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### 1ac – relations

#### U.S.-Latin American relations are deteriorating --- undermines the development of strong regionalism

**Inter-American Dialogue, 12** – the Inter-American Dialogue is the leading US center for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs (“Remaking the Relationship The United States and Latin America”, April 2012, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf)

**What is at stake is the future of inter-American relations**, which today

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missed . Well-developed ideas for reversing these disappointing trends are scarce.

#### The plan is the vital internal link --- greater economic engagement is the litmus test for engaging all of Latin America

**Perez, 10** ­– JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Anti-Americanism has become the political chant de jour for leaders seeking long-

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throughout Latin America, and would go a long way toward creating goodwill.

#### Cuba is the number one issue in U.S.-Latin American relations

**Perez, 10** ­– JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Third, the Obama Administration ignores Latin America at its own peril. Latin America's

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but also the pragmatism that has made America so great to begin with.

#### Now is key --- if Latin American countries don’t receive greater U.S. engagement, they’ll transition to independence

**Valencia, 5/20/13** – political analyst and contributing writer for Global Voices Online [Robert, “U.S. and Latin America: Economic Cooperation without Militarization?”, http://www.worldpolicy.org/blog/2013/05/20/us-and-latin-america-economic-cooperation-without-militarization)

In May, President Barack Obama visited Mexico and Costa Rica and vowed to strengthen

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**Latin America**n countries **will forge ahead with economic and security integration amongst themselves.**

#### The plan is key to bolster stronger regionalism --- key to Cuban democratization

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The democratic outlook in the Americas is on balance positive, particularly when compared with

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US concern about human rights violations, **would be an important first step.**

#### It also sparks a Cuban economic transition --- that’s the first step toward democracy

**Lopez-Levy, 13** (Arturo, “A Post-Castro Era Looms for Cuba”, April 17, 2013 Arturo Lopez-Levy is a PhD Candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies of the University of Denver, http://www.fpif.org/articles/a\_post-castro\_era\_looms\_for\_cuba)

In the last five years, the Cuban government has created an important institutional foundation

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would put the U.S. embargo against the island in jeopardy.

#### Cuban democracy spills over to the rest of the region

**Santons, 8** – chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation (Jorge Mas, “How to Win the Cuban American Vote,” Washington Post, 25 October 2008, [http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2008-10-25/opinions/36910345\_1\_cuban-dissidents-travel-and-remittances-cuban-americans)](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2008-10-25/opinions/36910345_1_cuban-dissidents-travel-and-remittances-cuban-americans)/BI)

U.S. policy toward Cuba is at best static and at worst counterproductive

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effect on Floridians and Cuban Americans nationwide. It has in the past.

#### Current Cuba policy wrecks OAS credibility

**Reuters, 12** (Brian Ellsworth, “Despite Obama charm, Americas summit boosts U.S. isolation,” 4/16/12, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/16/us-americas-summit-obama-idUSBRE83F0UD20120416)

(Reuters) - President Barack Obama sat patiently through diatribes, interruptions and even

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," said Geoff Thale, program director at the Washington Office on Latin America

#### An effective OAS is key to Latin American democracy

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Even as Latin America expands its global reach and presence, it is important that

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, in order to regain a central role in inter-American affairs.

#### The plan sends a clear signal that reinvigorates the OAS

**White, 13** – Senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador (Robert, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, New York Times, 3/7/13, http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all)//TL

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably

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cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

#### Latin American democracy is key to global democracy

**Hillman, 2** – Ph.D., Professor and Director, Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights, St. John Fisher College (Richard S., Democracy and Human Rights in Latin Americai, Preface, p. vii) //SP

Latin American experiences, especially in the areas of democratization and human rights protection,

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human rights have definitively entered the political lexicon and discourse throughout the world.

#### Democracy prevents extinction

**Diamond, 95** - Hoover Institute Senior Fellow (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s,” http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/fr.htm)

This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in

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

#### And empirics prove it prevents war

**Muravchik 1** (Josh, Resident Scholar – AEI, “Democracy and Nuclear Peace”, July, http://www.npec-web.org/Syllabus/Muravchik.pdf)

The greatest impetus for world peace -- and perforce of nuclear peace -- is the

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accommodate those interests except when the other party's behavior seems threatening or outrageous.

