# 1st

#### 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.

#### Extinction---tech and reforms fail

Richard A. Smith 7, Research Associate at the Institute for Policy Research & Development, UK; PhD in History from UCLA, June 2007, “The Eco-suicidal Economics of Adam Smith,” Capitalism Nature Socialism, Vol. 18, No. 2, p. 22-43

In the midst of the record-breaking heat wave in the summer of 2003

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"endless technical adjustments;" thus no further theoretical thought is required."27

#### 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).

# 2nd

#### Counterplan Text: The President of the United States of America should establish the creation of a Presidential Bipartisan Commission on Cuba to study current U.S. policy on Cuba. The Commission should recommend that the United States federal government phase out a substantial portion of its economic restrictions toward the Republic of Cuba.

#### The counterplan solves case and doesn’t link to the net benefit – commissions ensure coverage for Obama

Ratliff 13 (William, is a research fellow and curator of Americas Collection at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, specializing in Latin America, China, and U.S. foreign policy, “Cuba’s Tortured Transition”, Defining Ideas: A Hoover Institution Journal, January 30th 2013,http://www.hoover.org/publications/defining-ideas/article/139281, SD)

Since the early 1990s U.S. “proactive” policies have done more

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Washington can promote change while defusing rather than stoking domestic conflict and tensions.¶

#### Commissions avoid politics – seen as bipartisan.

Straus and Glassman -12 (Matthew Eric Glassman, Analyst on the Congress, Jacob R. Straus, Analyst on the Congress, Congressional Commissions: Overview, Structure, and Legislative Considerations, February 15, 2012, CRS Reports, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40076.pdf)

Throughout American history, Congress has found commissions to be useful entities in the legislative

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and recommendations more politically acceptable, both in Congress and among the public.

# 3rd

#### Farm Bill will pass – major issues worked out, momentum, support from ag lobbies

Rogers 12/4 (David Rogers has covered Congress for better than 30 years and was an early addition to POLITICO in January 2008. “Big trades advance farm bill talks” http://www.politico.com/story/2013/12/farm-bill-talks-progress-100670.html)

Farm bill negotiators broke major new ground toward a long-sought deal, even

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, our hardworking farm and ranch families and the rural communities they support.”

#### Plan costs capital

Aho 13 (Matthew Aho, Inter-American Dialogue's Latin America Advisor, What Does Obama's Second Term Hold for U.S.-Cuba Relations?, <http://www.cubastudygroup.org/index.cfm/newsroom?ContentRecord_id=2c202b27-1916-4509-b1b7-00d7ed8f4914>, 1/23/13)

Aside from easing some travel restrictions, there have been only two emergent themes on

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could prove vital and create new opportunities for U.S. business.

#### PC is key to the bill

Knight 10/28 (Bruce, Agri-Pulse, “Farm Bill 2013: Inside the conference,” <http://www.agri-pulse.com/Opinion-Farm-Bill-2013-Inside-the-conference.asp>)

Good news-the farm bill is moving once again. We have conferees named

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SNAP, getting other differences in the farm bill will be a snap!

#### The farm bill is key to economic growth and competitiveness

**The Hill ’12** (John Hoeven, Republican Senator from North Dakota, A cost-effective Farm Bill with a strong, market-based safety net, The Hill, June 13, 2012, http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-a-budget/232627-a-cost-effective-farm-bill-with-a-strong-market-based-safety-net)

America’s security and prosperity depend on the productivity of American farmers and ranchers, which

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floor. Every American depends on it, now and into the future.

#### Global nuclear war

Harris & Burrows 9 Mathew, PhD European History @ Cambridge, counselor of the U.S. National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer, member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f\_0016178\_13952.pdf

Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and indeed believes the future is

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

# 4th

#### A. Interpretation and violation – a topical plan must establish long term ties. The plan is one-time appeasement — it doesn’t establish long-term economic contacts.

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

DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN ENGAGEMENT AND APPEASEMENT In contrast to many prevailing conceptions of engagement, the

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or in exchange for certain concessions on the part of the target state.

