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**This means the plan has to be government-to-government – not private economic engagement**

**Daga, 13** - director of research at Politicas Publicas para la Libertad, in Bolivia, and a visiting senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation (Sergio, “Economics of the 2013-2014 Debate Topic:

U.S. Economic Engagement Toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela”, National Center for Policy Analysis, 5/15, <http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/Message_to_Debaters_6-7-13.pdf>)

Economic engagement between or among countries can take many forms, but this document will

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some issues are more important with respect to some countries than to others.

**And, Mexico is the government of the United Mexican States**

**Treasury 12** – United States Department of the Treasury, “Agreement Between the Department of the Treasury of the United States of America and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of the United Mexican States to Improve International Tax Compliance Including with Respect to FATCA”, 11-19, http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/tax-policy/treaties/Documents/FATCA-Agreement-Mexico-11-19-2012.pdf

Article 1¶ Definitions¶ 1. For purposes of this Agreement and any annexes

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.¶ d) The term “Mexico” means the United Mexican States.

**1. The affirmative does not increase economic-based, government-to-government engagement with Mexico. AND**

**This is a voter**

**A. Predictable Limits – Allowing affirmatives to engage beyond the government explodes the topic. Affs could work with Mexican businesses, individual citizens, hospitals, other industry, and pass any law in the US which would eventually result in some chance to our foreign policy. Makes it difficult to prepare and undermines clash and topic education.**

**B. Ground – Each possible aff area has its unique advantage ground that means affs have the upper ground on CPs and impact turns.**

**C. It’s FX T – the aff relies on future potential cooperation to make them topical, but that’s not engagement with the country, that’s an economic side effect. Topical affs must directly change the status of economic relations with a country.**

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**Fordist capitalism is present in US-Mexican trade - disadvantages Mexican labor – ensures out-migration, makes the poorest segments of the population disposable, and makes economic collapse inevitable**

Otero 11 (Gerardo, department of sociology and anthropology at Simon Fraser University, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, Journal of Poverty, 15:384 – 402, October 17, 2011, “Neoliberal Globalization, NAFTA, and Migration: Mexico’s Loss of Food and Labor Sovereignty,” <http://www.sfu.ca/~otero/docs/JoP-Otero-NAFTA-MIGRATION.pdf>, alp)

This article explores the way in which the U.S. economy has faced

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of migrants to the United States do so as undocumented or unauthorized workers.

**Economic rationality prioritizes short term profit over the well-being of environment and human life — this makes extinction inevitable**

Nhanenge**, South Africa development studies masters,** 2007

(Jytte, “Ecofeminsm: Towards Integrating The Concerns Of Women, Poor People And Nature Into Development”, February, <http://uir.unisa.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10500/570/dissertation.pdf?sequence=1>, DOA: 7-4-12)

Generation of wealth was an important part of the Scientific Revolution and its modern society

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models, which can support women, Others and nature, are presented.

**Vote negative to endorse a world of Mexican labor sovereignty in the face of the neoliberal implications of North American trade**

Otero 11 (Gerardo, department of sociology and anthropology at Simon Fraser University, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, Journal of Poverty, 15:384 – 402, October 17, 2011, “Neoliberal Globalization, NAFTA, and Migration: Mexico’s Loss of Food and Labor Sovereignty,” <http://www.sfu.ca/~otero/docs/JoP-Otero-NAFTA-MIGRATION.pdf>, alp)

An alternative policy conclusion could be as follows: if the dismal conditions in rural

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that could alter dominant trends in the world economy from the bottom up.

# China DA

**Chinese investment in Mexican energy now**

**Cordoba and Guthrie ’13** (JOSÉ DE CÓRDOBA and AMY GUTHRIE. June 4, 2013. “Mexico, China Seek to Jump-Start Trade.” Wall Street Journal. http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323469804578525523377882046.html.)

