# 1NCs --- IHSA 2014

## Round 2 --- Neg vs. Maine East AL

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#### PEMEX implementing legislation will pass now BECAUSE OF Nieto’s political capital --- its key to reform effectiveness

**PRNewswire 3-6** (“Mexico Business Forecast Report Q1 2014”, 2014, <http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/03/06/5744719_mexico-business-forecast-report.html>)

We remain optimistic toward Mexico's long-term growth outlook on the back of a

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, % 52 Table: Emerging Markets, Real GDP Growth, % 53

#### The plan is unpopular --- saps Nieto’s PC

**Long 13** (Tom Long 4-16-2013 Doctoral research fellow, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, "Will tensions over security spoil the Obama-Peña Nieto Summit?” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, aulablog.net/2013/04/16/will-tensions-over-security-spoil-the-obama-pena-nieto-summit/)

Peña Nieto’s political incentives do not point to the same, high-profile cooperation

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violations and the slow pace of judicial reform could also grow more serious.

#### Absent energy reforms, Mexico will become a failed state --- overrides resilience

**Rathborne 13** (John-Paul 3-20-13; Financial Times, “Mexico’s reform plan lifts hopes for greater prosperity”, http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/a959b3fe-8a4f-11e2-bf79-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2XizM05rl)

Economists reckon the changes – from tougher competition policy to opening up the country’s almost

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on many ears, given that half of the country lives in poverty.

#### Collapse causes WMD terrorism

Brookes 9 (Peter, Senior Fellow for National Security Affairs – Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation, “Mexican Mayhem: Narcotics Traffickers Threaten Mexico and U.S.”, Heritage Commentary, 3-4, http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/03/mexican-mayhem-narcotics-traffickers-threaten-mexico-and-us)

Unfortunately, we're entangled in Mexico's lurch toward instability. According to the NDIC,

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proximity, that's arguably correct. So what can or should be done?

#### Terrorism is real and terrorists want nukes --- ensures nuclear winter and extinction

**Creamer 11** (Robert, Political Organizer and Strategist – Strategic Consulting Group, “Post-Bin Laden, It's Time to End the Threat of Nuclear Terrorism for Good”, Huffington Post, 5-12, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-creamer/post-bin-laden---it-is-ti\_b\_860954.html)

Worse, al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations have vowed to obtain and actually use

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. Much of the world's surface would reach winter temperatures in the summer.

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#### The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement towards the government of Mexico in the areas of solar, wind, landfill gas, ocean, geothermal, solid waste, and hydroelectric energy. The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward the government of Mexico over border transmissions networks.

#### Competes --- doesn’t include “biomass” --- this card also proves transmission isn’t renewables

**US Code 13** (“42 USC § 15852 - Federal purchase requirement”, http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/15852#b\_2)

(2) Renewable energy… hydroelectric project.

#### The plan’s “biomass” ends importation of oil --- supplants fuel and petroleum products

**DOE 13** (Department of Energy, BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE, “Replacing the Whole Barrel: To Reduce U.S. Dependence on Oil”, May, https://www1.eere.energy.gov/bioenergy/pdfs/replacing\_barrel\_overview.pdf, Deech)

Converting domestic biomass into affordable fuels, products, and power supports our national strategy

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critical regional operations in the event of a natural disaster or national emergency.

#### And --- ending oil demand ensures an OPEC flood

**Kole 7** (William, Correspondent – AP, “Despite Rising Prices, OPEC Appears to be in No Rush to Raise its Output Targets”, 9-8, http://nwitimes.com/articles/2007/09/08/business/business/doc7e79bb33cb7ec6f28625734f00723bfd.txt)

If you remember what happened in the 1970's (look it up if you don't

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a bunch of junkies on drugs while making as much money as possible.

