# 1st off

#### Obama’s holding off sanctions now but the Senate will keep pushing

Slavin 12/11 (Barbara Slavin is a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council’s South Asia Center and a correspondent for Al-Monitor.com, a website specializing in the Middle East. She is the author of a 2007 book, Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the US and the Twisted Path to Confrontation, and is a regular commentator on U.S. foreign policy and Iran on NPR, PBS, C-SPAN and the Voice of America. “Congress Avoids Clash on Iran Sanctions But Road Ahead Uncertain” http://www.voanews.com/content/clash-over-iran-sanctions-avoided-road-ahead-uncertain/1808440.html)

Congress appears poised to give the Barack Obama administration some early Christmas gifts as it

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comes to more sanctions] they know you’re yearning to go do it.”

Cards are about why it is unpopular to use EFS –

Read all the answers that Vinay has

Read that all agency action gets tied with Obama

No link – circumvents congress 🡪 increases risk of link. Talk about congress pissed in the past.

#### Using ESF circumvents Congress and angers both parties – they will undermine the ESF, putting new pressure on the peso which turns case

Broz, associate professor of political science at UC San Diego, 2005

(J. Lawrence, American Journal of Political Science,Vol. 49, No. 3, July 2005, Pp. 479–496, http://weber.ucsd.edu/~jlbroz/pdf\_folder/broz\_ajps\_bailouts.pdf)

In response, President Clinton announced a plan to extend $40 billion in loan

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a series of legislative actions to shorten the leash on the ESF followed.

#### Obama will need to keep spending PC to stop sanctions

LA Times 12/10 (“Congress assails Iran nuclear deal, but one bid for sanctions falters” http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-fg-iran-congress-20131211,0,4356317.story#axzz2nJiRdgWp)

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John F. Kerry faced sharp complaints from House lawmakers

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said. "We're at one of those really hinge points in history."

#### Global nuclear war in a month if talks fail – US sanctions will wreck diplomacy

Press TV 11/13 “Global nuclear conflict between US, Russia, China likely if Iran talks fail”, <http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/11/13/334544/global-nuclear-war-likely-if-iran-talks-fail/>

A global conflict between the US, Russia, and China is likely in the

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taking away sanctions. We are not rolling them back," Psaki added.

# 2nd off

#### Movements against neoliberalism are growing in Latin America – but the plan increases neoliberal control in the region. That crushes indigenous cultures and the environment which means that the only way to solve is a de-linking.

Harris 8 (Richard L Harris: Professor of Global Studies at California State University, Monterey Bay; Managing Editor of the Journal of Developing Societies (SAGE India); and Coordi­ nating Editor of Latin American Perspectives (SAGE USA). “Latin America’s Response to Neoliberalism and Globalization,” http://www.nuso.org/upload/articulos/3506\_2.pdf)

The economic, political and social development of the Latin American and Caribbean countries is

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model of uneven and inequitable development that has pillaged most of the region.

#### You have an ethical obligation to reject neoliberalism. Utilitarian rationality cannot account for the degraded life chances of billions because capital makes its victims anonymous

Daly 2004 Glyn. Lecturer in International Studies at the University College Northampton. Conversations with Žižek. 14-19

For Žižek it is imperative that we cut through this Gordian knot of postmodern protocol

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that, like Žižek’s own thought, exhorts us to risk the impossible.

#### Reject the 1AC and its hegemonic knowledge production in favor of alternatives to knowledge production. That’s enough to re-politicize the political sphere and solve the impact to the K.

Sheppard and Leitner 9 (Eric Sheppard, PhD, geographer and Regents Professor of Economic geography at the University of Minnesota, Helga Leitner “ Quo vadis neoliberalism? The remaking of global capitalist governance after the Washington Consensus,” http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/geog/downloads/7235/496.pdf)

We have argued that the shifting global governance discourses directed toward the third world since

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economic and cultural subordination” (Fraser, 1997, p. 28).

# 3rd off

#### A. Interpretation – Economic engagement requires meeting material needs of the target country

Resnick 1 (Dr. Evan Resnick, Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, “Defining Engagement”, Journal of International Affairs, Spring, 54(2), Ebsco)

A REFINED DEFINITION OF ENGAGEMENT¶ In order to establish a more effective framework for

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Hitler's Germany, will not be seduced by the potential benefits of engagement.

