# 1

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

AND

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,

AND

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

Links to politics—domestic ethanol production is popular

Specht 13 (Jonathan Specht, Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States,” University of California, Davis, Vol. 36:2, April 24, 2013, http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

For roughly two decades, the domestic ethanol industry has relied on the promise of

AND

they had espoused, especially after the policy-makers had supported the industry

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

AND

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.

AND

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

# 2

Obama is a hard liner – new cabinet

Gray 13 – Managing Editor of Air Force Times at Army Times Publishing (Mel, “Senate Republicans: Obama's Nominees Too Hard-Line”, January 28 of 2013, Newsmax, <http://www.newsmax.com/Politics/obama-liberal-cabinet-nominations/2013/01/28/id/487676>)

¶ The GOP lawmakers, who play key roles in the confirmation process, contend

AND

the fact that he endorsed Obama over McCain in the 2008 presidential campaign.

Cuban policy is appeasement – it pleases Castro

Walser 12 – Ph.D. and a Senior Policy Analyst at The Heritage Foundation (Ray, “Cuban-American Leaders: “No Substitute for Freedom” in Cuba”, June 25 of 2012, <http://blog.heritage.org/2012/06/25/cuban-american-leaders-no-substitute-for-freedom-in-cuba/>)

However, these pleasing liberal assumptions are negated on a daily basis by hard-

AND

tyranny of the Castro regime, there is “no substitute for freedom.”

Appeasement kills credibility – it shows countries that the US isn’t hard line - playing a weak hand doesn’t work

Weissberg 10 - Professor of Political Science-Emeritus, University of Illinois-Urbana (Robert, “President Obama's Compulsive Appeasement Disorder”, August 27 of 2010, American Thinker, <http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/08/president_obamas_compulsive_ap.html>)

There's a simple explanation: we are no longer feared. Superpowers of yesteryear,

AND

it. Israel long ago learned this lesson, regardless of world outrage.

Obama’s credibility is uniquely key to solve conflict

Ben Coes 11, a former speechwriter in the George H.W. Bush administration, managed Mitt Romney’s successful campaign for Massachusetts Governor in 2002 & author, “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/

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

AND

take comfort in the knowledge that Tel Aviv will do whatever is necessary to

protect itself from potential threats from its unfriendly neighbors. While it would be

AND

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

# 3

Interpretation – economic engagement is a subset of conditional engagement and implies 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

AND

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

Violation – the aff is a unilateral inclusion of Mexico companies – not a quid pro quo offer

Vote negative – embargo means there’s a near-infinite range of “one exception” affs – conditionality forces the aff to find deals that Cuba would accept

# 4

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

AND

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

AND

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

# 5

CP – The Executive Branch of the United States should;

- acknowledge that current reforms in Cuba are real and effective

- loosen restrictions on US citizens to travel to Cuba

- clarify remittance expansion rules

-should reform the Renewable Fuel Standard’s targets.

The State of California should implement fuel standards and invest in cellulosic ethanol technology.

Reform solves and is popular

Mead 13 (Walter Mead, Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College, co-founder of the New American Foundation, Editor-at-Large of The American Interest magazine, former Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “Ethanol Still a Boondoggle,” July 17, 2013, http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/2013/07/17/ethanol-still-a-boondoggle/)

This is a mess even before you consider the foibles of the source of the

AND

the ethanol lobby acknowledges that these biofuels targets have been set too high.

Investment in cellulosic ethanol solves

Zhang et al ’10 [January-March 2010. Yimin Zhang1, Satish Joshi2 and Heather L MacLean1--1 Department of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto, 2 Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, 3 Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry and School of Public Policy and Governance, “Can ethanol alone meet California's low carbon fuel standard? An evaluation of feedstock and conversion alternatives.” http://m.iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/5/1/014002?rel=sem&relno=2]

The feasibility of meeting California's low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) using ethanol from

AND

and need to be refined based on commercial scale production data when available.

CP leads to investment in Cuba that solves their economy

Laverty ’11 [2011, Collin Laverty is a Cuba consultant at the Center for Democracy in the Americas. “Cuba’s New Resolve Economic Reform and its Implications for US Policy”http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/CDA\_Cubas\_New\_Resolve.pdf]

U.S. sanctions are premised on the belief that strangling Cuba’s economy will

AND

$50 million fund for rotating micro-loans and other measures.131

# Sugar

Their author concedes even if Cuba ramps up sugar ethanol production, it won’t displace US corn ethanol demand

Siegel 08 (Jeff Siegel, managing editor of Energy and Capital and contributing analyst for the Energy Investor, “Cuban Sugar Cane Ethanol,” Energy and Capital, February 22, 2008, http://www.energyandcapital.com/articles/cuba-sugar+cane-ethanol/625)

If Cuba decides to invest in the country's sugar industry, it could provide serious

AND

once the Renewable Fuel Standard in the U.S. is met.

Resource scarcity won’t cause war – studies prove.

