# Plan Text

**The United States Federal Government should normalize trade relations towards the Republic of Cuba.**

# Relations

#### Relations Low Now

Hanson and Lee 13 Editors for Council on Foreign Relations, January 31, 2013, “US-Cuba Relations”, The Council on Foreign Relations,<http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113>

**Members of the Pacific Council on International Policy traveled to Cuba from March 17 to 23, 2013,**

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the country to change significantly over the next five to ten years.

#### Latin American relations are at a crossroads.

Shifter 12 President of Inter-American Dialogue [Michael Shifter, “Remaking the Relationship: The United States and Latin America,” April, IAD Policy Report, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf]

Cuba, too, poses a significant challenge for relations

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seize the moment and overhaul hemispheric relations.

#### Conditions are right for engagement

Perez 10 J.D. Yale Law School. Working with Koh former Dean of Yale Law and Legal Advisor to the State Department [David A. Perez, America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department, Spring, 2010, Harvard Latino Law Review, 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187]

**[\*193]** One of the lasting legacies of America's

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vigor, one that has been absent for the last fifty years.

#### Cuba is the lynchpin to Latin American relations and is a prereq to the rest of latin america

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Anti-Americanism has become the political

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effect throughout Latin America, and would go a long way toward creating goodwill.

#### Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas is at risk.

[**Edwards**](http://www.intercambioclimatico.com/pt-br/author/guy/) **11** - Research fellow @ [Brown University’s Center for Environmental Studies](http://envstudies.brown.edu/) [[Guy Edwards](http://www.intercambioclimatico.com/pt-br/author/guy/) (Researcher for and works with the [Latin American Platform on Climate](http://www.intercambioclimatico.com/en/2011/02/17/latin-american-platform-on-climate-strategy-2010/) and the [Climate and Development Knowledge Network](http://cdkn.org/)), “Climate, energy to dominate US-Latin American relations,” Thomson Reuters Foundation - Mon, 18 Jul 2011 11:14 AM, pg. http://www.trust.org/item/?map=climate-energy-to-dominate-us-latin-american-relations/

**With the challenges of climate change, clean energy, resource scarcity and green growth**

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**President Obama at the 2012 Summit of the Americas, it is not yet comparable to past initiatives such as the 1960s-era** [**Alliance for Progress**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alliance_for_Progress)**.**

#### ECPA facilitates sustainable development. Failure in Latin America will have global ramifications

**Kammen & Barido 12** - Professor of Energy @ UC Berkeley & Doctoral student in the Energy and Resources Group @ UC Berkeley who has done research on Latin American water management and ecosystem services  [Daniel M. Kammen & Diego Ponce de Leon Barido, “[Building Bridges to a Sustainable Energy Future](http://www.greatenergychallengeblog.com/2012/12/05/building-bridges-to-a-sustainable-energy-future/),” National Geographic, December 5, 2012, pg. http://www.greatenergychallengeblog.com/2012/12/05/building-bridges-to-a-sustainable-energy-future/

**The Americas are undergoing a transition in the**

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**industry, university, and civil-society groups in the New World.**

#### AND, Successful ECPA will be the global model

**Brune 2k**- Researcher on energy security and national security issues @ Sandia National Laboratories [Dr. Nancy E. Brune (Truman National Security Fellow), “Latin America: A Blind Spot in US Energy Security Policy,” Journal of Energy Security, Monday, 26 July 2010 00:00, pg. http://tinyurl.com/lrdweto

**In their recent piece in Foreign Affairs, David G.  Victor and Linda**

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**manage the region’s energy problems.**

#### All complex life on Earth is at risk

**Barry 13** – Political ecologist with expert proficiencies in old forest protection, climate change, and environmental sustainability policy [Dr. Glen Barry (Ph.D. in "Land Resources" and Masters of Science in "Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development” from the University of Wisconsin-Madison), “ECOLOGY SCIENCE: Terrestrial Ecosystem Loss and Biosphere Collapse,” Forests.org, February 4, 2013, pg. http://forests.org/blog/2013/02/ecology-science-terrestrial-ec.asp

Blunt, Biocentric Discussion on Avoiding Global Ecosystem Collapse and Achieving Global Ecological Sustainability  
**Science needs to do a better job of considering**

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**lost beyond thresholds, living systems die.**

#### Latin American relations are vital to the US. Needed to combat global problems like proliferation, climate change, and insure economic growth. Only engagement solves

Zedillo et al 08 Commission Co-Chair for the Brookings Institute Report on the Partnership for the Americas and former President of Mexico [Ernesto Zedillo, Thomas R. Pickering, etc, Rethinking U.S.–Latin American Relations A Hemispheric Partnership for a Turbulent World. Report of the Partnership for the Americas Commission, The Brookings Institution, November 2008, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/Research/Files/Reports/2008/11/24%20latin%20america%20partnership/1124_latin_america_partnership.PDF>]

**The Need for a Hemispheric Partnership**

Historically, the United States and Latin America

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are diversifying their international economic relations.