#### Relations spur effective global cooperation in preventing terrorist theft of nuclear weapons

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In addition to economic and financial matters, Brazil and other Latin American nations are

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consultation and collaboration on a new, more effective approach to the problem.

#### Terrorism is probable --- there’s nuclear theft now

**Dahl, 7/1/13** – Specialist Correspondent (Frederik, “Governments warn about nuclear terrorism threat,” 7/1/13, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/01/us-nuclear-security-idUSBRE96010E20130701)

(Reuters) - More action is needed to prevent militants acquiring plutonium or highly

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. "Some material goes missing and is never found," he said.

#### Nuclear terrorism results in all-out nuclear war and extinction

**Ayson, 10** –Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington (Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

### 1ac – plan text

#### The United States federal government should substantially ease its economic restrictions with the Republic of Cuba.

### 1ac – agriculture

#### Contention two --- agriculture

#### Global agricultural collapse is inevitable --- destroys the environment and causes food scarcity --- several indicators demonstrate the necessity of a sustainable agriculture model

**Peters, 10** **–** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

The U.S. agricultural system is becoming increasingly more concentrated, specialized,

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response to rapidly changing climate conditions **and** will help to **ensure food security.**

#### Cuba’s model of urban agriculture is a sustainable alternative

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While urban agriculture was a response to a dramatic crisis in Cuba’s history, through

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a new economy for many Cubans without negatively impacting the environment or society.

#### Only the plan makes the Cuban model viable --- the U.S. export market is key

**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 expansion and viability of Cuba’s

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domestic consumption in an environment where other production approaches are just not available.

#### The plan jumpstarts U.S. investment in Cuban organoponics --- that causes a global urban agricultural revolution

**Shkolnick, 12** - J.D. Candidate, Drake University Law School (Jacob, “SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, Fall, lexis)

VI. New Opportunities While investment in Cuban businesses and sales or purchases of Cuban

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may be just what is needed to allow for urban agriculture to flourish.

#### That prevents U.S. agricultural collapse --- extinction

**Peters, 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

**An adequate food supply is** essential for the survival of the human race. Historically

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urban areas with access to an adequate supply of fresh, nutritious food.

#### Environmental collapse risks extinction

**Ehrlich, 13** – Professor of Biology & Senior Research Scientist in Biology @ Stanford University (Paul R. Ehrlich (President of the Center for Conservation Biology @ Stanford University) & Anne H. Ehrlich, “Can a collapse of global civilization be avoided?,” Proceedings of the Royal Society Biological Sciences, Proc. R. Soc. B 2013 280, published online 9 January 2013)

Virtually every past civilization has eventually undergone collapse, a loss of socio-political

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it from generating a global collapse is perhaps the foremost challenge confronting humanity.

#### Industrial agriculture ensures bioterrorism

**Peters, 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

In order to be capable of sustaining itself, the United States must eliminate dependence

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in the event of an attack on U.S. transportation infrastructures.

#### Extinction

**Matheny, 7 –** Research associate, Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford University(Jason G., “Reducing the Risk of Human Extinction,” Risk Analysis, Volume 27, Number 5, http://www.upmchealthsecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2007/2007-10-15-reducingrisk.html)

**Of current extinction risks, the most severe may be bioterrorism**. The knowledge needed

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such experiments because the beneﬁts do not seem to be worth the risks.

## 2AC

### 2ac – ag da

#### Terminally non-unique – one way trade now

**Wolfson, 10 -** practicing psychiatrist/psychotherapist in the Bay Area(Phil, “Cuba Sí’ Tikkun Magazine, Sept/Oct, http://www.tikkun.org/nextgen/cuba-si)

But the water problem of Havana is not just about the embargo. It is

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is deliberately profitable to the U.S. agricultural industry. Wow!

#### Two-way trade is key - Cuba’s model will outcompete the industrial ag model

**Cornell and Patel, 9** – both write for the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (Christina and Tara, “Cuba Elevates Urban Gardening To a Cause” 4/17, http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=11525

Since the development of urban agriculture in Havana, production has increased exponentially, with

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important economic actor, ultimately expanding its profits through competitive transactions and trade.

