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Immigration Reform Will pass now—bipartisan push

MPR 10-31 [October 31, 2013. MPRNews—Minnesota Public Radio. “Conservative leaders push for 2013 immigration reform.” http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2013/10/31/daily-circuit-immigration-reform]

President Barack Obama is concerned that the urgency for immigration reform is diminishing, even

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advocates. What kind of bill could ultimately get enough votes to pass?

Political capital is key for House support

Sherman and Palmer 6-13 [Jake and Anna. Politics for Politico. “White House dials up efforts with House Republicans” Politico, 6/13/13 ln//]

This push is strategic, of course. Obama wants to pass immigration reform,

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House also recently reached out to top Republican senators about a deficit deal.

Border infrastructure investments are subject to congressional backlash and tied to Obama

Puig 13 — columnist for the Mexican newspaper Milenio and the anchor of the television show En 15 (Carlos Puig, International Herald Tribune, 06-05-2013, “Toeing the Line”, <http://latitude.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/05/toeing-the-line/?_r=0>, Accessed 07-31-2013 | AK)

In 2011, the U.S. and Mexican governments agreed to revamp border

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for the border crossings, the allocation is still under discussion in Congress.

CIR key to cybersecurity

McLarty 9 (Thomas F. III, President – McLarty Associates and Former White House Chief of Staff and Task Force Co-Chair, “U.S. Immigration Policy: Report of a CFR-Sponsored Independent Task Force”, 7-8, http://www.cfr.org/ publication/19759/us\_immigration\_policy.html)

We have seen, when you look at the table of the top 20 firms

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going to strengthen, I think, our system, our security needs.

Prevents 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.

# 2

Interpretation – economic engagement must be a quid pro quo

Shinn 96 [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists of a set of objectives, a strategy for attaining those objectives, and tactics (specific policies) for implementing that strategy.

The objectives of conditional engagement are the ten principles, which were selected to preserve American vital interests in Asia while accommodating China’s emergence as a major power.

The overall strategy of conditional engagement follows two parallel lines: economic engagement, to promote the integration of China into the global trading and financial systems; and security engagement, to encourage compliance with the ten principles by diplomatic and military means when economic incentives do not suffice, in order to hedge against the risk of the emergence of a belligerent China.

The tactics of economic engagement should promote China’s economic integration through negotiations on trade liberalization, institution building, and educational exchanges. While a carrots-and-sticks approach may be appropriate within the economic arena, the use of trade sanction to achieve short-term political goals is discouraged.

The tactics of security engagement should reduce the risks posed by China’s rapid military expansion, its lack of transparency, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and transnational problems such as crime and illegal migration, by engaging in arms control negotiations, multilateral efforts, and a loosely-structured defensive military arrangement in Asia.8

[To footnotes]

8. Conditional engagement’s recommended tactics of tit-for-tat responses are equivalent

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105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

Violation – the aff is a unilateral investment in the US’s side of the border

Vote negative – quid pro quo gives competition for conditions cp and say no arguments. Key to fight back against aff bias

# 3

Their RHETORICAL SILENCE PROTECTS THE INVISIBILITY OF WHITENESS AND PRESERVES MATERIAL WHITE PRIVILEGE

Crenshaw ‘97 [1997, Carrie, PhD, Prof of Speech Comm @ Univ. Ala. former director of debate @ Univ. of Ala.; WESTERN JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION; Resisting Whiteness’ Rhetorical Silence; 61(3), Summer; pp. 253-278]

This analysis brings into focus several observations about how whiteness operates rhetorically and ideologically in

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the ideology of white privilege "works" through rhetorical silence about whiteness.

Racism must be rejected in EVERY INSTANCE without surcease. It justifies atrocities, creates another and is truly the CAPITAL SIN.

Memmi ’00 [2000, Albert is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology @ Unv. Of Paris, 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.