#### **Air capture's key—removes CO2**

**Science Daily 12**—Pulling CO2 from Air Vital, but Lower-Cost Technology a Stumbling Block So Far, Experts Say, p. http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/07/120724144532.htm)

Emerging techniques to pull carbon dioxide from

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challenges in other climate mitigation technologies," they say.

#### Global warming is real and human induced – top climate scientists agree

Anderegg et al 10 – PhD Candidate @ Stanford in Biology

William, “Expert credibility in climate change,” National Academy of Sciences, p. 12107-12109

**Preliminary reviews of scientific literature and surveys of**

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**policy, and public forums regarding anthropogenic climate change.**

#### Consensus proves warming's anthropogenic—causes extinction.

**Deibel** **7**—Terry Deibel – international relations at the Naval War College, Foreign Affairs Strategy: Logic of American Statecraft, Conclusion: American Foreign Affairs Strategy Today, p. 387-390

Finally, there is one major existential threat to American

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the continued existence of life on this planet.

#### **Consensus is a key metric—prefer our evidence.**

**Brooks 12**—Jon Brooks, staff writer, KQED news, citing Craig Miller, environmental scientist, 5/3/12, "Is Climate Change Real? For the Thousandth Time, Yes," KQED News, http://blogs.kqed.org/newsfix/2012/05/03/is-climate-change-real-for-the-thousandth-time-yes/

BROOKS: So what are the organizations that

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fundamental issues – they were getting bad data, garbage in, garbage out.

#### **Emissions cause ocean carbonization—extinction.**

**Parry 12**—Wynne Parry – senior writer for LiveScience, 3/2/12, "Oceans Turning Acidic Faster than Past 300 Million Years," Live Science, p. http://www.livescience.com/18786-ocean-acidification-extinction.html)

The oceans are becoming more acidic faster

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ecosystem change," the researchers conclud**e** in their paper.

#### Err aff—warming makes extinction inevitable

**Mills 11**—Robin Mills, Head of Consulting at Manaar Energy Consulting, Non-Resident Scholar at INEGMA, MSc in Geological Sciences from Cambridge, Capturing Carbon: The New Weapon in the War Against Climate Change, p. 41

Even if carbon dioxide emissions were to stop

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observe today (and still more different from the last ice age) that it is inherently hard to say where the warming will stop.'55

#### **The magnitude of our impact means that it comes first—even a small risk justifies action.**

**Baum 12**—Seth Baum, Research on Environmental Decisions @ Columbia, ET AL—Chris Karmosky, Geography @ Penn State, Jacob Haqq-Misra, Meteorology and Astrobiology Research Center, June 2012, "Climate Change: Evidence of Human Causes and Arguments for Emissions Reduction," Science and Engineering Ethics 18(2)

**Some recent economic analyses of climate change have focused on the**

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**ethical frameworks that value future lives or welfare (human or otherwise), avoiding climate change should be a major priority.**

#### A recent study by 22 scientists improves on previous models and concludes that we can cause rapid and irreversible critical transitions

**Barnosky et al 12** - Professor of Integrative Biology @ UC Berkeley [Dr. Anthony D. Barnosky (Professor of Paleontology @ UC Berkeley), Dr. Elizabeth A. Hadly (Professor of Biology @ Stanford University, Jordi Bascompte (Integrative Ecology Group @ Estación Biológica de Doñana) Eric L. Berlow (TRU NORTH Labs), James H. Brown (Professor of Biology @ The University of New Mexico), Mikael Fortelius (Professor of Geosciences and Geography @ University of Helsinki), Wayne M. Getz (Professor of Environmental Science@ UC Berkeley), John Harte (Professor of Environmental Science@ UC Berkeley) Alan Hastings (Professor of Environmental Science@ UC Davis) Pablo A. Marquet (Departamento de Ecología, Facultad de Ciencias Biológicas, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) Neo D. Martinez (Pacific Ecoinformatics and Computational Ecology Lab) Arne Mooers (Professor of Biological Sciences @ Simon Fraser University, Peter Roopnarine (California Academy of Sciences), Geerat Vermeij (Professor of Geology @ UC Davis) John W. Williams (Professor of Geography @ University of Wisconsin), Rosemary Gillespie (Professor of Environmental Science@ UC Berkeley) Justin Kitzes (Professor of Environmental Science@ UC Berkeley), Charles Marshall (Department of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley), Nicholas Matzke(Department of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley), David P. Mindell (Department of Biophysics and Biochemistry @ UC San Francisco), Eloy Revilla (Department of Conservation Biology, Estación Biológica de Doñana) & Adam B. Smith (Center for Conservation and Sustainable Development, Missouri Botanical Garden) “Approaching a state shift in Earth’s biosphere,” Nature 486, (07 June 2012) pg. 52–58

