### Trade

#### Status quo bilateral agreements decimate multilateral trade effectiveness

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Latin America is poised to assume a starring role in the governance of international trade,

ability to make genuine progress along regional trade lines has proven challenging.

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#### a. Joint negotiations with Mexico are vital to trade credibility—props up WTO effectiveness

**Cowan 12** - President of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands ("A Stronger Future: Policy Recommendations for U.S.-Mexico Relations, Wilson Center, sunnylands.org/files/posts/159/stronger\_f.pdf ) JG

Policy oPtion: Mexico and Canada

f both the United States and Mexico.

#### **Independently WTO credibility is key to every facet of global trade—the alternative is tit-for-tat retalitation and global trade war**

Bluestein 8 ~Paul. Economic Scholar at Brookings. "Doha Trade Talks Collapse: What’s Next for Global Trade" Brookings, August 2008~

The breakdown in Geneva was the third that in the

breathe new life into a system that is sadly underappreciated for its role in keeping bad things from happening.

#### b. Mexico is key—spills over to broader Latin American participation

**Selee and Wilson, 12** - Andrew Selee is Vice President for Programs and Senior Advisor to the Mexico Institute and Christopher Wilson is an associate with the Mexico Institute, (Andrew and Christopher, Wilson Center, November 2012, "A New Agenda with Mexico"

Over the past few years, the U.S. and Mexican governments have

regional supply chains to international finance—promises significant mutually beneficial results in the coming years.

#### **That’s key to overall trade sustainability and multilateral engagement**

Noriega 12 - former assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs and a former U.S. ambassador to the OAS (Robert, "An action plan for US policy in the Americas," American Enterprise Institute, 12/05/12, http://www.aei.org/outlook/foreign-and-defense-policy/regional/latin-america/an-action-plan-for-us-policy-in-the-americas/ ) JG

Expanding regional economic cooperation is crucial to US

individuals seeking to export their goods or services.

#### **Integrating Latin America into the TPP is vital to the global trading system**

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The hottest topic in world trade these days is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

This initiative represents a formal effort to synchronize members’ trade commitments, with the aim of using the Pacific Alliance as a platform for enhanced trade with their most dynamic trading partner—East Asia.

#### Globalization takes out your offense—Our authors rely on a testable empirical method –trade has the strongest overall correlation with a reduction in conflict

Weede 2004 (Erich, professor of sociology at the University of Bonn, Germany, In Winter 1986-87, he was Visiting Professor of International Relations at the Bologna Center of The Johns Hopkins University, “BALANCE OF POWER, GLOBALIZATION, AND THE CAPITALIST PEACE,” <http://www.fnf.org.ph/downloadables/Balance%20of%20Power,%20Globalization%20and%20Capitalist%20Peace.pdf>)

Unfortunately, almost no theory in macroeconomics,

a hodgepodge of ambiguous hunches, **contradictory thinking, and unsystematically evaluated empirical evidence.**

**Trade eliminates the only rational incentives for war—proves sustainability**

**Gartzke 11** Erik Gartzke is an associate Professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego PhD from Iowa and B.A. from UCSF "SECURITY IN AN INSECURE WORLD" www.cato-unbound.org/2011/02/09/erik-gartzke/security-in-an-insecure-world/

Almost as informative as the decline in

We must all hope that the consolidating forces of prosperity prevail, that **war becomes a durable anachronism**.

#### And, U.S. is in decline--fiscal and military overstretch

Richard Heinberg, senior fellow, Post Carbon Institute, "Geopolitical Implications of 'Peak Everything'," SOLUTIONS JOURNAL, 1--12, [www.postcarbon.org/article/660520-geopolitical-implications-of-peak-everything](http://www.postcarbon.org/article/660520-geopolitical-implications-of-peak-everything), accessed 4-9-12.

Yet despite America’s gargantuan expenditures on intelligence

“an empire in decline.”

