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#### Trade promotion authority will pass – bipartisan support

Reuters 12-12 – (“Congress could OK trade promotion bill in early 2014”, December 12 of 2013, http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Congress-could-OK-trade-promotion-bill-in-early-2014-235387181.html)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Three top U.S. lawmakers on key congressional

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the House Ways and Means Committee, which is also oversees trade issues.

#### Plan trades off

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William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action.

#### Political capital is essential for TPA, which maintains US trade leadership, growth, and hegemony.

Riley and Kim, 13 (Bryan, Jay Van Andel senior policy analyst in trade policy for the Center for International Trade and Economics, and Anthony, senior policy analyst Center for International Trade and Economics, “Advancing Trade Freedom: Key Objective of Trade Promotion Authority Renewal,” http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/04/advancing-trade-freedom-key-objective-of-trade-promotion-authority-renewal)

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) has been a critical tool for advancing free trade

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that accrue from such policies. It should not let the opportunity pass.

#### **Collapse of trade causes great power war and US economic decline *in the short term***

PANITCHPAKDI ‘4 (Supachai Panitchpakdi, secretary-general of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, 2/26/2004, American Leadership and the World Trade Organization, p. http://www.wto.org/english/news\_e/spsp\_e/spsp22\_e.htm)

The second point is that strengthening the world trading system is essential to America's wider

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constrained, not by multilateral rules, but by the absence of rules.

### 2

#### Economic engagement is a conditional QPQ

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 engagementshouldpromote China’s economic integration through negotiationsontrade 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).

Vote negative

a) Limits – policies the embargo means there’s a near-infinite range of “one exception” affs

b) Ground – unconditional engagement denies us “say no” and backlash arguments which are a crucial part of the engagement debate

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#### Text: The United States federal government should phase out a substantial portion of its economic restrictions toward Cuba on the condition that the government of Cuba makes appropriate economic and political reforms.

#### Only conditioning removal of the embargo on continued reform prevents Castro from backsliding on status quo reforms

Sanguinetty 13

Jorge, “Who benefits and loses if the US-Cuba embargo is lifted?” [http://devresearchcenter.org/2013/04/08/who-benefits-and-loses-if-the-us-cuba-embargo-is-lifted-by-jorge-a-sanguinetty/] April //mtc

The answer depends on the conditions under which the embargo is lifted. I focus

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lifting of the US embargo is likely to bring about democracy in Cuba.

### 4

**A. Discourses of danger reproduces an American identity – that posits the US as a the defender of global freedom and liberty**

**Campbell, 98**- Professor of International Politics University of Newcastle (David, Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity)

The crisis of representation the United States faces is unique only in the particularities of

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the idea that foreign policy/Foreign Policy is constitutive of political identity.

**B. That makes extinction inevitable**

**Willson, 02**- Ph.D New College San Fransisco, Humanities, JD, American University (Brian, “Armageddon or Quantum Leap? U.S. Imperialism and Human Consciousness from an Evolutionary Perspective”, [**http://www.brianwillson.com/quantum.html**](http://www.brianwillson.com/quantum.html))

Awaiting the impending U.S. government's concocted "preventive" war against Iraq

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everything that contributes to their support" (General John Sullivan, 1779).

In a prominent history book published in 1906 (*The History of the United States*

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cyclical, indicate that we are dangerously near the end of our evolutionary branch

**C. Alternative text – reject the affirmative to desecuritize the Political. Vote negative to challenge securitization itself in favor of a political ethic that approaches problems in non-security terms and exposes the limits of their methodology.**

### Oil

#### Prices low – Fed meeting and Libya

Gorondi 12-13-13 (Pablo, Associated Press, “Oil prices down as market awaits Fed meeting,” <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/dec/13/oil-prices-down-as-market-awaits-fed-meeting/>, 12-13-13, ab)

The price of oil slid below $97 a barrel Friday on the possibility of

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keep prices from dropping sharply and hurting oil revenues that underpin their economies.