Salehyan 07 assistant professor of political science at the University of North Texas [Idean Salehyan, “The New Myth About Climate Change”, Foreign Policy, August 2007, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3922>]

First, aside from a few anecdotes, there is little systematic empirical evidence that

AND

, there is much more to armed conflict than resource scarcity and natural disasters

Cuban sugar ethanol imports destroy the ethanol industry—causes Midwestern economic collapse

Specht 13 (Jonathan Specht, Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States,” University of California, Davis, Vol. 36:2, April 24, 2013, http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

Absent a scenario in which the RFS was raised at the same time as U

AND

spending in times of high commodity prices boosts small-town economies).139

That key to the US economy.

Dinneen ‘13

Bob Dinneen, President and CEO, Renewable Fuels Association¶ House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power Hearing;¶ "Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard: Stakeholder Perspectives." (Part One); Congressional Documents and Publications – July 23, 2013 – lexis

It is important to remember that a central objective in developing a vibrant and robust

AND

paid $7.9 billion in federal, state and local taxes.

They can’t slow down climate change

Walker and King, ’08 [Gabrielle Walker has a PhD in Chemistry, Sir David King is the Director of the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford, and a senior scientific adviser to UBS, “The Hot Topic”, pg. 62-63]

It might sound facetious, but the biggest dangers could come from a disaster scenario

AND

know that it could happen swiftly enough to take us completely by surprise.

Adaptation fails—lack of data and false modeling

Oreskes et al, ’10 [Naomi Oreskes, David A. Stainforth, Leonard A. Smith Philosophy of Science, Vol. 77, No. 5 (December 2010), pp. 1012-1028 “Adaptation to Global Warming: Do Climate Models Tell Us What We Need to Know?” http://www2.lse.ac.uk/CATS/publications/papersPDFs/80\_AdaptationtoGlobalWarming\_2010.pdf/]

This argument has been particularly promoted by the libertarian think tank, the CATO Institute

AND

little relevant information regarding such perhaps unlikely, but potentially grave, impacts.

Wind pollination solves honey bees

Dailey 8 (Kate, “Why Are Bees Dying?”, Newsweek, 6-14, http://www.newsweek.com/id/141488/output/print)

Are we doomed? The short answer is no. Human beings don't need honeybee

AND

countries like you do here. That difference is defined by bee pollination.

Status quo solves honey bees

RHS 10 (Royal Horticultural Society, “Bee populations recover,” June 11th, <http://www.rhs.org.uk/News/Bee-populations-recover>, EMM)

Honeybees have emerged from the harshest winter in 30 years apparently none the worse for

AND

membership has risen by more than a third in the last year alone.

No impact to acidification, your largest author agrees, three reasons- delay between CO2 and PH level increase, different areas experience different levels of acidification, and coastal regions prove there are numerous alt causes

IPCC 11 (Bankoku Shinryokan, Edited by: Christopher B. Field, Vicente Barros, Thomas F. Stocker, Qin Dahe, Katharine J. Mach, Gian-Kasper Plattner, Michael D. Mastrandrea, Melinda Tignor, Kristie L. Ebi, January 17-19 2011, “IPCC Workshop on Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biology and Ecosystems”, pdf”

As discussed at the workshop, the modern surface-ocean pCO2 increase generally follows

AND

from freshwater input, eutrophication, hypoxia, and sulphur and nitrogen deposition.

Turn – increased carbon emissions is key to check high altitude water vapor, which outweighs – prefer our evidence – their authors falsify data and their models don’t evaluate water vapor

Andrews, ’10 [January 29, 2010, Michael Andrews, “Dropping Water Vapor Levels are Naturally Negating Carbon's Warming Effects”, http://www.dailytech.com/Dropping+Water+Vapor+Levels+are+Naturally+Negating+Carbons+Warming+Effects+/article17553.htm

\*\*\*Note – he is citing a peer-reviewed study by Susan Solomon , Karen H. Rosenlof and Robert W. Portmann, John S. Daniel, Sean M. Davis, Todd J. Sanford –research scientists for the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Oceanic_and_Atmospheric_Administration), Gian-Kasper Plattner – works at Climate and Environmental Physics, Physics Institute, University of Bern, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

Recently there has been a rash of incidents in which climate alarmists have been embarrassingly

AND

of the model based research used to predict warming is likely badly flawed.

CO2 is key to avert a global agricultural crisis and collapse of the biosphere resulting from global species extinction – outweighs the uncertain effects of warming

Idso, et. al, ’02 [Sherwood PhD and fmr research physicist for the Dept of Ag, Keith PhD Botany, Craig PhD Geography, “Feeding Humanity to Help Save Natural Ecosystems: The Role of the Rising Atmospheric CO2 Concentration”, CO2 Science, Volume 5, Number 36: 4 September 2002

How much land can ten billion people spare for nature? This provocative question was

AND

Any policies that stand in the way of that objective are truly obscene.