#### US leadership is unsustainable without a highly visible commitment to multilateralism

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, <http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf>)//NG

The safeguarding of US authority requires multilateralism that is

, lead the way to a new world order.

#### **A Strong US commitment to the international trading system is the lynchpin of effective multilateralism – alternative is great power war**

PANITCHPAKDI ’4 (Supachai Panitchpakdi, secretary-general of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, 2/26/2004, American Leadership and the World Trade Organization, p. http://www.wto.org/english/news\_e/spsp\_e/spsp22\_e.htm)

The second point is that strengthening the world trading system is essential to America's wider global objectives

-based multilateral trading system, greatly increasing the chances for world prosperity and peace. There is a growing realization that — in our interdependent world — sovereignty is constrained, not by multilateral rules, but by the absence of rules.

#### Reliance on unilateralism will collapse US leadership and cause global wars with weapons of mass destruction

**Montalván, 10** - a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Army including multiple combat tours in Iraq, master's of science from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (Luis, “Multilateralism is Essential for Peace in the 21st Century” Huffington Post, 4/23, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/luis-carlos-montalvan/multilateralism-is-essent_b_550332.html>)

Unilateralism is the wrong approach for American Diplomacy

What would happen if our National Security Strategy became a multilateral one of economic engagement, and used the brain power and resources available to mitigate these issues?" -- Lt. Col. Matthew Canfield, U.S. Army (Currently on his second tour in Iraq) Concerns over economic stability, limited resources and security have divided us. Now is the time to create rather than divide common ground.

#### Multilateralism makes war unthinkable – American liberal order is key to a peaceful multipolar world

**Schweller 10** – Professor of Political Science at Ohio State University

(Randall, “Entropy and the trajectory of world politics: why polarity has become less meaningful,” Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Volume 23, Number 1, March 2010, dml)

Though rarely mentioned, system equilibrium can emerge without

given the intolerably high costs of war and the obvious destructiveness of nuclear weapons, the benefits of peace grounded in the perceived decoupling of territorial conquest from national prosperity, and the shared values and beliefs about how the world works among the leading states (Jervis 2005).

#### Unipolarity causes lashout– managed decline is key

**Quinn, 11** – Lecturer in International Studies at the University of Birmingham, having previously worked at the University of Leicester and the University of Westminster alongside his graduate studies at the LSE. His chief area of interest is the role of national history and ideology in shaping US grand strategy (Adam, “The art of declining politely: Obama’s prudent presidency and the waning of American power”, International Affairs 87:4 (2011) 803–824 http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/87\_4quinn.pdf

Captain of a shrinking ship

As noted in the opening passages of this article, the narratives of America’s decline and Obama’s restraint are distinct but also crucially connected. Facing this incipient period of decline, America’s leaders may walk one of two paths. Either the nation can come to terms with the reality

consider American power a scarce resource—in short, leaders who can master the art of declining politely. At present it seems it is fortunate enough to have a president who fits the bill.

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### Plan

The United States federal government should negotiate as an economic partner with Mexico in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

### **China**

#### **Lack of incentives means China sidesteps TPP negotiations now**

Solís 13 - senior fellow at the Brookings Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, and associate professor at American University PhD in government and an MA in East Asian Studies from Harvard University, and a BA in international relations from El Colegio de México (Mireya, "The Containment Fallacy: China and the TPP," Brookings Institute, 5/24/13, http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2013/05/24-china-transpacific-partnership-solis)//AC

will pay off handsomely in terms of improved economic performance.

#### **US-Mexican TPP negotiations incentivize Chinese participation**

Wilson 13 - Associate at the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Christopher, "A U.S.-Mexico Economic Alliance: Policy Options for a Competitive Region," New Ideas for a New Era: Policy Options for the Next Stage in U.S.-Mexico Relations, May 2013 http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/new\_ideas\_new\_era.pdf ) JG

The United States and Mexico are among the most open economies in the world,

A similarly continental approach might also be considered as the U.S. gets ready to begin negotiating a trade agreement with the European Union.