#### And --- Iraqi flood collapses prices --- kills the Russian economy

**Renner 3** (Michael, Senior Researcher and Director of the Global Security Project – Worldwatch Institute, “RPost-Saddam Iraq: Linchpin of a New Oil Order”, Foreign Policy In Focus, 1-1, http://fpif.org/post-saddam\_iraq\_linchpin\_of\_a\_new\_oil\_order/, Deech)

Washington would gain enormous leverage over the world oil market. Opening the Iraqi spigot

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Iraqi regime sells oil without limits, “our budget will collapse.”15

#### The impact is nuclear war

**Filger 9** (Sheldon, Author – Huffington Post, “Russian Economy Faces Disastrous Free Fall Contraction”, http://www.globaleconomiccrisis.com/blog/archives/356)

In Russia, historically, economic health and political stability are intertwined to a degree

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the financial impact of the Global Economic Crisis is its least dangerous consequence.

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#### Text: The United States Federal Government should mandate and fund the mass adoption of thermal depolymerization for both military and commercial use, specifically mandating that all military installations build a TDP plant, substantially increase grid and renewable energy investment in the United States, economically engage with the governments of countries in the Caribbean and Central America over renewables.

#### TDP can completely replace imported oil

**Kantor 4 –** technology writer (Andrew, USA Today, 1/22/2004, <http://www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/andrewkantor/2004-01-22-kantor_x.htm>)

At first, it was the oil angle that was TDP's selling point. In

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using TDP, we could stop our oil imports…and then some.

### Hegemony Advantage – 1NC

#### No impact to energy diplomacy

**Allouche 11** – Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex (Jeremy,. "The sustainability and resilience of global water and food systems: Political analysis of the interplay between security, resource scarcity, political systems and global trade" Food Policy, Volume 36, Supplement 1, January 2011, Science Direct)

Water/food resources, war and conflict The question of resource scarcity has led

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Barnett and Adger, 2007] and [Kevane and Gray, 2008]).

#### Status quo solves microgrids

**Time Magazine 12** (July, Rise of the Smart Grid. http://business.time.com/2012/07/26/obamas-smart-electrical-grid-plan/)

But behind the scenes, Obama’s billions are gradually upgrading the grid. Utilities now

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when they work, but that’s the point of infrastructure—and power.

#### Renewables fail

**Zehner 12** – visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley (Ozzie, “Solar Cells and Wind Turbines Don't Offset Fossil Fuel Use, According to New Book, Green Illusions,” Wall Street Journal, June 12 2012, http://www.marketwatch.com/story/solar-cells-and-wind-turbines-dont-offset-fossil-fuel-use-according-to-new-book-green-illusions-2012-06-12 )

Renewable energy technologies do not offset fossil fuel use in the United States according to

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wind turbines, and advanced biofuels are all just ways of throwing harder."

#### No conceivable scenario for loss of leadership --- structural advantages ensure unipolarity and bandwagoning --- but only retrenchment makes leadership sustainable

**Haass 13** (Richard N., President – Council on Foreign Relations, “America Can Take a Breather. And It Should.”, New York Times, 6-22, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/23/opinion/sunday/america-can-take-a-breather-and-it-should.html)

Today, there are threats, but they tend to be regional, years away

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something like it. They are more interested in integration than in revolution.

#### No transition wars --- empirics

**Goldstein 11** (Joshua S., Professor Emeritus of International Relations – American University, “Think Again: War”, Foreign Policy, September / October, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/think\_again\_war)

Nor do shifts in the global balance of power doom us to a future of

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for a century until its breakdown and the bloodbath of World War I.

#### Military renewables impossible

**Johnson 9** (W. Neil Johnson, High-energy Space Environment Branch, Space Science Division, Office of Naval Research, “Space-based Solar Power: Possible Defense Applications and Opportunities for NRL Contribution,” Naval Research Laboratory, October 23, 2009, <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA513123>, Sawyer)

The forward base application of SBSP becomes more credible when it is applied to larger

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of the large amount of aircraft and vehicle fuel required by such installations.

