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**CIR will pass – GOP support increasing**

**Leopold, 10-30**-13 [David, Immigration Attorney/Immigration Reform Advocate, past president & past general counsel, American Immigration Lawyers Association, October 30, 2013, “Another Day, Another House Republican Signs On To Comprehensive Immigration Reform”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-leopold/post_5953_b_4175294.html>, accessed 11-1-13 BLE]

There's no doubt about it. Pressure is building on the House GOP leadership to

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path to citizenship and real reform can become a reality -- this year.

**Plan guarantees congressional backlash**

Hanson, 1/31/13 (Stephanie, coordinating editor at CFR, Brianna, Council on Foreign Relations, “U.S.-Cuba Relations,” <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113>, Accessed 7/9/13)

Many recent policy reports have recommended that the United States take some unilateral steps to

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process risks falling victim to the politics of the issue," says Sweig.

**PC is key – Obama push creates a window of opportunity**

Scher, The Week, 10/18/13, Bill, How to make John Boehner cave on immigration, theweek.com/article/index/251361/how-to-make-john-boehner-cave-on-immigration

Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) generally adheres to the unwritten Republican rule

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But he won't do it without a push. A real good push.

**Immigration reform expands skilled labor – spurs relations and economic growth in India**

LA Times, 12 (Other countries eagerly await U.S. immigration reform, 9 November 2012) <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/11/us-immigration-reform-eagerly-awaited-by-source-countries.html>)

"Comprehensive immigration reform will see expansion of skilled labor visas," predicted B.

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see the immigration opportunity as a bigger plus than not," he said.

**Key to every existential threat**

Armitage et al., 10

(Richard is the President of Armitage International and former Deputy Secretary of State. R. Nicholas Burns is a Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and International Politics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Richard Fontaine is the President of the Center for New American Security. “Natural Allies: A Blueprint for the Future of U.S.-India Relations,” October, Center for New American Security, <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Burns%20-%20Natural%20Allies.pdf>)

A strengthened U.S.-India strategic partnership is thus imperative in this new

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transform a series of bilateral achievements into a lasting regional and global partnership.

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**Interpretation – engagement is conditional**

Wanee 11 ( Professor at UT Knoxville, “ Old actors, New Drama: Chinese Engagement with Africa and the Implications for the United States, <http://trace.tennessee.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2432&context=utk_chanhonopro,//HK>)

Beyond the dual-standard of non-interference versus accountability, critics¶ also

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for its partnerships if it¶ scales back its non-¶ interference policy.

**Violation - Removal of penalties must be used as an incentive to be a QPQ**

Smith 2004 (M. Shane., graduate student in the Political Science Department at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Beyond Intractibility. Eds. Guy Burgess and Heidi Burgess, Conflict Research Consortium, UC Boulder, April, http://www.beyondintractability.org/essay/incentives/)

There are generally four different types of incentives: ¶ 1.) Relaxing Penalties:¶

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an atmosphere more conducive to compromise than can the threat of more sanctions.

**Limits – necessitating solvency advocates creates a natural limit on the topic, key to keep debates where the literature is**

**Topic education – our interpretation allows discussion of the mechanism of the plan, core of the topic.**

**Voting issue**

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**Engagement strategies rely on a Eurocentric understanding of international relations**

Young, 4/20/13 (Kevin, 4/20/13, “The Good, the Bad, and the Benevolent Interventionist: U.S. Press and Intellectual Distortions of the Latin American Left” <http://www.nytexaminer.com/2013/04/the-good-the-bad-and-the-benevolent-interventionist-u-s-press-and-intellectual-distortions-of-the-latin-american-left/>, date accessed 7/5/13 IGM)

The good-left/bad-left thesis may seem more enlightened and progressive

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implied that Latin Americans both needed and wanted U.S. intervention.

