## Round 2 – Aff vs. St. Marks GP

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## Relations

US engagement and reintervention are inevitable---it’s only a question of making it effective---the plan prevents failed engagement that triggers their turns

Kagan, ‘11 (Robert, contributing editor to The Weekly Standard and a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. “The Price of Power”. The Weekly Standard, Jan 24, 2011, Vol. 16, No. 18. http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/price-power\_533696.html?page=3)

In theory, the United States could refrain from intervening abroad. But, in

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likely, however, it would simply prevent a president from intervening effectively.

This, after all, was the experience of the Bush administration in Iraq

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in the kind of international system that American power has built and defended.

## Spills

Oil spill clean-up is racist.

Jefferson ‘10 [9/2/10, Cord Jefferson is a writer and editor with publications in National Geographic, USA Today, The Daily Beast, The Huffington Post, The Root, Gawker, “Why Oil SpillsDependence inevitable if not sequestration will trigger

Cohen ’12 [Summer/12, Ariel Cohen is Senior Research Fellow at the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies at the Heritage Foundation, “The Geopolitics of U.S. Energy Independence”, http://www.international-economy.com/TIE\_Su12\_GeopoliticsEnergySymp.pdf]

The lure of isolationism may appear as the United States is increasingly self-sufficient

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the most crucial geo-economic region of the world, the Gulf.

Are a Racial Issue,” <http://www.theroot.com/blogs/blogging-beltway/why-oil-spill-are-racial-issue>]

Less than a month after the closure of the disastrous Deepwater Horizon oil leak in

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mutated it into a racial issue, and it's likely to happen again.

Racism must be rejected in every instance- it’s a Decision Rule

MEMMI Professor Emeritus of Sociology @ Unv. Of Paris 2000, Albert-; RACISM, translated by Steve Martinot, pp.163-165

The struggle against racism will be long, difficult, without intermission, without remission

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. True, it is a wager, but the stakes are irresistible.

## Politics

Won’t pass---Republicans won’t get on board without repealing Obama Care---Democrats won’t budge on the issue---this evidence is future predictive

CNN, ‘9/18 [September 18th, 2013, CNN is a major news outlet, “House GOP: defund Obamacare or shut government down”, <http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/18/politics/obamacare-government-shutdown/index.html>]

Washington (CNN) -- House GOP leaders announced their intention Wednesday to pass a

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pressure per se because I agreed we need to do away with Obamacare."

Energy policy is an olive branch – key to debt ceiling. Polcap is not effective

Grant 1-20 [1/20/13, David Grant is the Christian Science Monitor's congressional correspondent in Washington, D.C. where he covers Capitol Hill, “Obama’s second term: Can he work with Congress?”, http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0120/Obama-s-second-term-Can-he-work-with-Congress-video]

While Mr. Obama came to Washington promising to change it, he spent much

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have plenty of GOP support – but that remains a large “if.”

Oil and Obama both loves the plan – solves link

Dlouhy 4-25 [4/25/13, Jennifer Dlouhy covers energy policy and other issues for the Houston Chronicle, “[House bill would codify Gulf of Mexico drilling deal](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/)”, <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/>]

The accord is designed to encourage commercial unitization agreements where oil and gas resources that

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told the House panel that Congress should pass the legislation as quickly as possible

API has a strangle hold on Congress

Froomkin ’11 [4/6/11, Dan Froomkin is contributing editor of Nieman Reports, and the former senior Washington correspondent for the Huffington Post, “How The Oil Lobby Greases Washington's Wheels”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/06/how-the-oil-lobby-greases_n_845720.html>]

Clout in Washington isn't about winning legislative battles -- it's about making sure that they

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. "Certainly I hope we're having some role in the debate here."

Turn Winner’s win

A. Second term battles cause bandwagoning

Hirsh ‘2-7 [2/7/13, Michael Hirsh is chief correspondent for National Journal; citing Ornstein, a political scientist and scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and Bensel, gov’t prof at Cornell, "There's No Such Thing as Political Capital", [www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207)]

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun-control issues illustrates how suddenly

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

B. Overloading – Increasing the size of the agenda makes items more likely to pass

**Cohn ‘9** [3/11/09, Jonathon Cohn, The New Republic, “The Case for Presidential Multi-Tasking”, http://blogs.tnr.com/tnr/blogs/the\_treatment/archive/2009/03/11/the-case-for-presidential-multi-tasking.aspx]

My friend William Galston is not the only writer/pundit urging President Obama to

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that just won a landslide presidential election while building up huge congressional majorities.