# 4

**Text: the Economic Development Administration should create a national network of advanced industries innovation hubs.**

Innovation hubs solve manufacturing

Saha and Muro 1/14 [January 14th, 2013, Devashree, and Mark, Brookings, “Cut to Invest: Create a Nationwide Network of Advanced Industries Innovation Hubs”, <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/01/14-federalism-series-advanced-industries-hubs>]

Congress should authorize the build-out of a national network of advanced industries (

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in the nation’s advanced industries and so strengthen their long-term competitiveness.

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The United States federal government should facilitate improved efficiency and reduced congestion at ports of entry along the US- Mexico border if and only if Mexico agrees to end human rights abuses. The United States federal government should enact a periodic certification process to determine that abuses are effectively investigated and prosecuted.

CP solves Case and Mexico says yes- This Solves US human rights leadership

HRW, 07 Human Rights Watch, the world’s leading independent organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights. By focusing international attention where human rights are violated, we give voice to the oppressed and hold oppressors accountable for their crimes. Our rigorous, objective investigations and strategic, targeted advocacy build intense pressure for action and raise the cost of human rights abuse, 10/24, <http://www.hrw.org/news/2007/10/23/mexico-us-aid-should-include-human-rights-conditions>, “Mexico: US Aid Should Include Human Rights Conditions,” ADM

The US Congress should oppose counternarcotics assistance to Mexico unless it includes strong conditions aimed

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Mexico’s security forces to improve their appalling human rights record,” said Vivanco.

US human rights leadership is key to international peace, security, and democracy

Griffey, 11 Brian, human rights consultant who has worked for the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International USA and as an investigative journalist, 3/18, <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/150667-us-leadership-on-human-rights-essential-to-strengthen-democracy-abroad>, “U.S. leadership on human rights essential to strengthen democracy abroad,” ADM

In the midst of what many are calling the Arab world’s 1989, the United

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concerted and collective effort to be upheld, especially in times of crisis.

# 6

Energy Reform Will pass in Mexico--momentum

Cinelli 9-26 [Michael Cinelli. September 26, 2013. “ANALYSIS: MEXICAN ENERGY REFORM COULD SPUR SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN INVESTMENT.” http://www.bakerbotts.com/analysis-mexican-energy-reform-could-spur-significant-foreign-investment-09-26-2013/]

In a Rigzone article posted this week, Global Projects partner Carlos Solé discussed the

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The types of projects and investment opportunities might become more abundant in Mexico.

Improving border infrastructure would be politically unpopular for the Mexican government

Corchado ’13 [August 7, 2013. ALFREDO CORCHADO is a journalist for the Mexico Bureau. “Premium Article U.S., Mexican officials discuss future of border at conference.” http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20130807-u.s.-mexican-officials-discuss-future-of-border-at-conference.ece]

EL PASO — Battered, bruised and misunderstood, the U.S.-Mexico

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costly for taxpayers. … Both sides need to coordinate and prioritize better.”

Nieto’s political capital is key

Wilkinson and Fausset ’13 [August 13, 2013. Tracy Wilkinson and Richard Fausset—journalists for the LA Times. “Mexico's officials wage PR battle to sell energy reform plan.” http://articles.latimes.com/2013/aug/13/world/la-fg-mexico-pemex-pr-20130814]

Even if energy reform does deliver the advantages that Peña Nieto is promising, those

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. "Reforming Pemex can't wait," wrote Carlos Alberto G. "Mexico

needs this to be able to move ahead."

Mexican growth solves immigration

Pethokoukis 3/6/13 (James Pethokoukis is the Money & Politics columnist-blogger for the American Enterprise Institute, citing Kenneth Rogoff, Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Harvard University, “The Mexican economy and US immigration” http://www.aei-ideas.org/2013/03/the-mexican-economy-and-us-immigration/)

Marco Rubio is for a path to citizenship. Jeb Bush, apparently, is

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as much as Mexico if conditions south of the border begin breaking good.

