**The United States Federal Government should establish a Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement with Mexico.**

**Advantage One is oil spills**

**We control uniqueness – Pemex is about to drill alone – they don’t have the safety to prevent a spill**

**Shields ‘12** 2/20/12, David Shields is an independent energy analyst based in Mexico City, quoted by the Inter-American Dialogue. “Q and A: Is Mexico Prepared for Deepwater Drilling in the Gulf?” Inter-American Dialogue, February 20-24, <http://repository.unm.edu/bitstream/handle/1928/20477/Is20Mexico20Prepared20for20Deepwater20Drilling20in20the20Gulf.pdf?sequence=1>

"They say that if a country

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The next disaster is just waiting to happen."

**The plan solves – creates joint inspections and US expertise that prevents spills**

**Broder and Krauss, 12** – business correspondents at the New York Times

(John M. Broder and Clifford Krauss, “U.S. in Accord With Mexico on Drilling”, The New York Times, 2-20-2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/21/world/americas/mexico-and-us-agree-on-oil-and-gas-development-in-gulf.html?\_r=1andref=americas)

WASHINGTON — The United States and Mexico

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have led to a surge in domestic production.

**It spills over to the entire Gulf of Mexico**

**Velarde ‘12** 3/19/12, Velarde is an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, admitted in Mexico in 1988, and in the State of New York in 1991. Mr. López-Velarde held various positions at Pemex during 1988-1993, including that of Financial Advisor to the Finance Department, In-House Counsel in Houston, Texas, In-House Counsel in New York, and Head of the International Legal Department of Pemex. He was honored with the “Most Distinguished Attorney Award” of Pemex for the period 1990-1991. “US-Mexican treaty on Gulf of Mexico transboundary reservoirs”, International Law Office, <http://www.internationallawoffice.com/newsletters/detail.aspx?g=b9326bf8-f27f-43ff-b45a-1b2b70ccb217>

Pemex has indicated that it has

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standards only in respect of transboundary reservoirs.

**Resiliency is wrong specifically for the Gulf-BP put us on the brink**

**Craig, 11** – Attorneys’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at Florida State University (Robin Kundis, “Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell”, Brigham Young University Law Review, 2011, http://lawreview.byu.edu/articles/1326405133\_03craig.fin.pdf)

Ecological resilience and resilience theory

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waters, however, suggests otherwise.

**The Gulf is a key ocean biodiversity hotspot**

**Brenner, 8** – (Jorge Brenner, “Guarding the Gulf of Mexico’s valuable resources”, SciDevNet, 3-14-2008, http://www.scidev.net/en/opinions/guarding-the-gulf-of-mexico-s-valuable-resources.html)//SDL

The Gulf of Mexico, is rich in

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the climate of western Europe.

**Extinction**

**Clark and Downes ‘6** 2006, Dana Clark, Center for International Environmental Law, and David Downes, US Interior Dept. Policy Analysis Senior Trade Advisor, , What price biodiversity?, <http://www.ciel.org/Publications/summary.html>

Biodiversity is the diversity of life

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biodiversity is not valuable.

adv 2 is Trade Deficits

**Trade deficit increasing**

**Boesler 10-8**—(Matthew Boesler is a reporter for Business Insider's markets desk. Previously, he hosted Benzinga Radio, a business news and investing program. He holds a degree in economics from the University of Michigan. OCT. 8, 2013¶ “Here's Everything We Know About The Trade Balance Report That Didn't Get Released” http://www.businessinsider.com/author/matthew-boesler)

The government shutdown means

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July's $39.1 billion deficit.

**Reducing the trade deficit is the largest internal link into economic recovery and the manufacturing industry**

**Scott et al 13**—([Robert E. Scott](http://www.epi.org/people/robert-e-scott/) is the Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy Research at EPI, [Helene Jorgensen](http://www.epi.org/people/helene-jorgensen/) is the is an economic consultant, and senior research associate with the Center for Economic and Policy Research, and [Doug Hall](http://www.epi.org/people/doug-hall/) is the Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Network at EPI, February 7, 2013, “Reducing U.S. trade deficits will generate a manufacturing-based recovery for the United States and Ohio Ending currency manipulation by China and others is the place to start” http://www.epi.org/publication/bp351-trade-deficit-currency-manipulation/)

Reducing U.S. trade deficits

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one of the nation’s preeminent manu- facturing states.

**Increasing trade deficits kill economic growth**

ZBC ’13 (Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, “Trade deficit threat to economic growth”, <http://www.zbc.co.zw/news-categories/business/29377-trade-deficit-worries-fiscal-authorities.html>, March 12, 2013)

The country’s fiscal authorities say

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reducing the trade gap,” he said.

**Economic decline increases the risk of war—strong statistical support; their ev doesn’t assume rally around the flag**

Royal 10 — Jedidiah Royal, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, M.Phil. Candidate at the University of New South Wales, 2010 (“Economic Integration, Economic Signalling and the Problem of Economic Crises,” *Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives*, Edited by Ben Goldsmith and Jurgen Brauer, Published by Emerald Group Publishing, ISBN 0857240048, p. 213-215)

Less intuitive is how

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should be considered ancillary to those views.

**Manufacturing industry declining-loss of innovation**

**Graham 9-21—(**[Jordan Graham](http://bostonherald.com/users/jordan_graham) is a reporter for the Boston Herald, September 21, 2013, “MIT study: U.S. needs to step up manufacturing” http://bostonherald.com/business/business\_markets/2013/09/mit\_study\_us\_needs\_to\_step\_up\_manufacturing

The nation’s booming innovation

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after the release of the report.