No Polcap

1. Syria

Breitbart 9-8

[Andrew, 9-8-13 8:14AM, http://exchangegoldforcash.com/money/u-s-government/president/2012-election/breitbart/syria-a-pawn-in-americas-budget-debt-battle/]

The fight over federal spending and the debt ceiling had been expected to be a

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, preventing Obama from using his bully-pulpit in the fiscal fights.

2. Fed Nomination

Lee et. al 8-13 [8/13/13, Carol Lee, Peter Nicholas, and Colleen McCain Nelson are White House correspondents for the Wall Street Journal. “Senate Pressure on Fed Pick Irks White House”, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323446404579011190517262538.html]

Senior Senate officials expect Mr. Obama to announce his Fed chairman nominee in September

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of [Mr. Obama's] second term," Mr. Bayh said.

PC Fails and is Low- The Congress stands divided- only risk of a link turn

Koring 9-16 [9/16/13, Paul Koring is a Canadian journalist and foreign correspondent for The Globe and Mail. He is currently posted to the Washington Bureau as the paper's foreign affairs and international security correspondent. “Obama faces fall showdown with Congress’”, http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/obama-faces-fall-showdown-with-congress/article14329090/]

In turn, despite the President’s impressive oratory, he may be wearing out his

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fiscal cliff to drive a stake into the President’s health-care program.

## Clean Tech

Relations solve Renewable energy

Wood 10 [May 2010, Duncan Wood is the Director of the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. For 17 years, Dr. Wood was a professor and the director of the International Relations Program at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. He also held the role of researcher at the Centro de Derecho Económico Internacional (CDEI) at ITAM, “Environment, Development and Growth: U.S.-Mexico Cooperation in Renewable Energies”, http://www.statealliancepartnership.org/resources\_files/USMexico\_Cooperation\_Renewable\_Energies.pdf]

Further, this report argues that one of the factors that currently prevent the realization

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renewable energy sector holds enormous potential to contribute even more in the future.

No impact – warming will take centuries and adaptation solves

Mendelsohn 9 – Robert O. Mendelsohn 9, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

These statements are largely alarmist and misleading. Although climate change is a serious problem

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range climate risks. What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.

Transition not happening – fossil fuels outpacing renewables

Plumer, 7/10 (Brad, Washington Post, “Bad news: The world’s energy supply isn’t getting any cleaner”, 2013, http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/07/10/bad-news-fossil-fuels-are-more-than-keeping-up-with-clean-energy/)

We’ve seen plenty of charts over the past few years showing that wind and solar

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faster rate. For now, though, the world’s not on track.

The plan is key to clean technology

Sarukhan 12 (Arturo Sarukhan is a distinguished affiliate in the Foreign Policyand Metropolitan Policy programs at Brookings. He focuses on hemispheric issues, Mexico-U.S. relations, immigration policy, new security threats, and the role of cities in the 21st Century. He is chairman of Global Solutions/A Podesta Company, a global strategic consulting and risk assessment firm. The grandson and son of conflict refugees in Mexico, he served as a career diplomat in the Mexican Foreign Service for 20 years and received the rank of career ambassador in 2006, February 2012, http://www.americanambassadors.org/publications/ambassadors-review/spring-2012/mexico-and-the-united-states-a-strategic-relationship)//moxley

The fourth driver of our bilateral agenda is how we address energy security and energy

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in which both countries can come together in the development of clean fuel.

No internal link – No transition

KHAVARI ’12 – Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Bremen; research associate at several economic institutes in Germany (Khavari, Farid A. “THE FINAL CRASH – THE END OF U.S. DOMINANCE IN 2013 – Part Three – Substitution of Crude Oil – The Overlooked Links”. April 11, 2012. http://investmentwatchblog.com/the-final-crash-the-end-of-u-s-dominance-in-2013-part-three-substitution-of-crude-oil-the-overlooked-links/#.T9A1RqVYsqJ)

But a closer analysis shows that a series of steps and considerations must be taken

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$4.80 and then fell back to $2.50.