#### And We have contextual evidence — weakening sanctions and increasing trade with the Cuban government is appeasement.

Diaz-Balart 12 — Mario Diaz-Balart, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-FL), 2012 (“Obama Has Policy of Appeasement Toward Castro Regime,” *Fox News*, August 21st, Available Online at http://www.capitolhillcubans.com/2012/08/diaz-balart-obamas-appeasement-policy.html, Accessed 07-03-2013)

In July, Hugo Chavez commented on the United States presidential election, saying that

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our position in the world, we need a change at the top.

#### C. Vote Negative

#### 1. Precision – clearly defining engagement is key to foreign policy analysis and decision making. The alternative is policy failure.

#### 2. Limits – they justify all forms of positive interaction with target countries, makes the topic untenable.

# Ethanol

#### **Non-unique --- Brazil is investing in Cuban sugar ethanol in the status quo and will only increase.**

Israel 12 (Esteban, Reuters Correspondent to Brazil, “Brazil to breathe life into faded Cuban sugar sector,” Reuters, 1-30-12, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/30/brazil-cuba-sugar-idAFL2E8CUA7620120130)

SAO PAULO, Jan 30 (Reuters) - Brazilian builder Odebrecht plans to produce

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by the ethanol industry," a source at Brazil's foreign ministry told Reuters.

#### **Alt causes- embargo is not enough to solve Cuban ethanol industry**

Specht, their author, 04/24/2013 (Jonathan Specht, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States”, University of California, http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

The ideal domestic policy scenario for the creation of a robust Cuban sugarcane ethanol industry

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, which will slow the creation of a sugarcane-based ethanol industry.

#### SugarCane burning causes global warming

Ribeiro 08

Helena Ribeiro, Supported by the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, “Sugar cane burning in Brazil: respiratory health effects”, Revista de Saúde Pública February 29th, 2008

Accessed online at: http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?pid=S0034-89102008000200026&script=sci\_arttext&tlng=en

Despite their restrictions and cautious conclusions, the studies analyzed indicate health risks in adverse

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biomass energy is only partly renewable, because its burning contributes to global warming

#### No extinction from warming

**INPCC 11**. Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change. Surviving the unprecedented climate change of the IPCC. 8 March 2011. <http://www.nipccreport.org/articles/2011/mar/8mar2011a5.html>

In a paper published in Systematics and Biodiversity, Willis et al. (2010

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the fossil record indicates remarkable biotic resilience to wide amplitude fluctuations in climate.

#### warming is irreversible

**The Telegraph 11** (“Global Warming Irreversible, say experts,” November 22, 2011, <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/global-warming-irreversible-say-experts/story-fn6b3v4f-1226202593852>) KJS

HEAT-TRAPPING greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are building up so high and so

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Over the next several centuries, Greenland slowly melts away," Weaver said.

#### No impact to Biodiversity loss

**Dodds 2K** - M.S. P.E., President of North Pacific Research (Donald, “The Myth of Biodiversity”)

Biodiversity is a corner stone of the environmental movement. But there is no proof

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of this graph. Biodiversity has never been higher than it is today.

#### There is no threat of food wars and at worst it will only mean cooperation

**Burger et al. 10** – Kees Burger Development Economics, Corresponding author, Wageningen University, Hollandseweg, Jeroen Warner AND Eefje Derix Disaster Studies, Wageningen Universit “Governance of the world food system and crisis prevention” http://www.stuurgroepta.nl/rapporten/Foodshock-web.pdf

Both European water and agricultural policies are based on the belief that there will always

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al. 2008: 512, Boin et al. 2008: 406).

# Terrorism

#### Discourse of terrorism in IR constructs the world in absolute dichotomies between legitimate state violence and illegitimate political violence. The problem-solving policy approach of this type of knowledge reproduces the issues that drive the violence responsible for the aff impacts.

Gunning 7—Joroen Gunning, Deputy Director of the Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Contemporary Political Violence @ Aberystywh (Wales) [“Government and Opposition”, Blackwell Publishing, Vol.42, No. 3, p. 369-375]

Each of these critiques goes some way to explain the shortcomings in ‘terrorism research’

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contributes to the reproduction of the very terrorist threat it seeks to eradicate.