**US military power is becoming increasingly flexible EXCEPT for manufacturing – our dominance in innovation is declining now and is critical to our deterrent capability**

**O’Hanlon et al 12** Mackenzie Eaglen, American Enterprise Institute Rebecca Grant, IRIS Research Robert P. Haffa, Haffa Defense Consulting Michael O'Hanlon, The Brookings Institution Peter W. Singer, The Brookings Institution Martin Sullivan, Commonwealth Consulting Barry Watts, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments “The Arsenal of Democracy and How to Preserve It: Key Issues in Defense Industrial Policy January 2012,” pg online @ http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2012/1/26%20defense%20industrial%20base/0126\_defense\_industrial\_base\_ohanlon

The current wave of defense

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submarines is a frequently cited example.).

**US hegemony prevents extinction- and every declinist theory is wrong**

**Brooks et al. 13** “STEPHEN G. BROOKS is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College. G. JOHN IKENBERRY is Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University in Seoul. WILLIAM C. WOHLFORTH is Daniel Webster Professor of Government at Dartmouth College;” January/February 2013 “Lean Forward: In Defense of American Engagement” http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138468/stephen-g-brooks-g-john-ikenberry-and-william-c-wohlforth/lean-forward

Since the end of World War II,

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policies to a changing world.¶

Increase production and exports of oil will eliminate the trade deficit within the decade

Mills 13—(May 3rd 2013, Mark P. Mills, senior fellow at the Manhattan institute, “THE CASE FOR EXPORTS: America's Hydrocarbon Industry Can Revive the Economy and Eliminate the Trade Deficit,” http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/pgi\_03.htm#.Ud4JSkIkY0M)

Today, oil imports account

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pushing the trade deficit down.

**Advantage 3 is steel**

**Shutdown means the steel industry is low now**

**Berezowsky 10-1**—(Taras Berezowsky, freelance writer for Seeking Alpha, Oct 1 2013, Government Shutdown Or Not, U.S. Steel Industry Taking Big Hit, http://seekingalpha.com/article/1722252-government-shutdown-or-not-u-s-steel-industry-taking-big-hit)

No matter what happened around midnight last night

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Gibson mentioned are already quite real.

**Cheaper natural gas prices are key to the steel industry**

**Hughes 4/1** (Darrell Hughes, The Financialist, Credit Suisse Group, an international financial services group, April 1, 2013,  “Will Cheap Natural Gas Change US Steel Production?”, <http://www.thefinancialist.com/will-cheap-natural-gas-change-us-steel-production/)>

Cheap natural gas

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if they can retain them.

**THA lowers natural gas prices**

**CONR 5/13** (US Committee on Natural Resources, May 15, 2013, Press Release, “ House Committee Approves Legislation to Approve Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement with Mexico  Bill Creates New American Jobs, Expands American Energy Production, Grows Economy “, <http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=334042)>

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15, 2013 - Today, the House Natural Resources Committee approved H.R. 1613, the “Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements

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towards becoming law,” said Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03).

**The steel industry’s key to the navy**

**Gibson 11** Thomas J. Gibson received his law degree from Georgetown University where he graduated magna cum laude. He holds a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Rhode Island and a B.S. in Naval Architecture from the United States Naval Academy. Gibson served as Senior Vice President of Advocacy for the American Chemistry Council. Previously, Gibson served as the Senior Vice President, Government Affairs for the Portland Cement Association. Prior to joining PCA in 2004, Gibson served as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2011, "Profile of the American Iron and Steel Institute 2010-2011"www.steel.org/~/media/Files/AISI/About AISI/Profile Brochure F-singles\_CX.pdf

Military uses for steel are extensive.

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vehicles use significant amounts of steel.

**Collapse of naval power ensures Chinese aggression and triggers wars in every major hotspot**

**Eaglen**, Research Fellow National Security at Heritage, **2011** (Mackenzie, May 16, “Thinking About a Day Without Sea Power: Implications for U.S. Defense Policy” http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2011/05/thinking-about-a-day-without-sea-power-implications-for-us-defense-policy)

Global Implications. Under a scenario of

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far outweigh the costs of maintaining it

**Navy is key to solve Arctic conflict-best studies prove**

**Freeman 09** (Bob, Office of the Oceanographer of the Navy, ‘Navy Releases Roadmap For Future Arctic Operations”, 11/24/09, <http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=49725>, CS)

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The vice chief

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mission requirements," Titley explained.

**Arctic conflict US-Russia war—highest magnitude impact**

**Staples 9** (Steven, Rideau Institute, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen , “PRESENTATION NOTES STEPS TOWARD AN ARCTIC NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE”, Dansk Institut for Internationale Studier, 8/10,<http://www.diis.dk/graphics/Events/2009/Presentation%20Staples.pdf>)

¶ ¶ The fact is, the Arctic is

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**nuclear weapons.**

**Solvency**

**Hydrocarbons agreement is critical to oil exports and relations**

**Boman, 13** oil and natural gas expert (Karen Boman, 4/22/13, “Bill Seeks to Allow Drilling Near US Mexico Maritime Border”, http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\_id=125950)//EM

Bill Seeks to Allow Drilling

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Mexico production shortfalls, Lugar added.