#### Energy independence now

**Donilon 13** (Tom, National Security Advisor 2010-2013 in the Obama administration, worked as Executive Vice President for Law and Policy at Fannie Mae, “Energy and American Power”, June 15, 2013, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139509/tom-donilon/energy-and-american-power>)

Energy is a profoundly important aspect of U.S. national security and foreign

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is being used in Syria today and was used in Libya in 2011.

#### Energy independence is impossible

**Levi 12** (Michael A., Senior Fellow – Council on Foreign Relations, “The False Promise of Energy Independence”, New York Times, 12-21, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/21/opinion/the-false-promise-of-energy-independence.html)

The International Energy Agency recently confirmed what market watchers have been saying for a year

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knock the economy on its back, regardless of where we buy oil.

### China Advantage – 1NC

#### Taiwan/China rapprochement now --- economics and political ties forestall conflict --- disregard any evidence before February

**Krever 2-11** (Mick, Correspondent – CNN, Citing Kurt Campbell, Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, “Decoding two sets of surprising Asia peace talks”, CNN, 2014, http://amanpour.blogs.cnn.com/2014/02/11/kurt-campbell-north-korea-south-korea-taiwan-china-talks/)

Suddenly peace, or at least peace talks, are breaking out in the most

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a thriving commercial relationship, with hundreds of billions of dollars in trade.

#### No US draw in or Taiwan nuclear escalation

**Cliff 7** (Roger Cliff, Ph.D. in international relations, Princeton, M.A. in history (Chinese studies), University of California, San Diego, Assistant for Strategy Development, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and David A. Shlapak, Ph.D., senior international policy analyst, RAND Project Air Force Report, 2007)

This situation would occur if China attempted to use force to achieve unification, the

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region, which would be even less concerned about China’s use of force.

#### No impact to the economy --- it’s empirically denied by multiple past recessions like the 2008 recession --- best and most recent data proves

**Drezner 12** (Daniel W., Professor of International Politics – Tufts University, Senior Fellow – Brookings Institution, Contributing Editor – Foreign Policy, Ph.D. – Stanford University, “The Irony of Global Economic Governance: The System Worked”, October, http://www.globaleconomicgovernance.org/wp-content/uploads/IR-Colloquium-MT12-Week-5\_The-Irony-of-Global-Economic-Governance.pdf)

The final outcome addresses a dog that hasn’t barked: the effect of the Great

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II – and not even worse – must be regarded as fortunate.”42

#### Fed checks the impact

**Eavis 12** (Peter, Financial Correspondent – New York Times, “Record High Close for Dow, Spurred by Fed and Profits”, New York Times, 3-5, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/06/business/daily-stock-market-activity.html?hp)

But one essential government institution did things differently after the 2009 low point, and

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of recession, the odds are that you will have a bull market.”

#### CCP instability creates pressure for peaceful transition to democracy

**Gilley 7** (Bruce, Assistant professor of political studies at Queen's University in Canada, and former contributing editor at the Far Eastern Economic Review. “Is China Stuck?” Journal of Democracy, 18.1, January, Project Muse)

Yet what if the CCP is actually quite responsive? What if it is in

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relatively smooth democratic transition in China are bright and no collapse is likely.

**Chinese democracy link turns U.S.-China war**

**Menges, 5** (Constantine C., PhD, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute, Fmr. Special Asst. to the President for National Security Affairs, 2005, In China: The Gathering Threat, p. 510-511)

History offers no guarantees about the future. China may become democratic in the next

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no one would listen.... We surely must not let that happen again."

#### China’s key to global democracy --- they bailout authoritarian regimes and prevent global consolidation

**Friedman 9** (Edward, Winter 2009. Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he specializes in Chinese politics. “China: A Threat to or Threatened by Democracy?” Dissent 56.1, Project Muse)

There is no other long-lasting basis for trustful cooperation with the government in

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, is well on the way to defeating the global forces of democracy.

