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Same Cuba Embargo 1AC BUT the plan text has changed:

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

## 2AC

### 2ac – t-appeasement

#### Economic Engagement includes lifting sanctions

**Pernaa, 7** – Dept of Political Science at Lund University (Emilia, “Catering Sticks and Carrots for the Global Security,” http://lup.lub.lu.se/luur/download?func=downloadFile&recordOId=1324375&fileOId=1324376

The term engagement has been understood in a rather…policies, following the norms of the international system.

### 2ac – biodiversity da

#### Plan solves global biodiversity crises

**Conell, 9** -Research Associate at COHA (Christina, “The U.S. and Cuba: Destined to be an Environmental Duo?”, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 6/12/09, http://www.coha.org/the-us-and-cuba-an-environmental-duo/)//TL

•Cuba’s abundant natural resources need to be…execution of exemplary sustainable environmental protection practices.

### 2ac – politics da

#### No chance of passage --- Obamacare website fiasco triggers all of their links

Russell **Berman 10/29/13**, writer at The Hill, “ObamaCare steals spotlight from push on immigration,” http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/188417-obamacare-steals-spotlight-from-push-on-immigration

The troubled rollout of the healthcare law has thrown a…implementation of the healthcare law.¶ “It is getting overshadowed,” said

#### 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…making the United States appear to be a bully.

#### Laundry list pounds the agenda

**WSJ 10/17**, Peter Nicholas and Carol E. Lee, "Obama's Agenda Faces Rocky Road", 2013, online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303680404579141472200495820

Yet as much as he wants to shift the focus to…GOP leaders to negotiate with the president on immigration.

#### Obama’s involvement wrecks chances of passage---spooks GOP

Brian **Bennett 10/24**, and Christi Parsons, LA Times "Obama softens tone on immigration reform", 2013, www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-immigration-obama-20131025,0,6755968.story#axzz2ihpoZszR

Outside analysts and advocates say Obama needs to gain…doing for the past five years, which is nothing."

#### Only the plan solves --- any alternative collapses hegemony

**Hinderdael 11**- M.A. candidate at SAIS Bologna Center, B.A in History and Economics from University of Virginia (Klaas, “Breaking the Logjam: Obama's Cuba Policy and a Guideline for Improved Leadership”, 6/11/11, http://bcjournal.org/volume-14/breaking-the-logjam.html?printerFriendly=true, google scholar)//KW

As Cuba has moved down a path of internal transformation,…have enormous repercussions for American security.

### 2ac – commissions cp

#### Commissions on Cuba policy triggers massive backlash --- congress perceives the commission as the same as ending the embargo

**Limbacher 2k** (Carl Limbacher, NewsMax staff, Cuba News, “U.S. Senate to Discuss Formation of Bipartisan Commission on Cuba,” June 21, 2000, http://www.cubanet.org/CNews/y00/jun00/21e12.htm)

A proposal to set up a bipartisan national commission to…attempt on Dodd's part to end the embargo.

#### Doesn’t result in the aff --- their link to politics proves other legislators will send opposing recommendations ---- also proves the CP still results in political fights

**SCF 04** (US Senate Committee on Finance, “Senators Reject Administration's "Cuba Commission" Recommendations,” May 6, 2004, http://www.finance.senate.gov/newsroom/ranking/release/?id=6e5094a1-f28a-4ac8-9740-6f39159092ce)

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) In response to the release of a report by the…Presidential foreign policy authority with respect to Cuba.

#### Massive delay --- the recommendation doesn’t even happen until more than half a year later

**Limbacher 2k** (Carl Limbacher, NewsMax staff, Cuba News, “U.S. Senate to Discuss Formation of Bipartisan Commission on Cuba,” June 21, 2000, http://www.cubanet.org/CNews/y00/jun00/21e12.htm)

The Dodd-Warner proposal reaches the Senate floor as…Congress and the president within 225 days of its formation.

### 2ac – coercion da

#### Consequentialism first

**Issac 02** – Professor of political science at Indiana-Bloomington, Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life, PhD from Yale (Jeffery C., Dissent Magazine, Vol. 49, Iss. 2, “Ends, Means, and Politics,” p. Proquest)//MY

As a result, the most important political questions are…arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

### 2ac – diplomatic capital da

#### Kerry is spending dipcap on Latin America now

**Karpova 4/23** [Lisa Karpova, staff writer @ Pravda.Ru, “John Kerry, Secretary of State: "Latin America is our back yard"”, 23.04.2013, http://english.pravda.ru/world/americas/23-04-2013/124377-latam\_backyard-0/, [\\wyo-bb](file:///\\wyo-bb)]

On Wednesday, the American Secretary of State, John…countries, but he will go to the region," said John Kerry.

#### Non-unique --- dip cap loss now and inevitable --- Pacific realignment

**Saipan Tribune 7/30/13** (Saipan Tribune, Chinese News Source, “Bordallo Asks for Greater Clarity on Asia-Pacific Rebalance,” July 30, 2013, <http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=139089>)

This was as an important hearing to better…on with this very tangible part of the rebalance.”

#### Link is backwards --- reform on Cuba frees up dip cap for other issues

**Sweig 12** (Julia E. Sweig, Nelson and David Rockefeller senior fellow for Latin America studies and director for Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, “Getting Latin America Right,” 1/2/12, <http://nationalinterest.org/article/getting-latin-america-right-7880?page=6>)

With serious initiatives on Cuba and guns, backed up…regional realities as well as his country’s national interest.

#### No warming impact --- not real, predictions fail, CO2’s not key, and alt causes

**Lean 13** (Geoffrey, Environmental Correspondent – Daily Telegraph, “Global warming: time to rein back on doom and gloom?”, Daily Telegraph, 4-5, http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/environment/globalwarming/9974397/Global-warming-time-to-rein-back-on-doom-and-gloom.html)

All right, I accept that this Arctic April may seem an…have to do much more to control carbon dioxide.

### 2ac – capitalism k

#### Cap is inevitable and sustainable

**Foster 9** (JD, Norman B. Ture Senior Fellow in the Economics of fiscal policy – Heritage Foundation, "Is Capitalism Dead? Maybe," 3-11, http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=101694302)

Capitalism is down. It may even be out. But…we repeat the cycle again sometime down the road.

#### Short-term market mechanisms are the only solution to environmental destruction---the alt is ideological blindness parading as moral purity which justifies 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/)

Somewhere or other Latour makes the remark…other way, there’s no way around this, and we do need to act now.

#### Capitalism is 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…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…survival of our species could be threatened.