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Plan: The United States federal government should substantially increase incentives for the export of coal toward the United Mexican States.

Contention one is Inherency:

The United States has more coal than it’ll ever need

Hieb 10 (Monte Heib, “America is the Saudi Arabia of Coal,” http://www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/Energy.html, 2/20/2010)

Plant fossils of West Virginia are examples of the fossil flora that comprise the vast

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doing during World War II and like the South Africans are doing today.

But, US coal industry is failing now, because of little promotion of coal usage

Krauss 13

(Clifford, is a national business correspondent based in Houston, covering energy. He covered the State Department, Congress and the New York City police department before serving as Buenos Aires bureau chief and Toronto bureau chief. Before working at The Times, he worked as a foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, “U.S. Coal Companies Scale Back Export Goals” NYT, 9/13/13, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/14/business/energy-environment/us-coal-companies-scale-back-export-goals.html)

The ailing American coal industry, which has pinned its hopes on exports to counter

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reason for the slumping prices is China’s softening demand growth, experts say.

This is causing coal to be surpassed by natural gas in the United States

Plumer 13

(Washington Post’s Brad Plumer, “Remember the ‘war on coal’? Coal is losing — but only in the U.S.” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/12/16/remember-the-war-on-coal-coal-is-losing/>, 12/16/2013)

How's that "war on coal" going? It all depends where you look

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to come,” said Maria van der Hoeven, the agency's executive director.¶

Mexico needs more coal and will say yes to the plan

Wallace 10

(Robert-Bruce,Head of faculty of economics at the university of Mexico city, “COAL IN MEXICO” Economia, http://www.economia.unam.mx/publicaciones/econinforma/pdfs/359/brucelish.pdf)

Nevertheless, after many decades of virtual stagnation or low growth, beginning in 1983

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furnaces, providing about 60% of its crude steel production.18

Contention Two is Economy:

Currently Uncertainty in coal is causing a shift to natural gas—the two are zero-sum

Weiss 10 - Senior Fellow and the Director of Climate Strategy at American Progress (Daniel, “Efforts to Save Coal Could End Up Destroying It,” Center for American Progress, http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/09/coal\_senators.html)

But even without global warming pollution reductions the U. S. Energy Information Administration

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pollution would only prolong uncertainty and further delay investments in new coal plants.

The current coal market allows the US to expand its energy markets globally – this is key to the US economy

Marquardt 8-[Katy Marquardt, June 5, 2008, 6/5/08 “Skip Alternative Energy—Dig for Coal Stocks”, jlk, http://www.usnews.com/articles/business/your-money/2008/06/05/skip-alternative-energy--dig-for-coal-stocks.html ]

Rather than focus on a specific region of the world, global fund managers roam

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their partial ownership of one of the nation's busiest coal ports in Virginia.

US economy relies on coal

Rose & Wei 6, (Adam Z. Rose, Professor of Energy, Environmental and Regional Economics, Dan Wei, Graduate Assistant in the Department of Geography at the Pennsylvania State University, “The Economic Impacts of Coal Utilization and Displacement in the Continental United States, 2015”, Report prepared for the Center of Energy and Economic Development Inc., 2006)

Our analysis shows that, in 2015, U.S. coal production,

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utilize fuel sources and generating technologies more costly than coal-based electricity.

**Without coal economic contraction would cause collapse, mass starvation, totalitarianism, and nuclear war**

Nyquist ‘5

(J.R, expert in geopolitics and international relations, WorldNetDaily contributing editor, “The Political Consequences of a Financial Crash,” 2-4-05, http://www.financialsense.com/stormwatch/geo/pastanalysis/2005/0204.html)

Should the United States experience a severe economic contraction during the second term of President

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recently lamented, “We drank the poison and now we must die.”

Economic decline causes nuclear & bio-war

National Review ‘8

[National Review Online, October 28, 2008 Kerpen, policy director for Americans for Prosperity From Panic to Depression?, <http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=OWQ3ZGYzZTQyZGY4ZWFiZWUxNmYwZTJiNWVkMTIxMmU=>]

It’s important that we avoid all these policy errors — not just for the sake

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of such extended duration would risk armed conflicts on an even greater scale.

Contention Three is Russia:

Increasing US natural gas, including LNG exports breaks European dependence on Russia

Ratner et al, 12 specialist in energy policy, other authors include \*\*\*Paul Belkin, analyst in European affairs, \*\*\*Jim Nichol, specialist in Russian and Eurasian affairs, and \*\*\*Steven Woehrel, specialist in European Affairs (Michael, “Europe’s Energy Security: Options and Challenges to Natural Gas Supply Diversification,” Congressional Research Service, 3/13/12, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42405.pdf)//AM

The 27 member-state European Union (EU) has been a growing natural

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gas giant Gazprom, have adamantly defended oil-indexed natural gas prices.

Ending Russian Dependence allows Western pro-democracy efforts; they don’t access democracy good because these attempts will fail

Baran, 7 - senior fellow and director of the Center for Eurasian Policy at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. (Zenyo, “ EU Energy Security: Time to End Russian Leverage,” THE WASHINGTON QUARTERLY AUTUMN 2007, <http://ao.hudson.org/files/publications/07autumn_baran.pdf>)

Engaging the Caspian Enshrined as the second of the three pillars of the EU,

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extremism, and drug trafﬁcking in Central Asia and the Caucasus would increase.