That causes bioterrorism

Ken Timmerman 10, Newsmax correspondent, “FBI Director Mueller: Al-Qaida Still Wants Nuclear Bomb,” 3/18, <http://newsmax.com/Newsfront/mueller-fbi-alqaida-nuclear/2010/03/18/id/353169>

FBI Director Robert Mueller warned Congress on Wednesday of ongoing al-Qaida efforts to

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it is properly spread in population centers there,” al-Nasifi said.

Bioterror leads to extinction

Anders Sandberg 8, is a James Martin Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University; Jason G. Matheny, PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and special consultant to the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Milan M. Ćirković, senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade and assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia and Montenegro, 9/8/8, “How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?,” Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists,<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction>

The risks from anthropogenic hazards appear at present larger than those from natural ones.

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may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

# Econ

Economic recession key to innovation—consensus of top economists

Florida, ‘10 [Richard Florida is Senior Editor at The Atlantic and Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto. “Start-Ups Surge in the Great Reset”, May 21 2010, <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2010/05/start-ups-surge-in-the-great-reset/57052/>]

Economic crises like the current one have devastating economic and social costs, but they

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economy begins to recover, ushering in powerful new waves of technological change.

That’s key to make growth sustainable

Florida, ’10 [8/12/10, Richard Florida is the Senior Editor at *The Atlantic*, Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute and Professor of Business and Creativity at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, previously held professorships at George Mason University and Carnegie Mellon University and taught as a visiting professor at Harvard and MIT, holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University, The Roadmap to a High-Speed Recovery,” http://www.tnr.com/print/article/economy/76961/richard-florida-reset-recovery-economy-future]

But now we find ourselves having the wrong debate—about whether a stimulus is

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work at PARC, realized their potential, and put the pieces together.

That’s independently key to soft power

Wei, ’12 [Ran Wei (China Daily), 2012-03-06, “The Great Recession's silver lining”, <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/usa/2012-03/06/content_14766712.htm>]

The ongoing recession in the United States was named the Great Recession, a parallel

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provides fertile ground for innovative products like iPhones and innovators like Steve Jobs.

Soft power solves multiple extinction scenarios

Stanley 7

[Elizabeth, of Sandia National Laboratories, “International perceptions of U.S. Nuclear Policy” http://www.prod.sandia.gov/cgi-bin/techlib/access-control.pl/2007/070903.pdf]

Such reputation effects can have significant impact in terms of gaining international cooperation in addressing

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multi-lateral cooperation that will be necessary to address such threats effectively.

No lashout from slow growth

MacDonald and Parent 2011 (Paul K. and Joseph M., Assistant Professor of Political Science at Williams College, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Miami, International Security, Graceful Decline?; The Surprising Success of Great Power Retrenchment, Spring, lexis)

Implications for Sino-U.S. Relations Our findings are directly relevant to

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readily identify and eliminate extraneous burdens without exposing vulnerabilities or exciting domestic populations.

Royal evidence is just about small wars that don’t escalate- no probability of extinction

Interdependence doesn’t solve war

May, fellow at the ISS at Stanford, 5—Professor Emeritus (Research) in the Stanford University School of Engineering and a senior fellow with the Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Former co-director of Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. Principal Investigator for the DHS. (Michael, “The U.S.-China Strategic Relationship,” September 2005, http://www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/si/2005/Sep/maySep05.asp, )

However important and beneficial this interdependence may be from an economic point of view,

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another reason why domestic perceptions matter: they determine which myths are believed.

US will accept its new role peacefully – no backlash

Charles A. Kupchan Fall 1999 World Policy Journal "Life after pax Americana"

The bad news is that the global stability that unipolarity has engendered will be jeopardized

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of competitive balancing and regional rivalries in the wake of an American retrenchment.