#### Extinction

**Diamond, 95** — Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s”, December 1995, <http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/1.htm>)

OTHER THREATS This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-

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which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

#### Democracy’s key to solve environmental destruction in China --- bolsters public awareness

**Yue 6** (Pan, 12/5/2006, Deputy director of China's State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), “The environment needs public participation,” China Dialogue, <http://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/604-The-environment-needs-public-participation>)

In China, environmental protection is an increasingly pressing issue. Not only are pollution

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are we following the sustainable development strategy that was put forward in 1992?

#### Chinese environmental destruction causes extinction.

**Salon 97** (10/29/1997. “The real China threat,” <http://www.salon.com/news/1997/10/29news.html>)

China's environmental disaster threatens not only the Chinese people -- who are dying in the

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by the 60 to 80 percent recommended by U.N. scientists.

#### Chinese economic rise link turns hegemony

**Keck 14** (Zachary, Assistant Editor – The Diplomat, Citing John Mearsheimer, Professor of Political Science – University of Chicago, Co-Director – Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Political Science – Cornell University, Former Post-Doctoral Fellow – Harvard University, “US-China Rivalry More Dangerous Than Cold War?”, The Diplomat, 1-28, <http://thediplomat.com/2014/01/us-china-rivalry-more-dangerous-than-cold-war/>)

In contrast to the Middle East, which he characterizes as posing little threat to

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potential threat to the United States than anything America has previously dealt with.

#### Chinese economic growth causes war with the US

**Mearsheimer, 5** (John Mearsheimer, professor of Political Science at University of Chicago, Jan/Feb2005, “Clash of the Titans”, Foreign Policy, Issue 146, p46)

China cannot rise peacefully, and if it continues its dramatic economic growth over the

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is to maximize its share of world power and eventually dominate the system.

## Round 4 --- Neg vs. Glenbrook South CM

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#### US/Canada relations are on the brink now

**Burney and Hampson 12** (Derek H. Burney, Senior Strategic Advisor of Norton Rose, former Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister, and Canadian Ambassador to the US, Fen Osler Hampson, Chancellor’s Professor & Director of NPSIA, Professor of International Affairs, “How Obama Lost Canada,” Foreign Affairs, June 21, 2012, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137744/derek-h-burney-and-fen-osler-hampson/how-obama-lost-canada>)

Of course, the U.S.-Canadian relationship has had its rocky moments

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maintain an entrenched alliance but also about its capacity for steady global leadership.

#### Renegotiating NAFTA ruins US/Canadian relations

**Noga 8** (Edward, Editor – Rubber & Plastics News, “Empty Promises”, Rubber & Plastics News, 3-10, Lexis)

Renegotiate what? The free trade …. is not a good option.

#### Relations key to stop cyberwars

**Carafano 10** – James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., is Deputy Director of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies and Director of the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, a division of the Davis Institute, at The Heritage Foundation. Jena Baker McNeill is Policy Analyst for Homeland Security and Ray Walser, Ph.D., is Senior Policy Analyst for Latin America in the Allison Center at The Heritage Foundation. Richard Weitz, Ph.D., is Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for Political–Military Analysis at Hudson Institute (“Expand NORAD to Improve Security in North America,” <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2010/07/expand-norad-to-improve-security-in-north-america>)

Addressing the wide range of threats confronting America’s security interests in North America will require

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by creating the Working Group on Cyber-Security in 2004.[25]

#### Cyber-attacks are likely now --- causes miscalc and great power global nuclear war

**Rosenbaum 8** (Ron, American Journalist and Author, “A Real Nuclear Option for the Nominees”, Slate, 5-9, http://www.slate.com/articles/life/the\_spectator/2008/05/a\_real\_nuclear\_option\_for\_the\_nominees.single.html)

According to a recent paper by Blair (whose account of these procedures has been

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perverse consequences with computer-launched weapons on hair-trigger is clear."

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#### The aff’s not topical --- NAFTA renegotiation requires engagement with Canada

**Legrain 8** (Phillipe, Journalism Fellow – German Marshall Fund, “Myths About the Treaty the Democrats Want to Trade In”, Washington Post, 4-6, Lexis)

Not so. Any changes would require a …. we would want to talk about as well."