**Humans now dominate Earth, changing it in ways that**

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**not limited to) climate change have emerged as a direct result of human activities.**

#### Cooperation key to warming

**Lee et al 10** –Research Director, Energy, Environment and Resource Governance at Chatham House (Bernice, “The United States and climate change: from process to action,” 2-23, <http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/files/16489_us0510_lee_grubb.pdf>)//NG

**Despite the crucial importance of national and regional initiatives**

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**divide; and a resurgent Russia remained largely apart.**

#### US-Latin American Energy policy dialogue is key to stop Amazon Deforestation

Zedillo et al 08 Commission Co-Chair for the Brookings Institute Report on the Partnership for the Americas and former President of Mexico [Ernesto Zedillo, Thomas R. Pickering, etc, Rethinking U.S.–Latin American Relations A Hemispheric Partnership for a Turbulent World. Report of the Partnership for the Americas Commission, The Brookings Institution, November 2008, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/Research/Files/Reports/2008/11/24%20latin%20america%20partnership/1124_latin_america_partnership.PDF>]

To expand the hemisphere’s energy capacity, massive infrastructure

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information technology to lessen deforestation in the Amazon

#### Extinction

**O’Neal 97** (Martin, “Rain Forest Depletion,” 5-5, http://www.northern.wvnet.edu/~tdanford/bio1/RAINFO.htm)

**There are some really amazing facts about the Amazon rain forest. The Amazon**

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**we may become an endangered species.**

# Cuba Econ

#### Cuba’s economy is collapsing now --- production is declining in all key sectors

Oppenheimer, 13 (Andres, Latin America correspondent , Castro's revolution has been a fiasco, Sun Herald, 2013 , <http://www.sunherald.com/2013/07/29/4832435/andres-oppenheimer-castros-revolution.html>)

**Cuban President Gen. Raul Castro celebrated** Friday

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**knows very well that its revolution has been a fiasco, and that it would lose them.**

#### Lifting the embargo immediately enhances Cuba’s economy and motivates political reform

Griswold, 2005 (Daniel, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Trade Policy Studies, Four Decades of Failure: The U.S. Embargo against Cuba, Cato Institute, October 12, 2005, http://www.cato.org/publications/speeches/four-decades-failure-us-embargo-against-cuba)

**The real dividing line in U.S. policy toward Cuba is how best to**

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**lifestyle by extracting any meager surplus produced by their captive subjects.**

#### Cuban economic collapse causes state collapse

Morris, 2011 (Emily, Reporter/Producer, FORECASTING CUBA’S

ECONOMY, April 2, 2011., http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/bildn/cuba/cubaforecasting.pdf)

**Five years is a very long time in politics, and with the near**

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prices, or a sudden contraction in tourist arrivals.

#### Cuban instability causes Caribbean instability, democratic backsliding, and refugee flows

Gorrell 5 (Tim, Lieutenant Colonel, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” 3/18, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074)

Regardless of the succession**, under the current U.S. policy,** Cuba’s

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**a crossroads: should the policies of the past 40 years remain in effect with vigor? Or should the U.S. pursue a new approach to Cuba in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?**

#### Caribbean terrorism leads to attack on the US---they’ll use bioweapons

Bryan 1 (Anthony T. Bryan, director of the North-South Center’s Caribbean Program, 10-21-2001. CFR, Terrorism, Porous Borders, and Homeland Security: The Case for U.S.-Caribbean Cooperation, p.  
http://www.cfr.org/publication/4844/terrorism\_porous\_borders\_and%20\_homeland\_%20security.html)

Terrorist acts can take place =

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deployment of biological weapons within national borders.

#### Bioterror leads to extinction

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**The risks from anthropogenic hazards appear at**

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continue to improve **at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.**