Economic collapse inevitable in the long term – double dip recession key to structural reforms

Caw, ’11 [5/11/11, CAW, Canadian Autoworkers Union, “Financial Regulatory Reform Still Needed to Avoid Similar Recession”, <http://www.caw.ca/en/10256.htm>]

Financial reform coming out of the great recession has been very weak and totally insufficient

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presidential election could cost more than $1 billion dollars for each party.

That outweighs—extended recessions are key to long term macroeconomic stability

Mihm ’09 [9/13/09, Stephen Mihm is a professor of history at the University of Georgia, The Boston Globe, “Why Capitalism Fails”]

Instead, Minsky drew his own, far darker, lessons from Keynes’s landmark writings

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risk. When storied financial firms started to fall, sending shockwaves through the

“real” economy, his predictions started to look a lot like a road map.

Trade with Mexico isn’t key to the economy

Villarreal 12 — M. Angeles Villarreal, Specialist in International Trade and Finance (M. Angeles Villarreal, *Congressional Research Service*, 08-09-2012, “U.S.-Mexico Economic Relations: Trends, Issues, and Implications”, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32934.pdf, Accessed 08-02-2013 | AK)

Effects on the U.S. Economy

The overall effect of NAFTA on the U.S. economy has been relatively

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Mexico and the United States influencing investment decisions and the demand for goods.

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# Manufacturing

Hegemony fails— material power is decoupled Maher, ’11 [Winter 2011, Richard Maher, Ph.D. candidate in the Political Science department at Brown University, “The Paradox of American Unipolarity: Why the United States May Be Better Off in a Post-Unipolar World,” Orbis, Vol. 55, No. 1, p. 53-68]

And yet, despite this material preeminence, the United States sees its political and

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how best to position itself in the “post-unipolar” world.

Hegemonic stability theory is academic garbage

Fettweis, ’11 [September, 2011, Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, “The Superpower as Superhero: Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1902154>]

First, the hegemonic-stability argument shows the classic symptom of hubris: It

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They will participate at times in our adventures, but minimally and reluctantly.

No Asain War

Desker 8 (Barry, Dean – S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, “Why War is Unlikely in Asia: Facing the Challenge from China”, 6-4, http://www.iiss.org/conferences/asias-strategic-challenges-in-search-of-a-common-agenda/conference-papers/fifth-session-conflict-in-asia/why-war-in-asia-remains-unlikely-barry-desker/)

War in Asia is thinkable but it is unlikely. The Asia-Pacific region

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as the EAs, ASEAN + 3, ARF which ASEAN has conceived.

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## Asia War

**No escalation—assumes their warrants**

**Xudong ’12** [2012, Han, professor at the PLA University of National Defense, “Risk of armed Asian conflict on the rise, but trade links rule out war,” <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/735653.shtml>]

Island sovereignty and maritime interest disputes in the Asia-Pacific region have attracted an

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an armed collision is on the rise, but the scale will be limited

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Prefer our evidence

a. Our evidence indicts their assumptions as a product of psychological and societal hubris that has created an overly deterministic view of the world

b. Their line of arguments are a product of special interests—this card is scrumptious

Freeman, ’11 [2011, Chas W. Freeman Jris a retired US diplomat who served as Minister in Beijing and Bangkok, as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. “The Incapacitation of US Statecraft and Diplomacy”, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, Volume 6, Numbers 3-4, 2011 , pp. 413-432(20)]

The enlarged role of interest groups in foreign policy-making has also had the

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or no room for the inclusion of other elements of grand strategy.28

[\_\_\_] And, this is an independent reason to vote negative—justifying foreign policy based on special interests makes hegemony terminally unsustainable and prevents us from making an effective grand strategy

Freeman, ’11 [2011, Chas W. Freeman Jris a retired US diplomat who served as Minister in Beijing and Bangkok, as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. “The Incapacitation of US Statecraft and Diplomacy”, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, Volume 6, Numbers 3-4, 2011 , pp. 413-432(20)]

In the United States, the end of the Cold War removed the political constraints

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2001), bold strategic ideas and major policy innovation are now politically infeasible.

c. Their laundry list of vague impacts is academic junk – conflicts can’t just emerge

Fettweis, ‘11 [9/26/11, Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy”, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO]

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

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based upon vague images emerging from the dark reaches of the neoconservative imagination.

