**1AC v2**

**Plan**

**The United States federal government should pass the Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement.**

**Environment**

**Contention one is the environment**

**Mexico’s oil company PEMEX has no tech or expertise to drill**

**Johnson 12 -** [Tim Johnson, Maria Moors Cabot Prize, Winner & Stanford University, Knight Fellow, citing various oil experts, 3-04-12, McClatchy Newspapers, Mexico City, “Mexican plan for Gulf deepwater wells sparks new worries” <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/04/03/144004/mexican-plan-for-gulf-deepwater.html#.UdA9CvmwWuk>]

Two years after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history,

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: "The risks are massive and the potential benefits are comparatively small."

**Florida Straits ecosystems are on the brink—a spill would crush the coastline and Caribbean coral reefs – kills species**

**Hoffman ’12** – environment and science writer for numerous publications

(Karen, “Cuba’s Gulf of Mexico Oil Exploration Makes Strange Bedfellows”, Earth Island Journal, 3-15-2012, http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/cubas\_gulf\_of\_mexico\_oil\_exploration\_makes\_strange\_bedfellows/)

Florida’s 800 miles of coast are far from as unspoiled as Cuba’s, but they

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, Cuba and Mexico to collaborate more on marine science and conservation issues.)

**Scenario 1 is Bio-D**

**The Gulf is a key ocean biodiversity hotspot**

**Brenner 8 –** Jorge Brenner, March 14th, 2008, "Guarding the Gulf of Mexico's valuable resources" www.scidev.net/en/opinions/guarding-the-gulf-of-mexico-s-valuable-resources.html

Rich in biodiversity and habitats The Gulf of Mexico is rich in biodiversity and unique

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in the North Atlantic that helps to regulate the climate of western Europe.

**Extinction**

**Craig 3**, Associate Prof Law, Indiana U School Law, 2003(McGeorge Law Review, 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155 Lexis)

Biodiversity and ecosystem function arguments for conserving marine ecosystems also exist, just as they

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kill ourselves, and we will take most of the biosphere with us.

**There’s an invisible threshold – resiliency doesn’t apply**

**Craig 11** (Robin Kundis Craig, Attorneys’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, 12/20/11 “Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell” <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1906839>)

What would happen instead if we incorporated full resilience theory into our laws? As

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actions do to the ecosystems that we both impact and depend upon.185

**Scenario 2 is Warming**

**Independently, the plan is key to clean tech**

**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

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

**Clean tech solves climate change**

**Klarevas ’09** [12/15/09, Louis Klarevas is a Professor at the Center for Global Affairs at New York University, “[Securing American Primacy While Tackling Climate Change: Toward a National Strategy of Greengemony](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/louis-klarevas/securing-american-primacy_b_393223.html)”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/louis-klarevas/securing-american-primacy_b_393223.html>] By not addressing climate change more aggressively and creatively, the United States is squandering an AND

leverage that can be employed to keep potential foes in check.

**Warming is the only existential risk**

Deibel ’07—Prof IR @ National War College (Terry, “Foreign Affairs

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States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet.

**Warming is real and anthropogenic – skeptics are bought off clowns**

**Prothero 12** (Donald Prothero, Professor of Geology at Occidental College, Lecturer in Geobiology at CalTech, "How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused," 3/1/12, EBSCO)

How do we know that global warming is real and primarily human caused? There

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change when it threatens their survival. Neither can we as a society.

**Wetlands**

**Contention two is wetlands**

**Southeastern wetlands are key to aquatic biodiversity, the hydrologic cycle, watershed health, and prevent erosion and they’re on the brink now**

**EPA 13** – US Environmental Protection Agency (“Protecting Wetlands in Coastal Watersheds”, Last updated on Wednesday, July 03, 2013, <http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/cwt.cfm>)

Coastal wetlands include saltwater and freshwater wetlands located within coastal watersheds — specifically USGS 8

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of carbon due to their rapid growth rates and slow decomposition rates.6

**Gulf oil spills devastate wetlands environments, destroy water quality and increase soil erosion**

**EarthGauge 10** – a National Environmental Education Foundation Program (“Gulf Oil Spill Series: Impacts on Coastal Wetland Plants”, <http://www.earthgauge.net/wp-content/EG_Gulf_WetlandPlants.pdf>)

IMPACTS OF OIL ON COASTAL WETLANDS Most research on the impacts of oil in wetlands

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higher water levels and excess flooding that may prevent plants from growing back.

**Wetlands are key to the hydro-cycle – the impact is extinction**

**Ramsar Convention 96** (“Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Wetlands and Biodiversity, Executive Summary”, http://www.ramsar.org/about/about\_biodiversity.htm, ACC: 12.20.08, p. online)

Wetlands - including (inter alia) rivers, lakes, marshes, estuaries,

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transition zones between aquatic ecosystems and terrestrial ecosystems such as forests and grasslands.