#### Vote neg ---

#### 1. Limits --- they justify infinite affs that involve a topic country and a third party --- makes it impossible to be neg and eviscerates neg prep or clash

#### 2. Even if they win it’s a question of solvency, vote neg on presumption --- this demonstrates they can’t affect the actual implementation of NAFTA

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#### The United States Federal Government should initiate a binding impact assessment regarding the consequences of

the United States federal government offering to Mexico an agriculture trade agreement that allows Mexico to protect Mexican agriculture

#### and adopt such measure only if it can be made consistent with human rights ratified by the United States.

#### The counterplan solves and results in effective implementation of the plan

**MacNaughton 11** [ Copyright (c) 2011 by Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty

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.4972 G.MacNaughton@neu.edu, p. lexis]

C. Human Rights Impact Assessment Human rights impact assessment is a process to investigate

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should consider how they might integrate human rights into their poverty law work.

#### It competes and is theoretically legitimate – it’s a PIC out of “economic engagement”

Forcese 2 [Craig, Globalizing Decency: Responsible Engagement in an Era of Economic Integration, † BA, McGill; MA, Carleton; LL.B., Ottawa; LL.M., Yale; Member of the Bars of New York, Ontario and the District of Columbia. Associate, Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, LLP]

Towards a Doctrine of Responsible Engagement Put simply, the proposed notion of “responsible

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by the international legal context in which they would be expected to operate.

#### That solves human rights leadership

Wexler 8 [Lesley, Assistant Professor, Florida State University College of Law “HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT STATEMENTS: AN IMMIGRATION CASE STUDY”, 22 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 285, p. lexis]

IV. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: APPLICATION IN THE IMMIGRATION CONTEXT  
To develop

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the domain of "immigration policy" would be subject to automatic assessment.

#### Human rights cred solves global war

**Burke-White 4** (William W., Lecturer in Public and International Affairs and Senior Special Assistant to the Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Spring 2004, Harvard Human Rights Journal, 17 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 249, p. 279-280)

This Article presents a strategic--as opposed to ideological or normative--argument that

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U.S.-U.N. cooperation on human rights issues.

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**Text: The United States federal government should offer to Mexico a trade agreement over wheat, cotton, flax, corn, dry beans, oats, barley, rye, tobacco, rice, peanuts, soybeans, sugar beets, sugar cane, tomatoes, grain sorghum, sunflowers, raisins, oranges, sweet corn, dry peas, freezing and canning peas, forage, apples, grapes, potatoes, nursery crops, citrus, and other fruits and vegetables, nuts, tame hay, native grass, and aquacultural species that allows Mexico to protect the aforementioned commodities.**

#### US law defines “agriculture” as the same as “agricultural commodity”

**US Code no date** (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/29/780.103>)

§ 780.103 “Agriculture” as defined by the Act.

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delivery to storage or to market or to carriers for transportation to market.

#### And --- that is a bunch of stuff INCLUDING timber and forestry trade --- the CP PICs out of that

**US Code no date** (“7 U.S. Code § 1518 - “Agricultural commodity” defined”, <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/7/1518>)

“Agricultural commodity”, as used in this subchapter, means wheat, cotton,

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any one or more of such commodities, as the context may indicate.

#### The plan’s inclusion of lumber causes massive deforestation in Mexico

**Kaimowitz 4** (Tania, University of Quintana Roo, “MEXICO: MARKET OPTIONS AND BARRIERS FOR TIMBER AND SAWNWOOD FROM MICHOACÁN, OAXACA, GUERRERO, CAMPECHE AND QUINTANA ROO1”, Forest Trends, National Forest Commission, http://www.forest-trends.org/documents/files/doc\_413.pdf)

Effect of Open Market Trading on Sawnwood Production

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products to the U.S. to reduce production or close down.

#### Don’t risk even a single species

**Diner 94** (David, Ph.D. in Planetary Science and Geology, “The Army and the Endangered Species Act: Who's Endangering Whom?”,  143 Mil. L. Rev. 161)

To accept that the snail darter, harelip sucker, or Dismal Swamp southeastern shrew

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, 80 [hu]mankind may be edging closer to the abyss.