Their evidence mistakes causation with correlation – multiple other factors explain the peace

Preble, ’10 [Christopher Preble (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.

## Recession good

Terrorism causes extinction

Ayson 2k10 [Robert Ayson, July 7th 2010, “ After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects”, Center for Strategic Studies, Victoria University, “http://pdfserve.informaworld.com/484356\_918013288\_923238837.pdf]

A Catalytic Response: Dragging in the Major Nuclear Powers A terrorist nuclear attack,

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

Environmental degradation causes extinction

Diner 1994.

[David. Major-JAG Corps US Army. Military Law Review]

No species has ever dominated its fellow species as man has. In most cases

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wings, [hu]mankind may be edging closer to the abyss.

That makes growth sustainable—current economic decline forces spatial and regional shifts that key to long term prosperity, but government intervention collapses it

Florida, ’11 [6/5/11, Richard Florida is Senior Editor at The Atlantic and Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto., “How the Great Reset Has Already Changed America”, http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2011/07/how-the-great-reset-has-already-changed-america/241200/]

A year ago, I published a book that argued that, for all the

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many, and ushering in a new era of sustainable prosperity for everyone.

Last recession puts us at the tipping point to our turn – start ups have the culture of innovation and now is key to force

Florida, ’11 [Richard Florida is Senior Editor at The Atlantic and Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto. 10/20/11, “The Spread of Start-Up America and the Rise of the High-Tech South”, http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2011/10/the-spread-of-start-up-america-and-the-rise-of-the-high-tech-south/246916/]

The United States has been and continues to be one of the world's great start

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well as local problems. It is the ethos of the Creative Class.

Financial crisis key to innovation –

A) Race to the top

Haertel ‘08

Carlos Haertel, managing director of GE Global Research in Europe, interviewed by Geoff Brumfiel, 11-4, 2008, “Innovating out of the financial crisis,” Nature Magazine

How will the financial crisis affect industrial research? Nature asked Carlos Haertel, managing

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you can bring to market quickly and away from very speculative seed funding.

B) Shifts the economy to focus on innovation

Haertel ‘08

Carlos Haertel, managing director of GE Global Research in Europe, interviewed by Geoff Brumfiel, 11-4, 2008, “Innovating out of the financial crisis,” Nature Magazine

Could the financial crisis actually be good for research and innovation in any way?

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is that the fundamentals for a good economy are basically innovation and technology.

D) Most recent studies prove our argument

Florida, ‘10 [Richard Florida is Senior Editor at The Atlantic and Director of the Martin Prosperity Institute at the University of Toronto. “Start-Ups Surge in the Great Reset”, May 21 2010, <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2010/05/start-ups-surge-in-the-great-reset/57052/>]

A study released today by the Kauffman Foundation (h/t: Ian

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for African Americans also surged to record levels, according to the study.

E) Economic scarcity key

Vossoughi, ’12 [“The Silver Lining to Scarcity: It Drives Innovation”, Sohrab Vossoughi is founder and President of Ziba Design. Harvard Business Review, <http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2012/03/the_silver_lining_to_scarcity.html>, 3/1/12]

When times are good, businesses tend to stick with what's working. "It's

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one of the finest learning opportunities an innovation-driven business can have.