#### Security politics authorizes limitless global destruction.

Der Derian 98 (James, Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, On Security, Ed. Lipschutz, p. 24-25)

No other concept in international relations packs the metaphysical punch, nor commands the disciplinary

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on the otherness of death, and identities calcifying into a fearful sameness.

#### 2. Terrorists are not pursuing WMD – it is impractical and against their moral code

Parachini, 03

(RAND Policy Analyst, The Washington Quarterly, Putting WMD Terrorism into Perspective, Volume 26 Issue 4, 2003, http://www.twq.com/03autumn/docs/03autumn\_parachini.pdf)

An apparent lack of interest on the part of terrorist groups in acquiring unconventional weapons

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on Israeli territory and to eliminate Israel as a state is decidedly political.

#### 1. Terrorists won’t pursue or use nuclear weapons

Waltz, 03

(Kenneth, The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed, 2003, p. 130)

For terrorists who abandon tactics of disruption and harassment in favor of dealing in wholesale

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to wreak great destruction, threats they would not want to execute anyway.

#### 2. There are multiple logical barriers that preclude any state from ever supplying terrorists with WMDs

Walt, 7/25/13

(Stephen M. Walt is the Robert and Renée Belfer professor of international affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where he served as academic dean from 2002-2006, 7/25/13, “Why We Don't Need to Worry About a 'Nuclear Handoff'”, Foreign Policy, http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/07/25/why\_we\_dont\_need\_to\_worry\_about\_a\_nuclear\_handoff, Accessed 9/3/13, NC)

After the 9/11 attacks, the U.S. national security establishment

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time before somebody did something really nasty to you or your loved ones.

Imagination is one thing, but disciplined risk assessment is another. It's easy to dream up bad things that could conceivably happen, but intelligent public policy should rest on a more careful and sustained appraisal of how likely those various scary things are. And that's why I suggest you read Keir Lieber and Daryl Press's recent article in the journal International Security on "Why States Won't Give Nuclear Weapons to Terrorists."

The fear that nuclear-armed states would hand weapons to terrorists has been a

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weapons would not be traced back to it and thereby invite devastating retaliation.

Lieber and Press examine the historical record and show that it is almost impossible to conduct a major terrorist operation and not be blamed for it. Here's the abstract for their article:

“Many experts consider nuclear terrorism the single greatest threat to U.S.

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how likely is it that the perpetrators of nuclear terrorism could remain anonymous?

Data culled from a decade of terrorist incidents reveal that attribution is very likely after

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they are to use them directly; both actions would invite devastating retaliation.”

I might add that this is the kind of important, nonpartisan, policy-

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the need to keep whatever weapons they might have under very reliable control.

#### 3. No way for terrorists to produce a nuke on their own – Iraq proves

Kamp, 96

(Karl-Heinz, heads the foreign and security policy section of the Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung in Sankt Agustin, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, July)

Reports of nuclear smuggling appear to lend added weight to the idea that terrorists can

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who would certainly have far fewer resources--would find bomb building easier.

#### 4. There’s no nuclear leak from Russia

Kamp, 96

(Karl-Heinz, heads the foreign and security policy section of the Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung in Sankt Agustin, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, July)

Well, maybe. But it must be noted that the military organizations responsible for

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current stability in the military nuclear sector will continue in the indefinite future.

#### 5. No state would give a nuke to terrorist – it would be a major security risk

Kamp, 96

(Karl-Heinz, heads the foreign and security policy section of the Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung in Sankt Agustin, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, July)

Given the record so far, it seems unlikely that any sponsoring state would willingly

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nuclear weapons to an organization of criminals or religious zealots is nearly inconceivable.