#### Mexican forests are critical biodiversity hotspots

**Encyclopedia of Earth 11** (“Biological diversity in Mesoamerica”, <http://www.eoearth.org/view/article/150625/>)

In Mexico, the hotspot extends as far north as northern Sinaloa (Río Fuerte

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this transition zone helped produce Mesoamerica's unique and diverse array of life forms.

#### Biodiversity has an insurance effect --- solves extinction

**Young 10** (Ruth, Ph.D. in Coastal Marine Ecology, “Biodiversity: what it is and why it’s important”, 2-9, http://www.talkingnature.com/2010/02/biodiversity/biodiversity-what-and-why/)

Different species within ecosystems fill particular roles, they all have a function, they

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on this planet possible and that our protection of biodiversity maintains this service.

### The Advantage – 1NC

#### Renegotiation link turns structural violence

**Vogel 8** (Richard, Political Reporter, “Calderon’s Nightmare: Renegotiating NAFTA”, Monthly Review, 11-28, http://www.monthlyreview.org/mrzine/vogel281108.html)

The trend of declining income inequality in Mexico under NAFTA depicted in chart 1 is

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a new Mexican revolution might coincide with the centennial of the first one.

#### Quality of life is improving DESPITE neoliberalism

**Lomborg 13** (Bjorn 10/16, Adjunct Professor at the Copenhagen Business School, "A Better World Is Here", 2013, [www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/on-the-declining-costs-of-global-problems-by-bj-rn-lomborg](http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/on-the-declining-costs-of-global-problems-by-bj-rn-lomborg))

COPENHAGEN – For centuries, optimists and pessimists have argued over the state of the

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, but on objective assessments of where we can do the most good.

#### Neoliberalism doesn’t affect economic inequality --- historical data and developments contradict

Norfield 12 (Tony, PhD Candidate in Economics @ SOAS - Univ. of London, "‘The most detailed account available’ – more praise for ‘The Failure of Capitalist Production’," http://plutopress.wordpress.com/2012/03/22/the-most-detailed-account-available-more-praise-for-the-failure-of-capitalist-production/)

Writing on the Economics of Imperialism blog, Tony Norfield praises Andrew Kliman’s The Failure

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with the Reagan (US) and Thatcher (UK) political regimes.

#### Neoliberalism is awesome for the poor

**Norberg 3** (Johan Norberg, Frontier Centre for Public Policy, “The Benefits of Globalization,” A Speech to the Frontier Centre, April 28, 2003, http://www.fcpp.org/publication\_detail.php?PubID=575, accessed 8/23/03)

Do you know what is Canada’s biggest export to Europe? It is not aluminium

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the problem in our world is that the poor countries aren’t sufficiently exploited.

#### Inequality in Mexico is plummeting BECAUSE OF trade

**Lustig 11** – \*Department of Economics Tulane University, \*\*Analyst, RBLAC-UNDP, \*\*\*Consultant, World Bank (Nora Lustig\*, Luis F. Lopez-Calva\*\*, and Eduardo Ortiz-Juarez\*\*\* “The Decline in Inequality in Latin America: How Much, Since When and Why” Tulane Economics Working Paper Series, April 2011, <http://proyectograduacion.org/biblioteca/admin/upload/archivos/online/Tulane_Decline_Inequality_Latin_America_2011.pdf>)

After a period of rising inequality in the 1980s and first half of the 1990s

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in public spending on education in the 1990s which expanded basic education considerably.

### Risk Calculus – 1NC

#### Extinction outweighs the aff

**Bostrom 12** (Nick, Professor of Philosophy – Oxford University, Director – Oxford's Future of Humanity Institute, Interview with Ross Andersen, Correspondent at The Atlantic, “We're Underestimating the Risk of Human Extinction”, 3-6, http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/03/were-underestimating-the-risk-of-human-extinction/253821/)

Bostrom, who directs Oxford's Future of Humanity Institute, has argued over the course

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eliminating poverty or curing malaria, which would be tremendous under ordinary standards.