#### B. Violation – the swap agreement is not a tangible material resource

#### C. Voting Issue

#### 1. Limits – There is a finite amount of material resources that the topic countries need from the US, but an infinite amount of agreements that can be made. Predictable limits are key to case-specific research to test the aff

#### 2. Ground – they only allow for perception-based DAs which avoid core issues of physical engagement and trade. Perception DAs are inevitable on every topic, but physical engagement with other countries is key to topic education

# 4th off

#### Text: The United States federal government should continue current quantitative easing policies indefinitely.

#### Open ended promise of QE solves the investor perception

(Gongloff 6/19, Mark Gongloff, chief financial writer at The Huffington Post. He was previously a reporter, editor and blogger at The Wall Street Journal and CNN/Money, “Markets Sell Off Sharply After Bernanke Talks Of Quantitative Easing Slowdown”, Huffington Post, 6/19/13, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/19/bernanke-markets\_n\_3467940.html)

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke sent tremors through U.S. financial markets on

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ringing endorsement of the economy's ability to stand on its own two feet.

#### Mexico has been increased gold buying amid peso depreciation

Guilford 4/16 (Gwynn, “Why central banks have been buying gold since 2009”- Quartz; 4/16/13; http://qz.com/74459/why-central-banks-have-been-hoarding-gold-since-2009/)

Even as gold prices have hovered at historical highs, central banks have been snapping

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currency interventions to keep the peso weak, which resulted in ballooning reserves.

#### Dollar lending creates a moral hazard in vulnerable economies, like Mexico

Sengupta 10 (Rajeswari, Department of Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Firm Dollar Debt and Central Bank Dollar Reserves: A Case of Moral Hazard?,” May, 2010, <http://sciie.ucsc.edu/workingpaper/2010/Moral%20Hazard%20and%20Reserves-Raj-1.pdf>)

In this paper, we explore a robust but previously undocumented association between the foreign

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control variables, as well as country, sector, and time dummies.

#### Gold is key to stability in times of crisis – the brink is now

Barba 3/14 (Guillermo, Mexican financial journalist- writes for multiple financial magazines and newspapers about Mexico’s financial stability, economy, silver, and gold; “BANK OF MEXICO BUYS PAPER “GOLD”, SELLS PHYSICAL!”- InteligenciaFinanciera Global; 3/14/13; http://inteligenciafinancieraglobal.blogspot.mx/2013/03/bank-of-mexico-buys-paper-gold-sells.html)

Two years ago Banxico bought 100 tons of gold, and in 2012, added

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in fact within our borders. The clock is ticking Mr. Carstens.

# Case

## Drug Cartels

**Loss of drug trafficking revenue collapses Mexican economy and government**

**Daily Telegraph 97**

Lord of the Skies, stuff.mit.edu/people/aaelenes/sinaloa/narco/amado/amado12.html

Eavesdropping on a cocaine cowboy in an Italian restaurant, I hear, 'Ten killings

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Look Ernesto, just don't you forget who's paying the bills around here.

#### Laundry list of alt causes to instability

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Research Fellow in the Energy Programme and the Department of Russia and Eurasia at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs and Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (Heidi and Stina, “Afghanistan and Regional Instability: A Risk Assessment”, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, http://english.nupi.no/Publications/Books-and-reports/2008/Afghanistan-and-regional-instability-A-risk-assessment)

The regional context of Afghanistan poses a range of challenges for the country’s stabilisation process

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times, although fully fledged ‘water wars’ have remained a remote prospect.

#### No terminal impact.

Haass, ‘9

(Richard N., President -- CFR, former Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, 11-9, “In the Afghan War, Aim for the Middle,” http://www.cfr.org/publication/20383/in\_the\_afghan\_war\_aim\_for\_the\_middle.html)

Why does Afghanistan matter? We generally hear four arguments. First, if the

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the international coalition that ousted Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. There are and always

**will be opportunities to demonstrate the effectiveness of U.S. power**.

**NATO forces insure Afghan stability**

**Sediqi, 12** (Rafi; 10/16/12; <http://tolonews.com/en/afghanistan/7967-nato-says-new-framework-assures-afghan-stability-after-2014->) KD

Some Nato forces will remain in Afghanistan after 2014, assuring ongoing stability as the

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supported in the future and their training mission will continue," Medley added.¶

## Economic Collapse

#### Mexico’s economy is increasing now.

Tim Padgett of World Time, 3/8/13Padgett is a well-known Time contributor and a Miami-based journalist <http://world.time.com/2013/03/08/mexicos-new-boom-why-the-world-should-tone-down-the-hype/>

I couldn’t be happier that Mexico’s economy is rebounding. After barely 2% average

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As I noted a year ago, it’s a trend well worth applauding.

#### Mexican Econ growing – Manufacturing

Aeppel 6/28/13 (Timothy, writes about Economics and Finance for Wall Street Journal,

“Mexico Manufacturing Looks to Gain Competitive Edge on China”<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2013/06/28/mexico-manufacturing-looks-to-gain-competitive-edge-on-china/>)

Mexico’s competitive edge over China in some types of manufacturingis set to keep growing.