**Failure to confront our flawed form of knowledge production inevitably leads to conflict - Excluding other types of thought through universalizing truth claims makes resistance manifest in violent ways**

Barkawi, and Laffey, 6 (Tarak University of Cambridge Center of International Studies senior lecturer, and Mark, University of London politics and international relations professor 2006, “The postcolonial moment in security studies”, Review of International Studies, vol. 32, pg. 331-333, <https://umdrive.memphis.edu/rblanton/public/POLS_7508_Fall_2012/barwaki_postcolonial_RIS_2006.pdf>, accessed 7/12/13, JZ)

The rootedness of the current conflict in centuries of often violent interaction between North and

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requires that we discard Eurocentric assumptions about the world and how it works.

**Our alternative is to reject the aff. We need to reconceptualize our relationship to power and the hierarchies of foreign relations.**

Chandra, 13 (Uday, Max Planck institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Department of Religious Diversity, Post-Doc, PhD Yale, Aug 2013, Yale University, “The Case for a Postcolonial Approach to the Study of Politics”, http://academia.edu/2364123/The\_Case\_for\_a\_Postcolonial\_Approach\_to\_the\_Study\_of\_Politics, Accessed 7/12/13, NC)

¶ Towards a Postcolonial Approach to Political Science¶ The preceding section demonstrated how American

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knowledge on non-Western politics and society via sustained engagements with them.

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**Cuban influence key to China’s Latin American agenda**

Hearn 09 – Senior Research Fellow at the University of Sydney. Kiriyama Research Fellow at the University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim (Adrian, "China's relations with Mexico and Cuba: A Study of Contrasts" Pacific Rim Report No 52, January, usf.usfca.edu/pac\_rim/new/research/pacrimreport/pacrimreport52.html)//VP

China is Cuba’s second largest trading partner after Venezuela, with 2.7 billion

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the region as an external—potentially imperialistic—threat to economic sovereignty.

**Plan is perceived as economic manipulation – that tanks China soft power**

Blumenthal 08 – American Enterprise Institute Resident Fellow (Dan, “Concerns with Respect to China’s Energy Policy”, July 1, http://www.aei.org/article/foreign-and-defense-policy/regional/asia/concerns-with-respect-to-chinas-energy-policy/)//VP

As China scours the globe for energy resources, it has become a new player

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toward the “liberal” end of the economic policy spectrum.4\

**Soft power is key to maintain the Sino-Taiwan relationship – that solves escalatory crisis**

**Efthymiou 12** – Pavlos, PhD Candidate in Politics and International Studies, St. Edmund ’ s College, University of Cambridge, (“'Where Does China's Soft Power Stem From and What are its Implications for the US?”, December 21, 2012, http://academia.edu/2319797/Chinese\_Soft\_Power\_Sources\_And\_Implications\_For\_The\_US)//sawyer

Weiji, the Chinese word which describes the combination of threat and opportunity, best

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of the Kuomintang Party (2008) (Halper, 2010:19)

**Extinction**

Hunkovic, 09 – Professor of Military Studies at the American Military University(Lee, “The Chinese-Taiwanese Conflict- Possible Futures of a Confrontation Between China, Taiwan, and the United States of America”, http://www.lamp-method.org/ecommons/hunkovic.pdf)//VP

A war between China, Taiwan and the United States has the potential to escalate

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outcome, therefore, other countries will not be considered in this study.

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**Text: The United States federal government should implement organoponics in the United States and resolve to restrict National Security Administration surveillance efforts on citizens and allies.**

**Organoponics solve agriculture**

1ac 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.

**NSA surveillance destroys alliances – reconciliation is key to reclaiming trust and cooperation**

Mitchell and McClam 10/28 (Andrea and Erin, "US coping with furious allies as NSA spying revelations grow," 10/28/13, usnews.nbcnews.com/\_news/2013/10/28/21209499-us-coping-with-furious-allies-as-nsa-spying-revelations-grow?lite, *slim*\_)

Jay Carney, the White House press secretary, said Monday that a White House

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to, apparently, some of our very closest allies,” he said.

