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#### Plan: The United States federal government should lift all economic restrictions on Cuba.

## \*\*Contention 1 is Conflict Resolution\*\*

**Scenario one is Obama**

**Engagement necessary in the squo to maintain international momentum**

**Dickerson** ‘**10** (LT. COLONEL SERGIO M. DICKERSON, "United States Security Strategy Towards Cuba," Strategy Research Project, US Army, January 14th, [www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA518053](http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA518053)) PD

Conclusion¶ Today, 20 years have passed since the fall of the Berlin Wall

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decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.

#### Concessions to Cuba uniquely key to Obama’s diplomacy

**French ‘10** (ANYA LANDAU FRENCH, Director for the U.S.-Cuba Policy Initiative, “Stiffing Havana”, Foreign Policy, October 19th, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/10/19/stiffing\_havana#sthash.Md6RdYCr.dpbs) PD

In the high-stakes world of international diplomacy, bluffing is a seldom-

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influence at this pivotal moment, the time to engage Cuba is now.

#### Obama cred uniquely key to solve conflict- deals key to ensure East Asian peace

**Coes ‘11** (BEN COES, former speechwriter in the George H.W. Bush administration, “The disease of a weak president”, September 30th, The Daily Caller, http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/) PD

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

#### Scenario two is Trade

#### Global commitment to free trade is collapsing – US hypocrisy regarding the CUBAN EMBARGO dooms all efforts to reinvigorate US trade leadership and the WTO

Ariyanti 12/6 (DESSIANING ARIYANTI, Associated Press, December 6th 2013, “Cuba throws wrench in WTO talks over trade embargo”, http://news.yahoo.com/cuba-throws-wrench-wto-talks-over-trade-embargo-025234855--finance.html)

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — Cuba and three other Latin American countries refused

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the WTO's relevance as a forum for trade negotiations among its 159 member economies

#### This is fueling the violent breakdown of global trading networks

Bhagwati ‘13 (JAGDISH BHAGWATI, professor, Columbia University, January 14th 2013, “Why the TPP is undermining the Doha Round”, <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2013/01/14/why-the-tpp-is-undermining-the-doha-round/>)

Under regional FTAs like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), far fewer countries

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, they are going to miss the boat on better multilateral free trade.

**Removing economic sanctions shows that the US is committed to the WTO dispute settlement body- that reverberates and generates momentum for the WTO**

**Allen ‘10**, (Masheika, July 28th, former legal instructor at Strayer University, Florida International University, Masters of International Business 2011 - 2012 The George Washington University Law School Master of Laws in Litigation & Dispute Resolution 2003 - 2004 Florida State University College of Law Juris Doctorate 2000 - 2003 Florida International University Bachelors of Arts- English 1996 - 2000 <http://www.writerscafe.org/writing/pnut1913/582992/>)

A 1996 Security Council Resolution regarding aviation safety is the only resolution that has been

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Cuban embargo is no longer justifiable on economic grounds and should be ended.

#### Indo/ Pak free trade increases economic interdependence and reduces the risk of war

The Diplomat ‘13 (THE DIPLOMAT, magazine, Asia Pacific Region, April 15th 2013, “[Growing India-Pakistan Trade Bodes Well for South Asia](http://thediplomat.com/the-pulse/2013/04/15/growing-india-pakistan-trade-bodes-well-for-south-asia/)” ¶ April 15th 2013¶ <http://thediplomat.com/the-pulse/2013/04/15/growing-india-pakistan-trade-bodes-well-for-south-asia/>) PD

That South Asia is one of the world’s least integrated regions has been well chronicled

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way for the resolution of more contentious issues such as the Kashmir dispute.

#### Kashmir escalates in the squo- Pakistani government, water scarcity, and fear of preemptive strike- effective conflict resolution key

Krepon 12/3 (MICHAEL KREPON, co-founder of the Stimson Center, December 3rd 2013, “Deterrence stability and escalation control in South Asia”, December 3rd 2013, Rising Kashmir, [http://www.risingkashmir.com/deterrence-stability-and-escalation-control-in-south-asia/) PD](http://www.risingkashmir.com/deterrence-stability-and-escalation-control-in-south-asia/)%20PD)

Even though the nuclear competition on the subcontinent pales by comparison to the Superpower competition

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material cut-off negotiation in the years immediately following the 1998 tests.

## \*\*Contention 2 is Sugar Ethanol\*\*

#### Demand for ethanol is here to stay- RFS

**Mead ‘13** (WALTER MEAD, Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities, Bard College, “Ethanol Still a Boondoggle,” July 17th 2013, <http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/2013/07/17/ethanol-still-a-boondoggle/)> PD

The US has a law on the books, the Renewable Fuel Standard, that

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pass the green test, but they haven’t yet proven their commercial viability.

#### Plan key to revive sugar biofuel production in Cuba

**Holmes ‘10** (MICHAEL G. HOLMES, graduate student, Georgetown University, Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies Thesis, “Seizing The Moment,” June 21st 2010, <http://repository.library.georgetown.edu/bitstream/handle/10822/553334/holmesMichael.pdf?sequence=1)> PD

Creating a new market for U.S. goods and services creates a strong

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Cuba's technology sector and potentially increase the ease and volume of ethanol production.

**The impact is global food shocks**

**Wise ‘12** (TIMOTHY WISE, Policy Research Director, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University, “US corn ethanol fuels food crisis in developing countries,”<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/10/201210993632838545.html)>

Record drought in the US farm belt this summer withered corn fields and parched hopes

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happened in 2007-2008. They are at 14 per cent now.

**A diversity of studies confirm corn biofuels are a key internal link to global food shocks**

**Bryce 12** - senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, is the author, most recently, of Power Hungry: The Myths of “Green” Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future  
(Robert, “Democrats and Republicans Support Harmful Ethanol Subsidies for the Sake of Votes,”<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/09/05/democrats-and-republicans-support-harmful-ethanol-subsidies-for-the-sake-of-votes.html)>

At least 17 studies—done by organizations ranging from Purdue University to the World

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level and variability, and this has spilled over into other commodity markets.”

**Food shock instability escalates to all-out war and hurts the US economy**

**Klare 12** (MICHAEL KLARE, professor, world security studies, Hampshire College, August 7th 2012, “The Hunger Wars in our Future,” <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-215_162-57489345/the-hunger-wars-in-our-future/?pageNum=1andtag=page)>

The Great Drought of 2012 has yet to come to an end, but we

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droughts, recurring food shortages, and billions of famished, desperate people.

**Food shocks threaten stability everywhere- the impact is extinction**

**Brown ’09** (LESTER R. BROWN, founder, Worldwatch Institute and the Earth Policy Institute, Scientific American, May 2009, “Could Food Shortages Bring Down Civilization?” http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/civilization-food-shortages/ )

The biggest threat to global stability is the potential for food crises in poor countries

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states disintegrate, their fall will threaten the stability of global civilization itself.