#### Disregard their Zenko and Cohen evidence --- their definition of what constitutes a threat is laughable

**Miller 12** (Paul D., Assistant Professor of International Security Studies at the National Defense University, former Director for Afghanistan on the U.S. National Security Council, “National Insecurity: Just How Safe Is the United States?,” Foreign Affairs, Volume 91, Issue 4, July/August 2012, pg. 146-151, Proquest, Tashma)

Micah Zenko and Michael Cohen ("Clear and Present Safety," March/April 2012

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the United States is safer today than it was during the Cold War.

The biggest problem with this argument is the authors' narrow definition of what constitutes a

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threat to that order was a threat to the United States itself.

So, too, today, there are major challenges to the global order that

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terrorism and al Qaeda, it has underestimated the danger from all three.

#### Even if our impacts are extremely unlikely they still outweigh --- it’s more devastating than repetitive systemic harm

**Sunstein 7** – Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, clerked for Justice Marshall in the Supreme Court (Cass, Harvard University Press, “Worst-case scenarios”, pages 138-9)

A Catastrophic Harm Precautionary Principle, of the modest kind just sketched, raises several

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the expected value of the risk with the expected value of precautionary measures.

#### Make them disprove our specific scenarios --- sweeping takeouts to our specific claims are reductionist and educationally unhelpful

**Price 98** (RICHARD PRICE is a former prof in the Department of Anthropology at Yale University. Later, he moved to Johns Hopkins University to found the Department of Anthropology, where he served three terms as chair. A decade of freelance teaching (University of Minnesota, Stanford University, Princeton University, University of Florida, Universidade Federal da Bahia), ensued. This article is co-authored with CHRISTIAN REUS-SMIT – Monash University – European Journal of International Relations Copyright © 1998 via SAGE Publications – <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~courses/PoliticalScience/661B1/documents/PriceReusSmithCriticalInternatlTheoryConstructivism.pdf>)

One of the central departures of critical international theory from positivism is the view that

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violates the interpretive ethos of critical international theory than does critical theory itself.

#### The only coherent rubric is to maximize number of lives saved

**Greene 10** – Associate Professor of the Social Sciences Department of Psychology Harvard University (Joshua, Moral Psychology: Historical and Contemporary Readings, “The Secret Joke of Kant’s Soul”, www.fed.cuhk.edu.hk/~lchang/material/Evolutionary/Developmental/Greene-KantSoul.pdf)

What turn-of-the-millennium science is telling us is that human

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religion, they don't really explain what's distinctive about the philosophy in question.

#### We’re scenario planning, not predictions---it explores possible causal chains in order to make better choices. Uncertainty doesn’t equal fundamental unknowability. We can use imperfect knowledge to make better choices

**Han 10** – Dong-ho Han, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, January 26, 2010, “Scenario Construction and Implications for IR Research: Connecting Theory to a Real World of Policy Making,” online: <http://www.allacademic.com/one/isa/isa10/index.php?cmd=Download+Document&key=unpublished_manuscript&file_index=1&pop_up=true&no_click_key=true&attachment_style=attachment&PHPSESSID=3e890fb59257a0ca9bad2e2327d8a24f>

How do we assess future possibilities with existing data and information? Do we have

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a handful of scenarios that explore different manifestations of those driving forces.”21

#### Recent studies indict their authors and show war is still highly likely

**Contreras 12** (Dominic, fellow at Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, citing Monica Duffy Toft, associate professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Political Science at Harvard and director of the Belfer Center’s Initiative on Religion in International Affairs, citing Stephen M. Walt, the Robert and Renee Belfer professor of international affairs and faculty chair of the Belfer Center’s International Security Program, February 1, 2012, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, “Winning the War on War?," http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/21707/winning\_the\_war\_on\_war.html?breadcrumb=%2Fproject%2F52%2Fintrastate\_conflict\_program)

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