#### **China’s entrance solves US-Sino relations**

Gross 7/9/13 - Senior Associate at the Pacific Forum of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), is a former White House and State Department official (Donald, "Welcoming China to the Trans-Pacific Partnership," The Huffington Post, 7/9/13, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donald-gross/trans-pacific-partnership-china\_b\_3562801.html)//AC-http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donald-gross/trans-pacific-partnership-china\_b\_3562801.html)//AC

When senior officials from the United States and China meet this week in Washington

resolve an issue that has hurt U.S. relations with China for far too long.

#### Relations are not stable- increased tensions risk crisis escalation.

Dingli 13 (Shen, professor and associate dean at Fudan University’s Institute of International Studies, interviewed by Emeritus Professor Joseph Camilleri, La Trobe University, May 21, 2013, Retrieved from May 24, 2013, from http://www.thepowerofideas.com/post/50987680565/the-future-of-us-sino-relations-an-interview-with)

SD: Current Sino-US relations can be described as

. Such deep mutual suspicion and subsequent hedging, if poorly managed, could lead to serious crisis escalation.

#### Relations solve US-China conflict and arms race- it’s independently key to US credibility in East Asia

Roy 12 - senior United States diplomat specializing in Asian affairs, three-time ambassador, Vice Chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., Chairman of the Hopkins-Nanjing Advisory Council (J. Stapleton, "DEALING WITH A RISING CHINA," The Wilson Center, November 2012, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/policy\_brief\_dealing\_with\_a\_rising\_china.pdf)//AC-

The United States and China are both in the process of selecting the leaders

.This challenge will be the critical test of leaders in both countries.

#### **Specifically US-Sino relations de-escalate Taiwan conflicts and Chinese rise—the impact is nuclear war**

CSIS 13 (Center for Strategic 26 International Studies, "Nuclear Weapons and US-China Relations",03/2013, http://csis.org/files/publication/130307\_Colby\_USChinaNuclear\_Web.pdf-)

Considerations of U.S.-China nuclear relations would be a largely academic exercise without the serious risk of conflict and tension those relations entail. Unfortunately, the significant sources of tension and disagreement

f U.S. defense commitments in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Taiwan is uniquely likely to escalate to nuclear war – risk of miscommunication and misunderstanding is high**

Lowther, 3/16 (William, Taipei Times, citing a report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, “Taiwan could spark nuclear war: report,” <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/03/16/2003557211>)

Taiwan is the most likely potential crisis that could trigger a nuclear war

conflict would be tremendously dangerous and quite possibly devastating.”

### Solvency

#### **US-Mexican trade inevitable—plan key to support it**

Wilson 13 - Associate at the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Christopher, "A U.S.-Mexico Economic Alliance: Policy Options for a Competitive Region," New Ideas for a New Era: Policy Options for the Next Stage in U.S.-Mexico Relations, May 2013 http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/new\_ideas\_new\_era.pdf )

After years of slow growth

our region in the global marketplace.

#### You have no unique offense—plan just makes the TPP effective

**Shapiro 13** - President of the Institute of the Americas a public policy think tank at UCSD (Charles, "Time to shift focus in relations with Mexico," San Diego Union Tribune, 2/6/13,  web.utsandiego.com/news/2013/Feb/06/mexico-trade-economy/?23article-copy )

Nearly 20 years after the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement,

unique opportunity to forge ahead.

**The status quo is structurally improving due to globalization**

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Although global population is no longer growing exponentially, it has quadrupled

(economic development) and time, a surrogate for technological change (Goklany 2007a). Other indicators of human well-being that improve over time and as affluence rises are: access to safe water and sanitation (see below), literacy, level of education, food supplies per capita, and the prevalence of malnutrition (Goklany 2007a, 2007b).