Failure to reform makes the economy works a couple ways

a. Minimizes individual borrowing

Morris ‘08

Charles Morris, Practicing Attorney and former banker, 11-22, 2008, “The upside to a serious downturn,” Houston Chronicle, online: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/6126845.html>

Virtually all of America's financial and political artillery has been dragooned into the great task

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to a more balanced system that's less addicted to high-leverage finance.

b. Prevents focus on structural factors in the economy

FRBA ‘08

FRBA (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta), 11-7, 2008, “Atlanta Fed's Lockhart: Economic Weakness to Extend into 2009,” online: <http://www.frbatlanta.org/invoke.cfm?objectid=77A70814-5056-9F12-1283A61254E59EF2&method=display_pressrelease>

PALM BEACH, Fla.—Dennis P. Lockhart, president and chief executive officer

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we are to lower the potential for recurrence of instability," he said.

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Nye 12 Joseph S. Nye, a former US assistant secretary of defense and chairman of the US National Intelligence Council, is a Professor at Harvard University. “Immigration and American Power,” December 10, Project Syndicate, http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/obama-needs-immigration-reform-to-maintain-america-s-strength-by-joseph-s--nye

CAMBRIDGE – The United States is a nation of immigrants. Except for a small

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long way toward fulfilling his promise to maintain the strength of the US.

Cyber-attack is coming now

**Reed 12** John, Reports on the frontiers of cyber war and the latest in military technology for Killer Apps at Foreign Policy, "U.S. energy companies victims of potentially destructive cyber intrusions", 10/11, killerapps.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/10/11/us\_energy\_companies\_victims\_of\_potentially\_destructive\_cyber\_attacks

Foreign actors are probing the networks of key American companies in an attempt to gain

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power plants infected by Stuxnet very far away from Iran," Kaspersky said.

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New Republican support mounts pressure on the House

Maestas 10-31 [October 31, 2013. Adriana Maestas is the senior contributing editor of Politic365.com. http://politic365.com/2013/10/31/two-more-house-republicans-back-democratic-immigration-bill/]

In the past few days, two additional Republicans have thrown their support behind H

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R. 15, the pressure with mount for Speaker Boehner to act.

Key Republicans will sign on

Wilkes 10-31 [10/31/2013. Brent A. Wilkes--National Executive Director, League of United Latin American Citizens. “Political Odd Couples Should Pair Up for the Bipartisan Immigration Reform Party.” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brent-a-wilkes/house-immigration-reform\_b\_4182827.html?utm\_hp\_ref=politics]

If you listen carefully, you will hear the rare sounds of bipartisanship in Washington

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sign on to bipartisan, commonsense immigration reform. The time is now.

Vote Counts prove it’ll pass

Gomez 10-31 [31 October 2013. Alan Gomez, USA TODAY. “THREE REPUBLICANS BACK DEMOCRATIC IMMIGRATION BILL IN HOUSE.” http://www.codewit.com/north-america/13502-three-republicans-back-democratic-immigration-bill-in-house]

Supporters of the Democratic bill see something else happening. Frank Sharry, executive director

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, I think Speaker Boehner will see the votes here," Garcia said.

Republicans have joined with Obama to step up lobbying

FoxNews 10-28 [October 28, 2013. FoxNews. “Republican lobbying groups step up push on House to pass immigration reform.” http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/28/republican-lobbying-groups-step-up-push-on-house-to-pass-immigration-reform/]

Republicans who back immigration reform are ramping up their push to get the House to

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to their home countries to create jobs, invent new products someplace else.”

House Leadership will push it to a vote

Sargent 10-30 [Greg Sargent—The Washington Post. October 30. “Immigration reform is definitely undead.” http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2013/10/30/immigration-reform-is-definitely-undead/]

We now have three House Republicans who have signed on to the House Dem comprehensive

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possibly get us to conference. Yes, immigration reform remains decidedly undead.

California Republican sign-on provides momentum

10-27 [Oct. 27, 2013. PBSNews. “What are the chances for immigration reform in 2013?” http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/politics/july-dec13/gomez\_10-27.html]

First question Alan, how significant is this announcement by that California Republican Congressman yesterday

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so it’s a small step but it’s a step in the right direction.