### 2ac – vermiculture da

#### Vermiculture inevitable without Cuba

Rajendran et al. 08 – Professor of Zoology @Vivekananda College (P. Rajendran, E. Jayakumar, Sripathi Kandula & P. Gunasekaran “Vermiculture and Vermicomposting Biotechnology for Organic Farming and Rural Economic Development,” Eco Web, February 2008, pg. http://www.eco-web.com/edi/080211.html)//HA

Vermiculture and vermicomposting technology is easy to practice, ecologically safe, economically sound and

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of tones of Vermicompost, and considerably reduce the use of chemical fertilizers.

#### Organics also resilient

**Van Cleef 2k** [Lisa Van Cleef, “The Big Green Experiment: Cuba's Organic Revolution,” San Francisco Chronicle, “Wednesday, March 15, 2000, pg. http://yeoldeconsciousnessshoppe.com/art9.html

Cuba's advanced organic farming techniques have led to major cultural shifts as many city-

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buying chemicals. He won't have to. He has the knowledge now.

#### Non-unique --- chemical fertilizer now and inevitable

**Patel 13** – Research Fellow @ Institute for Food and Development Policy [Raj Patel|” What Cuba Can Teach Us About Food and Climate Change,” Slate, Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 12:29 AM, pg. http://tinyurl.com/77l7b32

For many, especially government officials, choosing agro-ecology wasn’t a red-

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-ecology are starting to spray and sow like it’s the 1980s again.

### 2ac – debt ceiling politics da

#### Won’t pass – 4 reasons

Marcus 9/20, Ruth, "On Debt ceiling, a different feel" Real Clear Politics www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2013/09/20/on\_debt\_ceiling\_a\_different\_feel\_120005.html

And this could well happen in the coming showdown. Let's hope so. But

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existent. The ability to quickly concoct a mini-bargain is limited.

#### Syria/Summers ensures Obama has no credibility to pass budget/debt deals – \* this card

Dorning and Hunter 9/17, Mike and Kathleen, Bloomberg Business Week “Obama’s Summers Syria Rift with Allies limits room on debt deal” http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-09-17/obama-s-summers-syria-rifts-with-allies-limit-room-on-debt-deal#p1

The backlash President Barack Obama faced from Democrats on both Syria and the prospect of

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that called for lower annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

#### Normal means is executive licensing – shields the link

**Pascual and Huddleston, 9** – Carlos, VP and Director of Foreign policy, Brookings Institute, and Vicki, Visiting Fellow (“CUBA: A New policy of Critical and Constructive Engagement”, April, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2009/4/cuba/0413\_cuba.pdf)

Given the strong sentiments and expectations that Cuba engenders, it would be preferable for

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which only contributes to making the United States appear to be a bully.

#### PC is ineffective – prefer our ev it’s indicative of the current political environment

Dorning and Hunter 9/17, Mike and Kathleen, Bloomberg Business Week “Obama’s Summers Syria Rift with Allies limits room on debt deal” http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-09-17/obama-s-summers-syria-rifts-with-allies-limit-room-on-debt-deal#p1

Presidents now have fewer tools to enforce discipline on members of their party, accelerating

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to draw upon, said former Representative Jason Altmire, a Pennsylvania Democrat.

#### The Cuban embargo costs the U.S. economy billions each year.

**Forbes** January 16, **2013** [It’s Time for the U.S. to End Its Senseless Embargo of Cuba http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2013/01/16/its-time-for-the-u-s-to-end-its-senseless-embargo-of-cuba/]

Yet, estimates of the sanctions’ annual cost to the U.S. economy

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Florida, where the unemployment rate currently stands at 8.1 percent.

#### No impact to the Debt Ceiling --- their authors exaggerate

Tom Raum 11, AP, “Record $14 trillion-plus debt weighs on Congress”, Jan 15, <http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17108333?source=rss&nclick_check=1>

Democrats have use doomsday rhetoric about a looming government shutdown and comparing the U.