#### 6. Terrorists cannot get the materials for dirty bombs – hard to steal, transport, and theft would be quickly discovered

Schaper, 03

(Annette senior research associate at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and has a Ph.D. in experimental physics, 2003, http://www.unidir.ch/pdf/articles/pdf-art1907.pdf)

A variant of nuclear terrorism that is technically much less challenging would be the use

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a nuclear explosive device, rather than radioactive waste for a radiological weapon.

#### 7. And even if you win your impact, nuclear terrorism wouldn’t hurt the US that much

Frost, 05

(Robin, teaches political science at Simon Fraser University, British Colombia, “Nuclear Terrorism after 9/11,” Adelphi Papers, December)

An existential threat. When applied to nuclear terrorism, the phrase ‘existential threat’

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radiological device or devices could do any significant damage on a national level.

# Multilateralism

#### You can’t export soft power

#### a.) Syria and Iran

Johnson 9-4 Scott - reporter and analyst powerline news"A THIN CASE FOR ACTION" www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2013/09/a-thin-case-for-action.php

The strongest argument in favor of military action seems to be its necessity to preserve

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Obama hanging on that limb he walked out onto. Thus my ambivalence.

#### b.) And spy Scandals

Migranyan 7/5

(Andranik Migranyan is the director of the Institute for Democracy and Cooperation in New York; “Scandals Harm US soft power,” <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/scandals-harm-us-soft-power-8695>,

For the past few months, the United States has been rocked by a series

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America—and its model for governance—with a more critical eye.

#### This adv is a double turn –

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**a.)** **Your adv is about stopping the embargo so the U.S can credibly get other countries to be democracies. The U.S, in the eyes of the affirmative, is scared that they’re going to lose the superpower game and are trying to make a last ditch effort to stay alive.**

Fujimoto – their author, 2012 (Kevin, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, January 11, 2012, “Preserving U.S. National Security Interests Through a Liberal World Construct,” <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/Preserving-US-National-Security-Interests-Liberal-World-Construct/2012/1/11>)

“. Recognizing this threat now, the United States must prepare for the eventual transition and immediately begin building the legitimacy and support of a system of rules that will protect its interests later when we are no longer the world's only superpower”.

**But that’s the exact opposite of what their internal link says is key to rebuild Americas image. They CAUSE more backlash**

Kupchan – from the 1ac, 2012 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn”, Kindle edition (no page numbers)

“Democratic principles have their roots in universal norms and values."- Such statements

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The backlash is of course considerably harsher in autocracies such as China and Russia

#### Obama can’t exercise soft power – Tarnishes American image – plan wouldn’t change scquo credibility

Carafano 8-17 James - vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at The Heritage Foundation. "Obama's Shredded Foreign-Policy Playbook" nationalinterest.org/commentary/obamas-shredded-foreign-policy-playbook-8904?page=2

The White House also got serious about substituting soft for hard power. A drawdown

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its “smart power” infrastructure on the basis of terrorist “chatter.”

#### Turn - U.S. engagement will trigger blowback and turn the case

Weeks & Fiorey 12 a. associate professor of political science and director of Latin American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte & b. M.A. candidate [Gregory Weeks & Erin Fiorey, Policy Options for a Cuban Spring, May-June 2012, MILITARY REVIEW http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/Archives/English/MilitaryReview\_20120630\_art014.pdf

U.S. Money Won’t Cause Change in Cuba What would a Cuban transition

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the long term, it could greatly reduce U.S. influence.

#### Turn – plan’s soft power attempts increases resentment

Gray 11—Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the University of Reading, England [Colin S., April, “HARD POWER AND SOFT POWER: THE UTILITY OF MILITARY FORCE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLICY IN THE 21ST CENTURY,” Published by Strategic Studies Institute]

An inherent and unavoidable problem with a country’s soft power is that it is near

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disciplinary value of (American) military force is also to be deplored.

#### Soft power is useless—no impact to boosting U.S. credibility

Miller 10 [2/3/2010, Aaron David, public-policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Foreign Policy, “The End of Diplomacy?” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/02/03/the\_end\_of\_diplomacy?page=full]

Back in the day, there was a time when American diplomacy did big and

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abroad and hobbled by its inability to organize its own house at home.