No impact to biodiversity

Sagoff ‘97 [March 1997, 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, L/N]

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

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

AND

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

# Cuban econ

The Cuban economy is resilient

AP ’12 [12/26/12, The Associated Press. “Chavez's cancer a concern to Cuba; dependent on trade, oil, though more insulated than in past,” http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/12/26/chavez-cancer-concern-to-cuba-dependent-on-trade-oil-though-more-insulated-than/]

Cubans who were tuned in to the nightly soap opera on a recent Saturday received

AND

to Chinese and Vietnamese leaders earlier this year to help cement Asian relationships.

Alarmist, no Indian Pakistan war

Sarwar ‘12 (Beena Sarwar, International The News, April 23, 2012, “All for peace”, http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-14-104612-All-for-peace)

“Trade for peace” is the new catchphrase defining the emerging relationship between India and Pakistan – a relationship historically so troubled that, when not actually at war, they have been engaged in a virtual cold war. But the winds of change are now blowing in a more positive phase, heralded by recent breakthroughs on the trade front.

Pakistan plans to grant the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to India,

AND

discussing the opening of cross-border branches of Indian and Pakistani banks.

This process was catalysed in May 2010 by the ground-breaking Indo-Pak Business Meet, co-sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and the Pakistan-India CEOs Business Forum in New Delhi, organised by Aman ki Asha, the peace campaign launched by the Jang Group of Pakistan and The Times of India on January 1, 2010.

The campaign itself was an icebreaker in the midst of tensions following the terrorist attacks of November 2008 in Mumbai. According to polls, conducted before the launch and a year later, Aman ki Asha improved Indians’ and Pakistanis’ perceptions about each other.

The campaign strengthens, and is strengthened by, the non-government organisations that have been laying the groundwork for years. It also energises people on both sides of the border to work for the peace agenda. Other media does cover these efforts, but the Aman ki Asha campaign caught the public imagination as never before, giving both governments the confidence to move towards improving relations. And it has provided the business community with a much-needed platform.

The landmark May 2010 Business Meet brought together some 250 Indian and 60 Pakistani businessmen and women in an unprecedented large and high-powered gathering, addressed by Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee. The delegates’ joint statement highlighted achievable objectives, including six sectors with the highest potential for mutual cooperation: Textiles, Information Technology (IT), Agriculture, Healthcare, Energy and Education.

The statement urged both governments to ease visa restrictions, especially for the business community and simply let the people meet, as “the single greatest step the governments can take, that will have the greatest impact in all areas of concern”.

It urged lifting the ban on cell-phone roaming between India and Pakistan -- probably the only two neighbouring countries in the world that disallow this facility -- and on video up-linking from India to Pakistan.

With Indian and Pakistani IT companies keen to work together, the IT Committee has convened several times. The Health and Education Committees have met; Pakistani and Indian Rotarians have joined hands with Aman ki Asha to provide free surgeries for children with heart diseases.

At closed-door conferences and strategic seminars organised by Aman ki Asha, thought-leaders and opinion-makers have discussed sensitive issues including water, media, security, Kashmir, and terrorism (former heads of RAW and ISI attended the last one). Their joint statements reflect consensus on key issues.

Aman ki Asha’s concerts and readings involving music and literary giants, and sustained campaigns for easing visa restrictions (‘Milne Duo’) and releasing cross-border prisoners (‘In Humanity’s Name’), have blasted “peace” and cross-border collaboration in the public domain as never before.

All this contributes to laying the ground for better political and diplomatic relations. Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari was warmly received in India, even by the traditionally hard-line BJP. His invitation to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to visit Pakistan appears likely to be taken up this year.

The enormity of the suffering caused by the military standoff between Pakistan and India came to the fore with the Siachin avalanche that killed over 130 Pakistani soldiers. Pakistan’s opposition leader Nawaz Sharif, and even Chief of Army Staff Gen. Kayani have joined the growing chorus of voices on both sides of the border calling to de-militarise the world’s highest battleground, where extreme weather conditions have claimed more lives than ‘enemy’ fire.

Meanwhile, the trade route to peace is moving along. Last week, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Pakistan Business Council (PBC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aman ki Asha agreeing to host annual conferences alternately in India and Pakistan. The second Aman ki Asha Indo-Pak Economic Conference, and the first under this partnership, is scheduled to take place on May 7-8, 2012, in Lahore.

There is a growing realisation that war between the two nuclear-armed neighbours is not an option. Countries that engage in mutual trade and investment don’t go to war.

Iran wont prolif and wont have an effect

Paul R. Pillar 12, Visiting Professor and Director of the Security Studies Program in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, served in the Central Intelligence Agency for 28 years, "We Can Live with a Nuclear Iran," March/April, The Washington Monthly, <http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/marchapril_2012/features/we_can_live_with_a_nuclear_ira035772.php?page=all>

Given the momentousness of such an endeavor and how much prominence the Iranian nuclear issue

AND

the notion that the Iranians’ God always pushes them toward violence and martyrdom.)

#### Instability will only be caused by Fidel Castro’s death or a power vacuum – that’s not happening right now and Fidel died-their Gorrell evidence