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### Terrorism

**Venezuela is a critical nexus for narco-trafficking – leads to Iranian influence and makes the war on terror inevitably fail**

**Neumann 11** – Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and is co-chair of FPRI’s Manhattan Initiative (Vanessa, “THE NEW NEXUS OF NARCOTERRORISM:

HEZBOLLAH AND VENEZUELA”, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Dec, 2011, <http://www.fpri.org/enotes/2011/201112.neumann.narcoterrorism.html>, Daehyun)

Press stories, as well as a television documentary, over the …**Chávez remains in power.**

**Venezuela plays a make or break role --- it’s key to end the growing narco alliance**

**Farah 11** - Senior Fellow, International Assessment and Strategy Center Adjunct Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Douglas, “The U.S.‐Caribbean Shared Security Partnership: Responding to the Growth of Trafficking and Narcotics in the Caribbean”, Dec 15, 2011, <http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20111216_Farah_CaribbeanNarcotics_1215.pdf>, Daehyun)

\*ALBA= Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America

In 2004, presidents Hugo Chávez of **Venezuela** … **in exchange for payments to corrupt government officials**.7

**Narco-terror groups will strike the U.S. – the military establishment has already identified it as a top threat**

**Shinkman, 13** --- national security reporter at U.S. News and World Report (4/24/2013, Paul D., “Iranian-Sponsored Narco-Terrorism in Venezuela: How Will Maduro Respond? New Venezuelan president at a crossroads for major threat to U.S.,” <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2013/04/24/iranian-sponsored-narco-terrorism-in-venezuela-how-will-maduro-respond>, JMP)

At a conference earlier this month, **top U.S. … with the ever-charismatic Chavez.**

**The impact is an attack on US soil**

**NTA 8** (National Terror Alert, “U.S. Officials Worry Terrorists Could Align With Drug Cartels,” 10-9, http://www.nationalterroralert.com/2008/10/09/us-officials-worry-terrorists-could-align-with-drug-cartels/)

**There is real danger that … in the Middle East and elsewhere**.

**Nuclear War**

**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-**…**probably still meet with a devastating response.

**The plan creates an *explicit incentive* for Venezuela to implement effective port security standards – the alternative is continued terrorism**

**Edwards 8** – Edwards: double-majoring in International Affairs and Political Science at the University of Georgia, Dr. Christopher Allen was his faculty member, political science professor at the University of Georgia(Nathaniel and Christopher, “Increasing Trade Security: United States-Venezuelan Trade Incentives”, 2008, <http://juro.uga.edu/2008/2008papers/Edwards2008.pdf>, Daehyun) <WE DON’T ENDORSE ABLEIST LANGUAGE)

**Improving national security in …Venezuela, and the major American imports from Venezuela.**

**The plan spills over to energy and anti-terror cooperation – it overcomes alt causes**

**Edwards 8** – Edwards: double-majoring in International Affairs and Political Science at the University of Georgia, Dr. Christopher Allen was his faculty member, political science professor at the University of Georgia(Nathaniel and Christopher, “Increasing Trade Security: United States-Venezuelan Trade Incentives”, 2008, <http://juro.uga.edu/2008/2008papers/Edwards2008.pdf>, Daehyun)

**Implementing a security …security upgrades.**

**Expanded energy cooperation ensures Venezuelan stability and Maduro’s grip on power**

**Campbell, 13** (4/16/2013, Darren, “A new leader could signal change for Venezuela’s troubled oil and gas sector; If Nicolas Maduro can reverse the industry's decline, it could siphon off investment in Alberta's oil sands,” http://www.albertaoilmagazine.com/2013/04/a-new-leader-could-signal-change-for-venenzuelas-oil-and-gas-sector/, JMP)

That’s because Venezuelan heavy oil is a **…**Mr. **Maduro’s administration performs**.

**That solves nuclear war**

**Manwaring ‘5** – adjunct professor of international politics at Dickinson

(Max G., Retired U.S. Army colonel, Venezuela’s Hugo Chávez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare, October 2005, pg. PUB628.pdf, Wake Early Bird File)

President Chávez also understands **… security, peace, and prosperity**.65

**Maduro is pragmatic on economic matters and will say yes – boosting his credibility is the only way to ensure reform**

**Mander 13** – Journalist at the Financial Times, his father’s a British Baronet and has a Wikipedia Page(Benedict, “Hugo Chávez: His legacy at stake”, Aug 19, 2013, <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e5ca6e64-05ce-11e3-8ed5-00144feab7de.html#axzz2de2NyO4W>, Daehyun)

But **since Chávez’s death** in March, **…have paralysed decision making.**

**There’s a high risk of nuke terror—an attack turns multilat and makes the US hardline**

Vladimir Z. **Dvorkin ‘12** Major General (retired), doctor of technical sciences, professor, and senior fellow at the Center for International Security of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Center participates in the working group of the U.S.-Russia Initiative to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism, 9/21/12, "What Can Destroy Strategic Stability: Nuclear Terrorism is a Real Threat," belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/22333/what\_can\_destroy\_strategic\_stability.html

Hundreds of scientific papers and **…** understanding of these threats and develop a strategy to combat them.