McCain is confident it can get done

Li ’13 [Nov 2, 2013. Pei Li/Cronkite News Service. “McCain urges House to act on immigration reform, says issue can't wait.” http://ktar.com/22/1673810/McCain-urges-House-to-act-on-immigration-reform]

But he emphasized that any measure must ultimately include a path to citizenship for the

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"I will remain optimistic," he said. "I have to."

## PC Key

**PC key to immigration**

**Epstein 10/17** (October 17, 2013, Reid Epstein joined POLITICO in 2011 from Newsday, where he chronicled the always-entertaining political life on Long Island and New York State. Before that, he worked at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, covering crime, local politics and people who break the Wisconsin butter law. He also was the New York correspondent for the Ottawa Citizen, and interned at The Wall Street Journal, The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, Miss., and his hometown Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star, a paper he delivered every morning for four years. He graduated from Emory University -- where he was editor in chief of the student newspaper -- and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Barack Obama’s latest push features a similar strategy”, http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/barack-obama-latest-push-features-familiar-strategy-98512.html)

President Barack Obama made his plans for his newly won political capital official — he’s

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the right thing to do, and we’re going to push for it.”

**PC key to get Republicans on-board with immigration reform**

**LAHT 10/21** [10/21/13, Latin American Heritage Tribune, “Obama Ready to Spend Political Capital on Immigration Reform, http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:d86wtAhxARYJ:laht.com/article.asp%3Fcategoryid%3D12395%26articleid%3D329931+&cd=2&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us]

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama told Hispanic Democratic legislators on Wednesday that he will invest

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insisting on law enforcement measures to put an end to illegal immigration. EFE

Obama push overcomes resistance

Foley 10-24 [10/24/2013. Elise Foley—Huffington Post. “Barack Obama On Immigration Reform: 'Let's Go Get It Done'” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/24/barack-obama-immigration\_n\_4156403.html]

WASHINGTON -- As House Republicans pursue smaller-scale immigration reform that could leave out

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anything to legalize the status of undocumented immigrants -- a must for Democrats.

PC only failed in the past because Obama was concentrating on other issues—that proves our link and means that his PC is uniquely different with the current immigration bill

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But Obama even as his popularity numbers slightly fell among Latinos did not totally ignore the issue. He lashed the GOP for torpedoing comprehensive immigration reform legislation in Congress on the two occasions when it appeared that an immigration bill might be reintroduced.

Obama was not to blame that this didn't happen. The crushing problems and bruising

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steep political price for every inch of legislative ground he sought to gain.

The 2012 election changed only one thing with the GOP. That was its in

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sought and awaited opening he needed to go full throttle on immigration reform.

The election result was not the only strong point for Obama on reform. In

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flatly opposing the bill as much too soft on amnesty and border enforcement.

This did much to kill whatever flickering hope there was for the bill's passage.

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solve the immigration crisis was for undocumented workers to "self-deport."

Obama's battle for the Latino vote in 2012 was never intended to head off any mass defection of Latino voters to the GOP. There was never any chance of that. The polls that showed Latinos less than enthusiastic about Obama also showed absolutely no enthusiasm for any GOP would-be presidential candidate, let alone that there would be a massive vote for GOP candidates.

Still, Obama's frontal challenge to the GOP to do something about immigration reform is

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in taking the point on immigration reform to try and make that happen.

Their Hirsh evidence concludes that PC’s not key because some GOP Senators want immigration after losing the Latino vote

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Meanwhile, the Republican members of the Senate’s so-called Gang of Eight are

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to do with Obama’s political capital or, indeed, Obama at all.

Winners lose specifically for Obama’s second term

Walsh 12 Ken covers the White House and politics for U.S. News. “Setting Clear Priorities Will Be Key for Obama,” 12/20, http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/Ken-Walshs-Washington/2012/12/20/setting-clear-priorities-will-be-key-for-obama

And there is an axiom in Washington: Congress, the bureaucracy, the media

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that would limit his power and credibility for the remainder of his presidency.