# 1nc Leadership

Embargo removal will aid democratization of Cuba – their evidence

Hinderdael 11 – Klaas is an M.A. candidate at the SAIS Bologna Center, concentrating in American Foreign Policy and Energy, Resources, and Environment. (“Breaking the Logjam: Obama's Cuba Policy and a Guideline for Improved Leadership”, June 11, 2011, http://bcjournal.org/volume-14/breaking-the-logjam.html?printerFriendly=true)

. American leaders cannot forget the fact that an economic embargo, combined with diplomatic isolation, has failed to bring democracy to Cuba for over 50 years. American policymakers should see Cuba as an opportunity to reap the political, economic, and strategic rewards of shifting its own policies toward engagement.

That turns the aff – their evidence

Kupchan and Mount 09 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Adam, doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, “The Autonomy Rule,” Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Spring 2009, <http://www.democracyjournal.org/pdf/12/Kupchan.pdf>)

But the Western model does not command widespread acceptance. If the next international system is to be characterized by norm-governed order rather than competitive anarchy, it will have to be based on great-power consensus and toleration of political diversity rather than Western primacy and the single-minded pursuit of universal democracy.

Don’t evaluate generic defenses of US primacy – NSA scandal proves multipolarity is unavoidable, posturing alienates allies and kills credibility

Lightfoot 10/29 (Jeffrey, deputy director of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, “The Geopolitical Contradictions of the NSA Scandal” <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-geopolitical-contradictions-of-the-nsa-scandal>, date accessed 11/1 igm)

Now more than four years later, Germany is at the heart of a scandal

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NSA scandal and rebuild the broken trust between the United States and Europe.

**No impact to heg —**

**A. Latent power**

Wohlforth 7 (Olin Fellow in International Security Studies at Yale University William, Harvard International Review, “The Rules of Power Analysis,” Vol. 29, Spring, <http://hir.harvard.edu/index.php?page=article&id=1611&p=3>, accessed 6/27 TR)

Rule No. 4: Consider Latent Power US military forces are stretched thin,

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its self-inflicted overstretch and tap potentially large wellsprings of latent power.

**b. economic stability**

Preble 10 (Christopher, director of foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute August 2010 “U.S. Military Power: Preeminence for What Purpose?” <http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/u-s-military-power-preeminence-for-what-purpose/>)

Most in Washington still embraces the notion that America is, and forever will be

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States while the schlubs in fly-over country pick up the tab.

**c. no specific scenarios**

Fettweis 11 (Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 9/26/11, Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO, CMR)

Assertions that without the combination of U.S. capabilities, presence and commitments

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their security is all but assured, with or without the United States.

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This advantage is nonsensical – the embargo only prohibits trade with the US – if other countries haven’t adopted, that’s because they don’t think it’s profitable – if they have, the squo solves

Internal blockages prevent foreign investment – their evidence

Shkolnick 12 – JD Candidate, Drake University Law School. (“SIN EMBARGO: THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES”, 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, Fall, http://students.law.drake.edu/aglawjournal/docs/agVol17No3-Shkolnick.pdf)

127Government officials recognize that the Cuban economy is in a relatively underdeveloped state, and

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structure employed in Cuba to manage and direct the agricultural system in Cuba.

They also don’t have a card that says the US is to exporting it

**Cuba is already modeled**

Ergas, 13 – graduate student in sociology at the University of Oregon (Christina, Monthly Review, March, “Cuban Urban Agriculture as a Strategy for Food Sovereignty” <http://monthlyreview.org/2013/03/01/cuban-urban-agriculture-as-a-strategy-for-food-sovereignty>

The agricultural revolution in Cuba has ignited the imaginations of people all over the world

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policies that promote oligopolistic corporate control over agriculture and to promote food sovereignty.

**But the plan destroys that**

Gonzalez, 4 - Associate Professor, Seattle University School of Law (Carmen, “WHITHER GOES CUBA? PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PART II OF II: Trade Liberalization, Food Security, and the Environment: The Neoliberal Threat to Sustainable Rural Development” 14 Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs. 419, lexis)

The greatest challenge to Cuba's unique agricultural experiment is the eventual renewal of trade relations

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the Special Period in ways that diverged radically from the prevailing neoliberal model.

