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**Advantage**

**Contention one is the crisis**

**Cuba is a pawn in the overall strategy of historical threat construction – ever since 1960, Cuba has been an essential tool in the project of the national security complex, with the discourse surrounding it representative of an orientation drawn to the brink of nuclear war**

**Ružić 12** (Maja Ružić, prof of International Security Studies, researcher at Central European University, research assistance at Slovak Foreign Policy Association, “Securitization Outside the Liberal Political Context: Did Cuba Matter in the Cuban Missile Crisis?”, СИНТЕЗИС IV/1 (2012), КРИЗА, Evan)

The Cuban Missile Crisis, or the Caribbean Crisis, or the October Crisis,

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securitization theory in political settings that are known for not being very transparent.

**The embargo is a form of economic terrorism, but is concealed by an ethically bankrupt form of consequentialism that excuses any violence in the name of national security**

**Kauzlarich, 01** (David Kauzlarich, prof @ Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and Rick A. Matthews, prof @ Ohio University, and William J. Miller, prof @ Carthage College, “TOWARD A VICTIMOLOGY OF STATE CRIME”, Critical Criminology, Volume 10, Issue 3, pp. 183-186, Evan)

Propositions about the victimology of state crime can be developed from this review to help

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of citizens because they have not waged successful civil insurrections against their oppressors.

**This is enforced through an arbitrary interpretation of “dual use” – the US blocks access to fundamental goods and services through a destructive lens of *risk analysis* that treats critical supplies as military, magnifying humanitarian damage**

**Gordon 06** (Joy Gordon, Professor of Political Philosophy at Fairfield University, Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale University and law degree from Boston, “Accountability and Global Governance: The Case of Iraq,” Ethics and International Affairs, Vol. 20, No. 1, Spring 2006, Evan)

There were two critical reasons for this state of affairs. One was the United

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these policies was massive, entirely foreseeable, and ongoing for several years.

**This kind of political discourse requires us to make the world match the map – that leads to an endless war of extermination against the other**

**Friis 2k** (Karsten, UN Sector at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, “From Liminars to Others: Securitization Through Myths,”)

The problem with societal securitization is one of representation. It is rarely clear in

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on behalf of the natural and eternal, where truth is never questioned.

**In terms of the embargo, this takes the form of an American genocide on Cuban citizens**

**Simons, 99** (Geoff, freelance author, “Imposing Economic Sanctions”, Pluto Press, 12-13, chip)

The years-long US attempt to deny Cuba access to food, medicine and

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the Articles of the Geneva Convention governing the treatment of civilians in wartime.

**This enframing of security justifies limitless violence and turns all impacts in the frantic drive for order – discourses confined within the dominant rationalist narrative guarantee serial policy failure – questioning is key**

**Burke 7** – Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations in the University of New South Wales (Anthony, Theory & Event, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007, “Ontologies of War: Violence, Existence and Reason,” Project MUSE)

This essay develops a theory about the causes of war -- and thus aims to

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to end the global rule of insecurity and violence? Will our thought?

**The infinite and non-linear causes of violence are too broad and vast to be predicted and responded to effectively – securitized bureaucracy is not only incapable of responding to threats, but escalates all problems into global disasters**

**Der Derian 5** (Director of the Global Security Program and Research Professor of International Studies at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University An Accident Waiting to Happen by James Der Derian Predicting the Present, Vol. 27 (3) - Fall 2005 Issue http://hir.harvard.edu/index.php?page=article&id=1430)

It often takes a catastrophe to reveal the illusory beliefs we continue to harbor in

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-scale accident is now the prolongation of total war by other means.”

**This political calculation also underlies the Castro regime’s decisions – acts of violence against the Cuban populace were justified under a pretext of existential threats – only the aff breaks down security logic which allows reform**

**Ružić 12** (Maja Ružić, prof of International Security Studies, researcher at Central European University, research assistance at Slovak Foreign Policy Association, “Securitization Outside the Liberal Political Context: Did Cuba Matter in the Cuban Missile Crisis?”, СИНТЕЗИС IV/1 (2012), КРИЗА, Evan)

The key for understanding the Cuban perspective on the October crisis is the position and

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. Unexpectedly, the Cubans accepted this extraordinary offer within two days.45

**Plan**

**Plan: the United States federal government should remove its economic sanctions towards Cuba.**

**Framing**

**Contention two is spaces**

**Our critical rejection of security discourse opens up a space in politics that allow new modes of political thought which have real transformative potential – that’s only possible by a radical separation from status quo discourse**

**Neocleous 8** (Mark, Prof. of Government @ Brunel, “Critique of Security”, 185-6 //Rufus)

The only way out of such a dilemma, to escape the fetish, is

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; it requires us to be brave enough to return the gift."'

**The 1ac demonstrates our individual ethical responsibilities to the other necessary to prevent politics from degenerating into nihilism – our ethical standpoint is necessary to halt ongoing violence against the world and is a prerequisite to “true” politics**

**Kappeler 95** (Susanne Kappeler, Associate Professor at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, The Will to Violence: The Politics of Personal Behavior, ISBN 0-8077-6281-4, pp. 10-11 //eR)

'We are the war' does not mean that the responsibility for a war is shared

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our values' according to the structures and the values of war and violence.

**Vulnerability and insecurity are inevitable – the only question is *how we engage in grief* – the affirmative begins the process of grieving for the lives on the other end of our violence, reclaiming a view of life that is not grounded upon extermination**

**Butler 4** (Judith, Professor of Rhetoric and Comparitive Literature @ the University of California, Berkley, “Precarious Life: The Powers of Mourning and Violence”, pg 28-32 //Rufus)

Mourning, fear, anxiety, rage. In the United States, we have

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such fast and furious support and will not even qualify as "grievable."

#### Extinction is inevitable. We are all doomed. The sun will explode and the universe will tear itself to shreds. *In the face of that*, creating a politics starting from uncertainty and ethics is the only way for us to have any meaningful relationship with the universe.

Clark 10Senior Lecturer in Geography at Open University

(Nigel, “Ex-Orbitant Generosity: Gifts of Love in a Cold Cosmos”, Parallax, Vol. 16, No. 1, Pg. 80-95, dml)

Harman has no qualms about positing nonhuman objects that attract and repel each other.

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turning away has a defining quality. If not us, then who?

**Constant securitization leads to serial policy failure – voting aff is key to breaking down the underlying political ontology that justifies security**

**Dillon and Reid 2k** (Michael, Professor of Politics – University of Lancaster, and Julian, Lecturer in International Relations – King’s College, “Global Governance, Liberal Peace, and Complex Emergency”, Alternatives: Global, Local, Political, January / March, 25(1))

More specifically, where there is a policy problematic there is expertise, and where

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detailed ways in which life is variously (policy) problematized by it.

**Don't evaluate their process counterplans --- Their focus on perfecting governmental structures as a means rather than actually helping others results in interpassivity, indifference and political withdrawal**

**Van Oenen 2006** (Gijs, A Machine That Would Go of Itself: Interpassivity and Its Impact on Politic al Life, Theory & Event, 9:2)

This metaphor signifies of course that the hierarchical relation between government and citizens is being

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process now mainly realizes, its main 'product', is involvement with itself.

**Sole focus on survival destroys value to life and is used to justify the worst atrocities**

**Callahan, 73** (Daniel, Fellow at the Institute of Society and Ethics, The Tyranny of Survival, pp. 91-93)

The value of survival could not be so readily abused were it not for its

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survival. It would be the Pyrrhic victory to end all Pyrrhic victories.