### Legitimacy

**It’s a *try or die* for the affirmative – the plan is necessary to reverse the militarization of US foreign policy and the subsequent loss of credibility – Venezuela is key**

**Petras 10** – retired Bartle Professor (Emeritus) of Sociology at Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York and adjunct professor at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who has published prolifically on Latin American and Middle Eastern political issues(James, “US-Venezuela: The Empire Strikes Back (and Loses)”, Global Policy Forum, Aug 12, 2010, <http://www.globalpolicy.org/us-military-expansion-and-intervention/venezuela/49400-us-venezuela-the-empire-strikes-back-and-loses.html>, Daehyun)

**US policy toward …political attempts to isolate Venezuela.**

**Engagement sends a critical signal and boosts US legitimacy globally – it reduces the US perception as a bully and creates a credible model of conflict resolution**

**LeMaster 9** – Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army (Dennis P., “US POLICY OPTIONS MITIGATING VENEZUELAN SPONSORED SECURITY CHALLENGES”, Dec 3, 2009, <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA497699>, Daehyun)

US Policy Alternatives **The US could …and ultimately strengthens the Western Hemisphere.**

**Legitimacy’s the fundamental internal link to effective hegemony – power distributions perceived as illegitimate are the most likely causes of great power war**

Martha **Finnemore 9**, professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University, January 2009, “Legitimacy, Hypocrisy, and the Social Structure of Unipolarity: Why Being a Unipole Isn’t All It’s Cracked Up to Be,” World Politics, Volume 61, Number 1

Legitimacy is, by its nature, a social and **…**and few unipoles have tried to do so.

**Nuclear war**

**Zhang and Shi 11** Yuhan Zhang is a researcher at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; Lin Shi is from Columbia University. She also serves as an independent consultant for the Eurasia Group and a consultant for the World Bank in Washington, D.C., 1/22, “America’s decline: A harbinger of conflict and rivalry”, <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2011/01/22/americas-decline-a-harbinger-of-conflict-and-rivalry/>

This does not necessarily mean that the US is in systemic **…inevitably be devoid of unrivalled US primacy.**

**Material power’s irrelevant – lack of legitimacy makes heg ineffective**

Barak **Mendelsohn 10**, assistant professor of political science at Haverford College and a senior fellow of FPRI. Author of Combating Jihadism: American Hegemony and Interstate Cooperation in the War on Terrorism, June 2010, “The Question of International Cooperation in the War on Terrorism”, http://www.fpri.org/enotes/201006.mendelsohn.cooperationwarterror.html

Going against common conceptions, I **…**the hegemon’s actions and prevents the uninhibited exercise of power.

**Independently, absent renewal of rule of law principles, multilateral cooperation to solve warming and disease is impossible**

John G. **Ikenberry 11**, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton, Spring, “A World of Our Making”, http://www.democracyjournal.org/20/a-world-of-our-making.php?page=all

Grand Strategy as Liberal Order Building **…of liberal order building, it can begin the process of gaining it back.**

**Warming causes extinction**

Don **Flournoy 12**, Citing Feng Hsu, PhD NASA Scientist @ the Goddard Space Flight Center and Don is a PhD and MA from UT, former Dean of the University College @ Ohio University, former Associate Dean at SUNY and Case Institute of Technology, Former Manager for University/Industry Experiments for the NASA ACTS Satellite, currently Professor of Telecommunications @ Scripps College of Communications, Ohio University, “Solar Power Satellites,” January 2012, Springer Briefs in Space Development, p. 10-11

In the Online Journal of Space **…**that is simply too high for us to take any chances” (Hsu 2010 ).

**Diseases end civilization**

David **Quammen 12**, award-winning science writer, long-time columnist for Outside magazine for fifteen years, with work in National Geographic, Harper's, Rolling Stone, the New York Times Book Review and other periodicals, 9/29, “Could the next big animal-to-human disease wipe us out?,” The Guardian, pg. 29, Lexis

**Infectious disease is all around …**disease, and viruses in particular.

### Plan

**The United States federal government should normalize its trade relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela if, and only if, it complies with the standards of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Program code set by the International Maritime Organization.**

### Solvency

**The plan boosts trade relations and avoids *political confrontation* with Venezuela – none of their “Say No” cards assume this**

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Abstract: **Trade with Venezuela …inherent benefits of trade systems.**

**The plan provides the *critical incentive* for Venezuela to adopt the ISPS standards**

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It is widely believed that **…who may be exempt from IMO’s ISPS code.**

**Venezuela will say yes – it prioritizes trade relations**

**Jamison 13** – writer, studying international politics at Georgetown (Anne, “Maduro Venezuela: He Won't Usher in a New Era Of U.S.-Venezuela Relations, and That's OK”, April, Policy Mic Network)

The April 19 inauguration of **…**is intact, and that **is their priority.**

**Boosting counter narcotics cooperation is feasible – it would put the ball in Venezuela’s court**

**Mannes 9** – American writer, former Director of Research at the Middle East Media Research Institute(Aaron, “Mind the Gap: Reinstituting Counternarcotics Cooperation with Venezuela”, Jul 22, 2009, <http://terrorwonk.blogspot.com/2009/07/mind-gap-reinstituting-counternarcotics.html>, Daehyun)

The GAO’s recent report U.S. **…gap in hemispheric security.**

**The ISPS is successful – it fosters international cooperation and provides regional flexibility**

**Timien 7** - Head of the Baltic and International Maritime Council’s (BIMCO) Security and International Affairs Department(Thomas, “The ISPS Code: Where are we now?”, Apr, 2007, <http://www.fswg.org/files/DDF/ISPS%20Code%20-%20Where%20are%20we%20now%20-%20Cargo%20Security%20International%20CSIA%20%204-5%2007%20(article).pdf>, Daehyun)

Beginning with the former, the United **…still have quite some catching up to do.**