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," and raising the debt limit will become an imperative, he suggested.

### 2ac – neoliberalism k

#### No alt – the system is sustainable

Jones 11 [Owen, Masters at Oxford, named one of the Daily Telegraph's 'Top 100 Most Influential People on the Left' for 2011, author of "Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class", The Independent, UK, "Owen Jones: Protest without politics will change nothing", 2011, [www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/owen-jones-protest-without-politics-will-change-nothing-2373612.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/owen-jones-protest-without-politics-will-change-nothing-2373612.html)]

My first experience of police kettling was aged 16. It was May Day 2001

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of revolt, there remains no left to give it direction and purpose.

#### The Cuban embargo is meant to exclude and punish those who don’t fit into the prevailing neoliberal monoculture and rationality --- it also turns the alt

**Harrison ‘8** (Faye Venetia Harrison; Ph.D., Anthropology, Stanford University, M.A., Anthropology, Stanford University, B.A., Anthropology, Brown University; Professor of Anthropology & African American Studies, University of Florida; “Outsider Within: Reworking Anthropology in the Global Age”; Pg 222; University of Illinois Press)JFIII

As I reflect on the racial and gender implications of neoliberalism and¶ structural adjustment

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foreign policies that fail to do justice¶ to our sense of humanity.

#### Neoliberalism key to widespread and effective disease treatment – regulations inhibit companies

**Ralston, 3** executive director of Americans for Free Choice in Medicine (Richard E. Ralston “Free Markets: The Key to New Drugs at a Reasonable Price” 2003 <http://www.freedomfromfda.org/freemarketskey.html>) //NG

¶ Government control of prescriptions drugs and their prices would blow up the pipeline of

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: Leave my drugs—which means those who produce them—alone!

#### Mutations ensure diseases cause extinction

**Darling 12** (David, Astronomer, “9 Strange Ways the World Really Might End”, Seattle's Big Blog, 3-18, http://blog.seattlepi.com/thebigblog/2012/03/18/9-strange-ways-the-world-really-might-end/?fb\_xd\_fragment, Washington State University)

Our body is in constant competition with a dizzying array of viruses, bacteria,

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marsupial in Australia) the very survival of our species could be **threatened**.

#### The alt eliminates trade which is eliminates the rational incentives for war—proves sustainability

**Gartzke, 11** — associate professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, Ph.D. from Iowa and B.A. from University of California, San Francisco (Erik, “SECURITY IN AN INSECURE WORLD”, Cato Institute, 2/9/2011, www.cato-unbound.org/2011/02/09/erik-gartzke/security-in-an-insecure-world/)

Almost as informative as the decline in warfare has been where this decline is occurring

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the consolidating forces of prosperity prevail, that war becomes a durable anachronism.

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### 1ar – neoliberalism k – epistemology

#### Terrorism studies are epistemologically valid---our authors are self-reflexive

**Boyle, 08** – Michael J. Boyle, School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, and John Horgan, International Center for the Study of Terrorism, Department of Psychology, Pennsylvania State University, April 2008, “A Case Against Critical Terrorism Studies,” Critical Studies On Terrorism, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 51-64

Jackson (2007c) calls for the development of an explicitly CTS on the basis

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community of scholars **does not produce such scathing indictments** of its own work.

#### Engagement within the existing system of market mechanisms is necessary to avoid reproducing the status quo

Bryant 12—professor of philosophy at Collin College (Levi, We’ll Never Do Better Than a Politician: Climate Change and Purity, 5/11/12, http://larvalsubjects.wordpress.com/2012/05/11/well-never-do-better-than-a-politician-climate-change-and-purity/)

However, pointing this out and deriding market based solutions doesn’t get us very far

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there’s no way around this, and we do need to act now.

#### Aff impacts are true and come first --- pragmatism solves and means they don’t turn the case

**Owen 2** [David Owen, Reader of Political Theory at the Univ. of Southampton, Millennium Vol 31 No 3 2002 p. 655-7]

Commenting on the ‘philosophical turn’ in IR, Wæver remarks that ‘[a]

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exacerbating the first and second dangers, and **so a potentially vicious circle arises**