One of the most significant decisions that Cuba will face after the lifting of the

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and ecological sustainability, and to explore alternative strategies for sustainable rural development.

1AC Kost evidence says that Cuban-produce needs to be certified-organic – that’s an alt cause

Their link internal takes too long – Morgan ev is four years old and their Scialabba evidence says global adoption is key

And, No evidence that says ag reductions are sufficient –

**That means that don’t solve because transportation is key – comparatively outweighs the aff’s internal link**

Burwell 11 (David, Director of the Energy and Climate Program – Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “ROAD to RECOVERY: Transforming America’s Transportation”, http://carnegieendowment.org/files/road\_to\_recovery.pdf)

U.S. transportation is responsible for a significant share—30 to 85

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population. Transportation pricing will be necessary to make this shift in behavior.

**No impact to biodiversity**

**Sagoff 97**  Mark, Senior Research Scholar – Institute for Philosophy and Public policy in School of Public Affairs – U. Maryland, William and Mary Law Review, “INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEFINING TAKINGS: PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION: MUDDLE OR MUDDLE THROUGH? TAKINGS JURISPRUDENCE MEETS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT”, 38 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 825, March, L/N

Note – Colin Tudge - Research Fellow at the Centre for Philosophy at the London School of Economics. Frmr Zoological Society of London: Scientific Fellow and tons of other positions. PhD. Read zoology at Cambridge.

Simon Levin = Moffet Professor of Biology, Princeton. 2007 American Institute of Biological Sciences Distinguished Scientist Award 2008 Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti 2009 Honorary Doctorate of Science, Michigan State University 2010 Eminent Ecologist Award, Ecological Society of America 2010 Margalef Prize in Ecology, etc… PhD

Although one may agree with ecologists such as Ehrlich and Raven that the earth stands

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sense, good for mankind. The most valuable things are quite useless.

**Species adapt and migrate**

Ian **Thompson et al.**, Canadian Forest Service, Brendan Mackey, The Australian National University, The Fenner School of Environment and Society, College of Medicine, Biology and Environment, Steven McNulty, USDA Forest Service, Alex Mosseler, Canadian Forest Service, 20**09**, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity “Forest Resilience, Biodiversity, and Climate Change” Convention on Biological Diversity

While resilience can be attributed to many levels of organization of biodiversity, the

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and generally ignore the ecological interactions that also govern species dis- tributions.

**Warming inevitable even if we cut emissions to zero—multiple studies confirm**

Gillett et al 10**—**director @ the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis Nathan, “Ongoing climate change following a complete cessation of carbon dioxide emissions”. *Nature Geoscience*

Several recent studies have demonstrated that CO2-induced 17 global mean temperature change is

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several centuries owing to the long delay associated with 42 subsurface ocean warming.

**Mars proves—solar changes are inevitable and cause more warming**

National Post 7(Lawrence Solomon, staff writer, February 7, “Look to Mars for the Truth on Globl Warming” http://www.nationalpost.com/story.html?id=edae9952-3c3e-47ba-913f-7359a5c7f723&k=0/)

Climate change is a much, much bigger issue than the public, politicians,

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expansion, ascend to the atmosphere only to give the absorbed heat away."

**3 periods of rapid warming show no extinctions- models are flawed guesswork**

NIPCC 11(Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, “2011 Interim Report from the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change,” http://nipccreport.org/reports/2011/2011report.html)

The first period they examined was the Eocene Climatic Optimum (53–51 million

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must be considered little more than guesswork (see also Chapman, 2010).

**Adaptations check biodiversity loss**

NIPCC 11(Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, “2011 Interim Report from the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change,” http://nipccreport.org/reports/2011/2011report.html)

One of the most powerful means plant and animal species have for avoiding extinction during

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et al. (2009), and Erschbamer et al. (2009).