#### War in the Middle East will never escalate to all-out war – conflicts remain relatively localized

Cook, Takeyh, and Maloney, 07 (Douglas Dillon Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, Ray, Senior Fellow For Middle Eastern Studies at the CFR, Suzanne, Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution, June 28, **,** online: http://www.cfr.org/publication/13702/why\_the\_iraq\_war\_wont\_engulf\_the\_mideast.html, accessed December 25, 2007)

Yet, the Saudis, Iranians, Jordanians, Syrians, and others are very

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its civil strife and prevent local conflicts from enveloping the entire Middle East.

#### Airpower doesn't deter – only ground forces are perceived

**Allan, 94** (Charles, Air Force National Defense Fellow at the CSIS,"Extended Conventional Deterrence: In from the Cold and Out of the Nuclear Fire?" Washington Quarterly, Summer, 1994)

*Information.* As we have seen, imperfect information about a defender's commitment may be

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Without clear recognition of U.S. power, deterrence cannot hold.

#### US airpower will be used against civilian targets because it’s not effective militarily – this will increase the risk of protracted conflicts

Crane, 01 (Conrad, Director of the U. S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, and fellow at the Strategic Studies Institute, The National Interest, Fall, lexis)

The 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review season is hard upon us, but this year's energies

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, the results were not at all those envisioned when the campaign started.

### Warming

#### You don’t solve – your author

Specht 13 – Legal advisor, at Pearlmaker Holsteins (Jonathan, “Raising Cane: Sugar Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States”, April 24 of 2013, <http://works.bepress.com/jonathan_specht/2/>)

It must be stressed that sugarcane-based ethanol, from Cuba or anywhere else

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grown sugarcane can, and should, be part of the solution to bot

#### Obama administration is hard-lining Cuba

Haven 13 (Paul, Associated Prices, NY Times, “Cuba, US try talking, but face many obstacles”, 6/21/13 http://www.timesherald.com/article/20130621/NEWS05/130629930/cuba-us-try-talking-but-face-many-obstacles#full\_story)

To be sure, there is still far more that separates the long-time

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against the Cuban people, and respect basic human rights,” he said.

#### The AFF is appeasement

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-

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

#### Appeasement triggers multiple scenarios for nuclear– it is only a question of perception

Hanson 9 - American military historian, columnist and the Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution (Victor, “Change, Weakness, Disaster, Obama: Answers from Victor Davis Hanson”, December 7 of 2009, Interview between Bernard Chapin and Hanson, <http://pjmedia.com/blog/change-weakness-disaster-obama-answers-from-victor-davis-hanson/>)

BC: Are we currently sending a message of weakness to our foes and allies

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tiger and now no one quite knows whom it will bite or when.

#### Empirical trends disprove warming impacts

Goklany 11 - a science and technology policy analyst for the United States Department of the Interior (Indur M., “Misled on Climate Change: How the UN IPCC (and others) Exaggerate the Impacts of Global Warming” December 2011, <http://goklany.org/library/Reason%20CC%20and%20Development%202011.pdf>, PZ)

Discussion and Conclusions **Despite claims that GW will reduce human well-being in poor**

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**been**, overall, **a very significant benefit to people in poor countries.**

#### [ ] Global Warming is a natural process – Antarctica proves

Kelly 12(Conor “NASA’s Antarctic Study Casts Doubt on Global Warming” ForexTV.com 6/19/12 <http://www.forextv.com/forex-news-story/nasa-s-antarctic-study-casts-doubt-on-global-warming>)

**A recent study published by University of Southern California researchers suggests that Antarctica featured drastically**

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**global temperatures will reach Miocene Era levels by the end of this century.**

#### [ ] Their authors are biased

Ferrara 11 – Heartland Institute senior fellow, senior fellow at the Social Security Institute, graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, general counsel of the American Civil Rights Union, Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States under the first President Bush, author of The Obamacare Disaster, President Obama's Tax Piracy, and America's Ticking Bankruptcy Bomb: How the Looming Debt Crisis Threatens the American Dream-and How We Can Turn the Tide Before It's Too Late (Peter, “Packing Heat,” The American Spectator, 9/7/11, <http://spectator.org/archives/2011/09/07/packing-heat)//PC>

**The theory that human activity is causing potentially catastrophic global warming is not science.**

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objective science was a foundation of the rise of the West for centuries.