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Cockburn 11/11 (Patrick, Irish journalist who has been a Middle East correspondent since 1979 for the Financial Times, “Why Iran’s Concessions Won’t Lead to a Nuclear Agreement,” <http://www.counterpunch.org/2013/11/11/why-irans-concessions-wont-lead-to-a-nuclear-agreement/>)

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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/>

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, 2006 (“CYNTHIA CORRIE and CRAIG CORRIE, et al. v CATERPILLAR INC”, <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/98377.pdf>)

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Scott Lemieux, 7/9/2013 (assistant professor of political science at the College of Saint Rose, “Affirmative Action's Ominous Future,” <http://prospect.org/article/affirmative-actions-ominous-future>, Accessed 7/25/2013, rwg)

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Edward Purcell, 2011 (professor @ New York Law School, in International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court, David L. Sloss (editor), accessed via google books, pg. 501)

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Richard H. Fallon, 2005 Jr., Professor of Constitutional Law, Harvard Law School, April 2005

[“Legitimacy and the Constitution,” <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe/document?_m=be00e4b6d189ddb647d9365044a5571c&_docnum=1&wchp=dGLbVzb-zSkVb&_md5=7105aae1669b5f945e6a9318b42fc69d>, rwg]

#### Conservatives want to overturn Affirmative Action—returning the US back to the Jim Crow era:

Cho, 2005 professor, DePaul University College of Law, 2005 (Sumi, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law, February, 2005, 7 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 809; Lexis)

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TODD NICHOLS, 2003 3/24/2003 (staff writer, “Don't undo good done by affirmative action,”

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Kagan, 2007 (Robert, senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “End of Dreams, Return of History”, 7/19, <http://www.hoover.org/publications/policyreview/8552512.html>)

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John Cassidy, 6/26/2013 (“What the G.O.P. Can Learn From DOMA and the Roberts Court,” <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/johncassidy/2013/06/what-john-roberts-can-teach-conservatives.html>, Accessed 7/25/2013)

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T. Alexander Aleinikoff, 2004 (Associate Dean for research @ Georgetown University Law Center, Jan, 98 A.J.I.L. 91, Lexis, Accessed, 7/23/2013, rwg)

#### C) Loss of legitimacy prevents court from checking military, ensuring nuclear war.

Kellman, prof of law @ DePaul, 1989

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#### The President is the sole channel of foreign intercourse

Prakash and Ramsey, 2001

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Howell, Associate Professor of Government @ Harvard University, 5 (William G., Associate Professor of Government @ Harvard University, “Unilateral Powers: A Brief

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#### The 1AC 's problem-solution rhetoric addresses danger from a managerial perspective. This way of being educates us in to believing that the earth and humans are disposable tools.

McWhorter 92 (Ladelle, Heidegger and the Earth Essays in Environmental Philosophy, Thomas Jefferson University Press, pg.6)

#### Moral discourse is a link – it reaffirms power over the Earth and polices us in to a technological mindset.

McWhorter '92 [Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Northeast Missouri State University (Ladelle, Heidegger and the Earth, ed. by Ladelle McWhorter)JRC]

the earth is not a change of heart but is rather a perpetuation of human domination.'

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Harman in 09 (Graham, Professor of Philosophy @ American University in Cairo, “Cambridge Journal of Economics”, 2009, Vol. 34(1), Technology, objects and things in Heidegger p.17-25)

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1. Nuclear weapons cause extinction

Nissani 1992 (Associate Professor of genetics, campaign financing, environmental science and politics, greenhouse effect, English, media studies, cold war history, critical thinking, philosophy, cognitive psychology) (Moti “Lives in the Balance: the Cold War and American Politics” ch 2 http://www.is.wayne.edu/mnissani/PAGEPUB/CH2.html)

2. Great Power War is a real global threat- their ev is wishful thinking

Ross 9 (Douglas, Founding director ofthe Canadian Centre for Arms Controland Disarmament in 1983 and served onthe national policy advisory group forthe Canadian Ambassadors forDisarmament from 1986 to 1993. He is aprofessor in the Political ScienceDepartment at SFU “ Weapons of Mass Destruction and the End of War?” 2009 Violence and its Alternatives—The Continuing Series www.humanities-online.ca/index.php/humanities/article/view/60/62)

3. Nuclear taboo doesn’t check back against a deliberate war

4. Even a small nuclear conflict could cause extinction and turn warming. Plus nuclear deterrence fails.

Starr no date(Director of the Clinical Laboratory Science Program at the University of Missouri)(Deadly Climate Change From Nuclear War: A threat to human existence, Steven Starr, Senior Scientist with Physicians for Social Responsibility, <http://www.nuclearfiles.org/menu/key-issues/nuclear-weapons/issues/effects/PDFs/starr_climate_change.pdf>, posted to nucleardarkness.org)

5. Turn: can’t solve accidents – that causes nuclear war and extinction

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6. Can’t solve nuclear proliferation – that causes nuclear war and extinction

Nissani 1992 (Associate Professor of genetics, campaign financing, environmental science and politics, greenhouse effect, English, media studies, cold war history, critical thinking, philosophy, cognitive psychology) (Moti “Lives in the Balance: the Cold War and American Politics” ch 2 http://www.is.wayne.edu/mnissani/PAGEPUB/CH2.html)

#### Obama pushing for Gitmo closure

WUSA, 13 (“President Obama Reiterates Need To Close Guantanamo Bay”, 2:25 PM, Apr 30, 2013, Online, <http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=257227>, accessed 7/23/13) PE

#### No law stops Obama from closing Gitmo

Posner, 2013 (Eric Posner, Eric Posner, a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, is a co-author of The Executive Unbound: After the Madisonian Republic and Climate Change Justice, “President Obama Can Shut Guantanamo Whenever He Wants”, Slate, 5/2/13, http://www.slate.com/articles/news\_and\_politics/view\_from\_chicago/2013/05/president\_obama\_can\_shut\_guantanamo\_whenever\_he\_wants\_to.html)

#### Obama pushing to close Gitmo

Dougherty, 2013 (Jill Dougherty, the foreign affairs correspondent for CNN. Based in the network’s Washington, D.C., bureau, Dougherty covers U.S. foreign policy. In addition to reporting on news developments from the State Department, she provides analysis on international issues across multiple CNN platforms and has traveled widely with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Europe, Asia and the Middle East. She has reported from more than 50 countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq and North Korea, “Obama to name D.C. lawyer to lead Guantanamo Bay closure”, CNN, 6/17/13, http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/06/17/obama-to-name-d-c-lawyer-to-lead-guantanamo-bay-closure/)

#### The means/ends distinction is inevitable and a moral cop out. There are no absolutes. You have to weigh comparative risks

Saul D. Alinsky, Activist, Professor, and Social Organizer with International Fame, Founder of the Industrial Areas Foundation, Rules for Radicals, -71, p. 24-27