**Soil erosion threatens all life on the planet**

**Ikerd 99** – Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at University of Missouri (John E., “Foundational Principles: Soils. Stewardship, and Sustainability,” Sep 22, http://www.ssu.missouri.edu/faculty/jikerd/papers/NCSOILS.html)

A foundation is "the basis upon which something stands or is supported" (

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water to drink, and food to eat. It’s just less obvious.

**Economy**

**Contention three is the economy**

**PEMEX is declining – THA diversifies Mexico’s oil portfolio**

**Kerry et al. 12** (JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah William C. Danvers, Staff Director Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, “OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT”, December 2012, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm>) Progress, but can it last? A snapshot of Mexico’s oil sector Mexico has a long history of oil production and has prospects

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have wide repercussions on all programs funded in the Mexican budget, from poverty alleviation to the rule of law, let alone broader economic growth.

**PEMEX and oil decline will drive Mexico into a financial crisis**

**Krauss and Malkin 10** Clifford Kraus and Elisabeth Malkin, Krauss is a national business correspondent based in Houston covering energy for the NYT, Malkin covers environmental and energy news especially for Mexico for the NYT, March 8, 2010, “Mexico Oil Politics Keeps Riches Just Out of Reach”, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/09/business/global/09pemex.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0>VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, Mexico — To the Mexican people, one of the great achievements in their history

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“Without doubt, Pemex is in a key moment in its history,” he said.

**We’ll isolate two internal links to economic growth**

**First is cooperation**

**THA enables cooperation that leads to private companies to work with Mexico**

Brown and Meacham 13 Neil Brown and Carl Meacham, Brown is non-resident fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Meacham is director of the Americas Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, June 6, 2013, “Time for US-Mexico Transboundary Agreement”, <http://thehill.com/opinion/op-ed/303739-time-for-us-mexico-transboundary-agreement>.

The United States-Mexico Transboundary Agreement (TBA) would enable cooperation between AND

companies are willing partners. That is good for Mexico and for the U.S.

**Specifically, cooperation over deep-water wells are key**

**Melgar, 2012** (Lourdes, director of the Center for Sustainability and Business at EGADE Business School of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Summer 2012, “The Future of PEMEX,” http://www.americasquarterly.org/node/3781)

The challenge for PEMEX is to increase reserves and oil and gas production in areas

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The Mexican oil industry can no longer thrive on amendments to distorted schemes.

**Second is drilling**

**Independently, drilling solves Mexican growth**

**Kerry et al. 12**

(JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah William C. Danvers, Staff Director Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, “OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT”, December 2012, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm>) **The centerpiece of the TBA is the mandate to establish so-called ‘‘unitization’’ agreements by AND**

the United States. **As a reliable, proximate, and friendly neighbor, Mexican oil imports support U.S. energy security**

**Economic decline causes Mexican collapse**

**Barnes 11** Joe Barnes, the Bonner Means Baker Fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, written extensively on international economics, with a focus on the geopolitics of energy, April 29, 2011, “The Future of Oil in Mexico”, <http://bakerinstitute.org/publications/EF-pub-BarnesBilateral-04292011.pdf>. In summary. **the slow decline of Mexican oil production, in and of itself, is unlikely to have a dramatic AND**

welcome. Not all national oil companies are created equal: Pemex's development into something like Norway's Statol would mark an important improvement.36

**That causes terrorism**

Michael Brown 9, Undersecretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Department of Homeland Security, “Border Control: Collapse of Mexico Is A Homeland Security & National Security Issue,” 1/14, <http://michaelbrowntoday.com/journal/2009/1/15/border-control-collapse-of-mexico-is-a-homeland-security-nat.html> By failing to secure the borders and control immigration, we have opened ourselves up to a

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and probably already have, infiltrated the United States, just laying in wait to attack at an appropriately vulnerable time.

**They’ll use bioweapons**

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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centers there,” al-Nasifi said.

**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. Although great progress has been made in reducing the number of nuclear

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While such an event seems unlikely today, the likelihood may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

**Mexican stability key to heg**

**Kaplan ’12 –** chief geopolitical analyst at Stratfor (Robert D., With the Focus on Syria, Mexico Burns, Stratfor, 3-28-2012, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/focus-syria-mexico-burns)>

While the foreign policy elite in Washington focuses on the 8,000 deaths in

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can continue to focus on serious moral questions in places that matter less.

**Hegemony prevents multiple nuclear conflicts**

**Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth ’13**

(Stephen, Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, John Ikenberry is the

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

**Unilateralism is inevitable – multilat doesn’t cut it**

**Bass 9** (James E Bass, Major, US Air Force, “Unilateral vs. Multilateral Engagement: A Scenario-Based Approach to Guiding America’s Future Foreign Policy,” Air Command and Staff College, Air University, p. 3-6, April 2009, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA539615)

According to Stewart Patrick of the Center on International Cooperation, America’s preference for unilateral

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Bush administration’s refusal to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on climate change in 2001.