607019/debt-ceiling-government-shutdown-talks-finally-begin-is-the-endgame-near/>]

"After a discussion about potential paths forward…………………………… agenda ahead of what's good for the country, echoing other recent polls.

#### Will pass – momentum, Republican consensus, Dem concessions

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They need Democrats to give them …………………….. "For the first time there seems to be some real movement."

#### Negotiations are serious and will be successful – Wall Street and political pressure

**O’Brien and Dunn 10/11** [Michael and Carrie, NBC News, 10/11/2013, “Hopes of ending shutdown spike in Washington,” <http://nbcpolitics.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/10/11/20905319-hopes-of-ending-shutdown-spike-in-washington?lite>]

As the federal government's ………………………. toward reaching an agreement.

#### Boehner pressuring the GOP to say yes

**AP 10/10** [“AP sources: Boehner to ask for short debt increase,” Oct 10, 2013]

GOP aides say House Speaker John ……………… but the aides wouldn't say whether he'll seek to add other material to the measure.

#### Increasing Cuban Engagement requires PC – spills over derailing Obamas top congressional priorities

Kupchan**,** 10(Charles A. Kupchan, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Mar/Apr 2010, “Enemies Into Friends”, Foreign Affairs, Proquest)

IF THE Obama administrations tentative ………………… he will need if he is to succeed in turning enemies into friends.

#### PC is key to rally public pressure against the GOP—it’s not inevitable

**Meet the Press, 9/15/13** (NBC News, lexis) **Woodward = Bob Woodward, investigative journalist.**

GREGORY: Well, we`ll see. But I want to ………………..It`s going to be a lot of work.

#### The aff is not a win

#### Empirically false and the plan is more likely to disrupt Obama’s careful issue selection

**Eberly, 13** - coordinator of Public Policy Studies and assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at St. Mary's College of Maryland (Todd, Baltimore Sun, “The presidential power trap” <http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-01-21/news/bs-ed-political-capital-20130121_1_political-system-george-hw-bush-party-support/2>)

Only by solving the problem of …………………… he takes his second oath of office.

#### Focus matters even if winners win

Hirsh, 13 --- Chief correspondent (2/7/2013, Michael, “There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital; The idea of political capital—or mandates, or momentum—is so poorly defined that presidents and pundits often get it wrong,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207)>)

THE REAL LIMITS ON ………………… out of the room, the aides said.

**Wins don’t spill over- bruising effort doesn’t generate capital- their author**

Michael Hirsch, Daily Beast, 1-19-2010 <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2010/01/19/the-politics-of-hubris.html>

There was nothing new about this, of course. It falls into the age-old annals of hubris, the same excess of pride that got Achilles ………………………….. time before anyone has the stomach to set it right legislatively.