## 1AR Cards

## China

Non unique – Mexico is too close to the US

Chunsi, ’13 [2013, Wu ChunSi is Senior Fellow Institute for International Strategic Studies Executive Director Center for American Studies Member, “US-Mexico-China Relations in the Context of Regional Cooperation”, http://en.siis.org.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=15&id=87]

On the basis of above analyses, we see three important features in China-

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short side in the trilateral relations among the US, Mexico and China.

US-Mexico Trade Now

Presidency of the Republic, 7-15 [7/15/13, Staff for the President of Mexico, “Annual Trade between Mexico and the USA Totals US$500 Billion”, http://www.mexidata.info/id3663.html]

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto declared that annual trade between Mexico and the United States

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, noting that Mexico is the only emerging economy currently promoting structural changes.

China influence in Latin America won’t hurt relations

Cerna, ’11 [4/15/11, Michael Cerna is a graduate student in International Policy Management at Kennesaw State University, “China's Growing Presence in Latin America: Implications for U.S. and Chinese Presence in the Region”, http://www.chinacenter.net/chinas-growing-presence-in-latin-america-implications-for-u-s-and-chinese-presence-in-the-region/]

With both the U.S. and China making gains in the region in

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best measures the continued hegemony of the U.S. versus China.

Chinese Present in Latin America causes cyberattacks

Ellis, ’13 [6/6/13, R. Evan Ellis is an Assistant Professor of National Security Studies in the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University and Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., with an emphasis on Latin American security issues, PhD in Political Science, “China's New Backyard: Does Washington realize how deeply Beijing has planted a flag?”, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/06/06/china\_s\_new\_backyard\_latin\_america]

The challenge to Washington from China's presence in the region also extends beyond economics and

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represent potential assets in a global asymmetric warfare campaign against the United States.

Cyber-vulnerability causes great power nuclear war

Fritz 9 Researcher for International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament [Jason, researcher for International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, former Army officer and consultant, and has a master of international relations at Bond University, “Hacking Nuclear Command and Control,” July, <http://www.icnnd.org/latest/research/Jason_Fritz_Hacking_NC2.pdf>]

This paper will analyse the threat of cyber terrorism in regard to nuclear weapons.

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its own, without the need for compromising command and control centres directly.

1. Balance of power in Southeast Asia checks war.

Liselotte Odgard 01, Assistant professor of political science, U of Aarhus, Denmark, Contemporary Southeast Asia, August 2001, p292

The balance of power between China, Southeast Asia, and the United States promotes

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to allow for the development of stronger co-operative ties with China.

3. No risk of military conflict – Accessibility.

Christopher C. Joyner 1998, Professor of International Law, Georgetown U, New England Law Review, spring, p836-7

Nevertheless, several factors suggest the unlikelihood of large-scale military conflict over the

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permit greater opportunities for confidence building measures to be considered as alternative energies.

### 1AR Renewables

Their studies prove the existence of warming, not the impact – doomsday predictions are empirically denied and ignore scientists

John Stossel, Award-winning ABC News correspondent, 2007

The Global Warming Myth?, http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Story?id=3061015&page=1

Dr. John Christy, professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Alabama at

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the planet works, there wouldn't be as much money to study it."

## --- U – No Innovation

Even if funding continues – lack of innovation kills the industry.

Stepp 5-14-2012 (Matthew, Senior Policy Analyst @ Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/05/boom-and-bust-renewable-energy.php)

But even if much of this funding continues, the nascent clean tech industry is

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would fall by half) to clean energy. Nothing less will work.

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### 1AR Unix

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### 1AR no impact

2. China has toned down its threatening posture in the South China Sea.

Robert Sutter 02, Professor of Asian Studies, Georgetown University, 2002, The Washington Quarterly, Autumn, p. 42-3

This area has experienced a growth of Chinese influence, coinciding with a period of

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of conduct that would regulate tension over the disputes and avoid military clashes.

Chinese soft power decline is inevitable – World power status makes China a lightning rod for criticism.

Kurlantzick 07, visiting scholar in the Carnegie Endowment’s China Program, (Joshua, Charm Offensive: How China's Soft Power is Transforming the World. p. 113-114)

Eventually, China's warm image may recede. One reason why the United States evokes

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of ancient Korean kingdoms were not independent but rather subordinate to Chinese dynasties.