The efforts will kill US-Russia relations

Asmus, 8 - Executive Director of the Transatlantic Center at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, in Brussels, From 1997 to 2000, he served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs (Ronald, “ Europe's Eastern Promise; Rethinking NATO and EU Enlargement,” Foreign Affairs. New York: Jan/Feb 2008. http://www.jstor.org.proxy.lib.umich.edu/stable/pdfplus/20020270.pdf?acceptTC=true)

By 2012, a reunified West would have begun to build an arc of democratic

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from one in which an autocratic, nationalist Russia is on the rise.

Relations key to prevent nuke war

Allison & Blackwill, ’11 [Graham, director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard’s Kennedy School, former assistant secretary of defense in the Clinton administration, Robert D., Henry A. Kissinger senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy -- Council on Foreign Relations, served as U.S. ambassador to India and as deputy national security adviser for strategic planning in the Bush administration, both co-chairmen of the Task Force on Russia and U.S. National Interests, co-sponsored by the Belfer Center and the Center for the National Interest, 10-30-11 Politico, “10 reasons why Russia still matters,” http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=161EF282-72F9-4D48-8B9C-C5B3396CA0E6]

That central point is that Russia matters a great deal to a U.S

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.S. success, or failure, in advancing our national interests.

Relations solve accidental nuclear war

Cohen 10 [Stephen F. Cohen, prof, Russian Studies and History, NYU, Prof emeritus, Princeton, May 25, 2010, “ US-Russian Relations in an Age of American Triumphalism: An Interview with Stephen F. Cohen”, http://www.thenation.com/article/us-russian-relations-age-american-triumphalism-interview-stephen-f-cohen]

Cohen: The real concern I have with this "we won the Cold War

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, I should add in the think tanks, can connect these dots.

Extinction happens in thirty minutes

Mintz 1 [Morton Mintz, write for the American Prospect] February 26, 2001, “Tow Minutes to Launch”, The American Prospect, http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=two\_minutes\_to\_launch,

Hair-trigger alert means this: The missiles carrying those warheads are armed

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would be, basically, a nuclear war by checklist, by rote.”

Accidents are likely

Cimbala, 8 [Stephen, Distinguished Prof. Pol. Sci. – Penn. State Brandywine, Comparative Strategy, “Anticipatory Attacks: Nuclear Crisis Stability in Future Asia”, 27, InformaWorld]

If the possibility existed of a mistaken preemption during and immediately after the Cold War

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could overturn these expectations for the obsolescence or marginalization of major interstate warfare.

Contention Four is China:

Oil Prices are Extremely High because of Mid-East Tension

The Economist 9/4

(“Worried wells” The Economist, September 4th, 2013, http://www.economist.com/blogs/freeexchange/2013/09/oil-prices?zid=298&ah=0bc99f9da8f185b2964b6cef412227be)

OVER the past month the price of Brent crude oil has risen by five dollars

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lowest level since 2008. That will keep oil floating to the surface.

Plan is key- Uncertainty in coal is causing a shift to natural gas- coal doesn’t trade off with oil

Weiss 10 - Senior Fellow and the Director of Climate Strategy at American Progress (Daniel, “Efforts to Save Coal Could End Up Destroying It,” Center for American Progress, http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/09/coal\_senators.html)

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pollution would only prolong uncertainty and further delay investments in new coal plants.

But, Natural Gas trades off with oil

Evans 12 Pickens is Major Oil investor, 328th richest man in America (Huw, March 1, 2012, “Oil Addiction? T. Boone Pickens Thinks So,” <http://www.hybridcars.com/news/could-natural-gas-solve-our-oil-addiction-t-boone-pickens-thinks-so-42004.html)//DR>. H

Boone **Pickens**, a former geologist turned billionaire energy investor, **believes that one way**

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**from a much cheaper alternative fuel will likely cause gasoline prices to drop.**

That causes Saudi Arabia to flood the oil market and collapse prices

MORSE AND RICHARDS 2002 (Edward L. Morse is Executive Adviser at Hess Energy Trading Company and was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Energy Policy in 1979-81. James Richard is a portfolio manager at Firebird Management, an investment fund active in eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia, Foreign Affairs, March/April)

A simple fact explains this conclusion: 63 percent of the world's proven oil reserves

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lost in the preceding four years, mainly to non-OPEC countries.

High oil prices key to the Canadian stock market

Lam 13 (Eric, Correspondent – Bloomberg, “Canada Stocks Rise as Crude Prices Bolster Oil, Gas Producers”, Bloomberg, 6-17, http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-06-17/canada-stocks-rise-as-crude-rally-bolsters-oil-gas-producers.html, Deech)

Canadian stocks rose, following the third weekly drop for the benchmark index, as

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pretty resilient. Crude is at a high and that doesn’t hurt either.”

And --- that’s critical to alleviate Chinese monopoly on rare earth minerals --- Canada is key

Simms 10 (Dave, Correspondent – CBC News, “Investors rush into rare earth element mining”, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 2-17, http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/story/2010/02/12/f-rare-earth-rush.html, Deech)

Currently, China controls between 95 and 97 per cent of world REEs production.

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be less able to weather downturns in their industry or the wider economy.

Rare earth shortage triggers US/China war

Commiso 10 (Katharine Comisso, contributing writer for New Scientist, “Is This the Start of Element Wars?” September 2010, http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/shortsharpscience/2010/09/is-this-the-start-of-the-eleme.html)

China has just 37 percent of the world's estimated reserves of rare Earth elements (

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the U.K.’s Royal Society of Chemistry, Richard Pike.

Extinction

Wittner 11 (Lawrence S., Emeritus Professor of History – State University of New York Albany and Former Editor – Peace and Change Journal, “Is a Nuclear War With China Possible?”, 11-28, www.huntingtonnews.net/14446)

While **nuclear weapons** exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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—destroying agriculture, creating worldwide famine, and generating chaos and destruction.