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That makes it an attractive place to make goods destined for many markets.

#### Economy resilient despite peso volatility

Reuters 12 (Citing interview with Mexican central bank governor Agustin Carstens. "Mexico's Carstens sees resilient economy" May 28, 2012. www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/28/us-latam-summit-carstens-highlights-idUSBRE84R0PL20120528)

(Reuters) - Mexico will experience only a moderate economic hit if Greece leaves

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they are supporting credit growth in the country and supporting Mexico's economic growth."

#### Financing won’t be available before crisis

Moreno 10 (Ramon, Head of Economics for Latin America and the Caribbean,

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At the same time, the costs of these alternative ¶ financing facilities could be

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, which may ¶ partly depend on a country’s holding of foreign reserves.

#### No historical connection between economic collapse and conflict

Ferguson, 06

M.A., Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, Resident faculty member of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Senior Research Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford University, and a Senior Fellow of the Hoover Institution, Stanford University (Niall, “The Next War of the World”, Foreign Affairs, September-October 2006, May 21st 2010, KONTOPOULOS)

Nor can economic crises explain the bloodshed. What may be the most familiar causal

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economic catastrophe, and some severe economic crises were not followed by wars.

## Warming

#### U.S. Banking Sector is Resilient- recent stress tests prove

Reuters 4/8 (“Bernanke Says Stress Tests Make Banks More Stable”- CNBC; 4/8/13; http://www.cnbc.com/id/100625500)

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said on Monday the central bank's periodic bank stress tests

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on short-term sources of funding, raising some potential for trouble.

#### New banking reforms and regulations solve

Reuters, 6/23/13 (“Banks present crisis plan to the Fed: WSJ”- Reuters, Reported by Sakthi Prasad and Edited by Richard Borsuk; 6/23/13http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/24/us-banks-capital-idUSBRE9N02D20130624)

(Reuters) - U.S. banks have given a proposal to federal

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while government officials replace senior management and fix problems, the Journal said.

#### CO2 emissions solve food shortages globally

Idso 11 (Sherwood Idso, former research physicist for the Department of Agriculture, 7/6/11, “Meeting the Food Needs of a Growing World Population,” <http://www.co2science.org/articles/V14/N27/EDIT.php>).

Parry and Hawkesford (2010) introduce their study of the global problem by noting

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with more people "hungrier now than at the start of the millennium.”

#### Billions will die without expanded agricultural output

Mahendra Shah, Executive Secretary of CGIAR and Maurice Strong, Senior Adviser to UN and World Bank 2000 “Food in the 21st century: from science to sustainable agriculture,” p. 9-10

As the new millennium begins, the world faces another food crisis that is just

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wheat and rice alone may not have the impact it did 30 years ago

#### Famine sparks World War 3

Calvin 98 (William H. Calvin, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington, January 1998, “The Great Climate Flip-Flop,” The Atlantic Monthly, Ebsco Host]

The population-crash scenario is surely the most appalling. Plummeting crop yields would

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longer do so if it lost the extra warming from the North Atlantic.

#### 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.

## Leadership

#### US withdrawal won’t cause power wars – forward deployment only encourages NATO growth and Russian expansionism

Gholz, Press, and Sapolsky, 97

(Eugene Gholz and Daryl Press, doctoral candidates in political science at MIT. Harvey Sapolsky, professor of public policy at MIT. International Security, Vol. 21, No. 4. Spring 1997)

Several prominent analysts favor a policy of selective engagement. These analysts fear that American

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would be German rather than American troops standing guard on the new borders.

#### Obama’s embracing a strategy of retrenchment that will get the U.S. out of hegemony peacefully - the plan’s attempt to prop up heg causes great-power conflict and a violent transition to multipolarity

Adam Quinn 11, Lecturer in International Studies at the University of Birmingham, July 2011, “The Art of Declining Politely: Obama’s Prudent Presidency and the Waning of American Power,” International Affairs, Vol. 87, No. 4, p. 803-824

As for the administration’s involvement in the ‘Arab Spring’, and latterly military intervention

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seems it is fortunate enough to have a president who fits the bill.

#### Only disengagement solves---prolonging hegemony increases the risk of great power war---and none of their offense applies because primacy doesn’t create effective influence

Nuno P. Monteiro 12, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University, “Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity is Not Peaceful,” International Security, Winter 2012, Vol. 36, No. 3, p. 9-40

From the perspective of the overall peacefulness of the international system, then, no

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peacefully. In effect, unparalleled relative power requires unequaled self-restraint.