MEXICO CITY—Chinese President Xi Jinping signed a series of accords with Mexico on

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and China would cut down on transportation costs, said Mr. Rodríguez.

**Hydrocarbons are key – China’s on the hunt.**

**Fergusson 12** (Robbie, e-International Relations, 7/23/12, “The Chinese Challenge to the Monroe Doctrine,” http://www.e-ir.info/2012/07/23/does-chinese-growth-in-latin-america-threaten-american-interests/)//DR. H

China’s thirst for resources With the fastest growing large economy in the world, China’s

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S allies. The table below shows where China imports its oil from.

**Energy is zero-sum between the US and China**

**Luft,06** - PhD and Co-Director for the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (Gal, “Challenge or Opportunity? China’s Role in Latin America”, United States Government Printing Office, http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-109shrg28258/html/CHRG-109shrg28258.htm)//VP

Energy is today perhaps the main driver of China's recent international behavior. Many of

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, Mexico, and Venezuela, which is America's fourth largest oil supplier.

**Latin America is key to Chinese economic growth-**

Arnson et al. ‘9 (Cynthia Anderson, Mark Mohr, Riordan Roett, writers for Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, “Enter the Dragon? China’s Presence in Latin America”, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/EnterDragonFinal.pdf)//RJ

To China, Latin America represents a signiﬁcant source of the necessary natural resources that

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the region. Thus, Latin America represents a substantial market for Chinese goods

**China economic collapse causes WW3- hotspot for escalation**

**Plate, 03 -** Mr. Plate is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Century Association of New York and the Phi Beta Kappa Society(Tom Plate, “Why Not Invade China” Asia Pacific Media Networks, 6/30, http://asiamedia.ucla.edu/TomPlate2003/06302003.htm)//JS

But imagine a China disintegrating -- on its own, without neo-con or

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con insanity is more of a danger to the Bush presidency than China.

# CP

**Text: United States congress should pass comprehensive immigration reform**

**CIR is k2 Mexican relations**

Woodruff 13

[Judy, News anchor and journalist for NPR, “Obama Talks Trade, Security, and Immigration on Trip to Mexico, Latin America” NPR, 5/2, <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/white_house/jan-june13/mexico_05-02.html>]

¶ JUDY WOODRUFF: And picking up on that and picking up on the immigration

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concept of sovereign noninterference. So we shouldn't interfere in their energy debate.

**And solves Mexican econ**

Condon 13

[Stephanie, syndicated Washington correspondent, “Obama: Immigration Reform Can Help Trade With Mexico,” CBS News, 5/2/13, <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57582650/obama-immigration-reform-can-help-trade-with-mexico/>]

Achieving immigration reform will help facilitate the growing economic relationship the U.S.

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changing rapidly... We can't be flat-footed as the world advances."

# Ptx

**Debt ceiling will pass and the economy is improving but fights can derail it**

**Koukoulas 9/24** 2013 [Stephen Koukoulas has a rare and specialised professional experience over more than 25 years as an economist in government, as Global Head of economic and market research, a Chief Economist for two major banks and as economic advisor to the Prime Minister. Stephen is currently Managing Director of Market Economics Pty Ltd, a firm he recently established in response to the growing need for independent and tailored macroeconomic analysis for business clients needing to convert economic data into financial market and policy risks. His work provides clients with unique insights into the macroeconomic policy debate. ] Tuesday, 24 September 2013 Koukoulas: growth turns towards the fast lane by Stephen Koukoulas

There are, as always, some threats to the favourable outlook, with the

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there are many reasons to be upbeat about the economic outlook for 2014.

**Political capital is key**

**Langenkamp 13** Global political analyst at ECR Research and Interest & Currency Consultants [Andy Langenkamp, Obama to Take Over Baton From Fed?, 7-12-13, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/andy-langenkamp/obama-to-take-over-baton-_b_3571885.html>]

Risky fiscal fall

As the U.S. Fed is not planning to boost the asset markets

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in Q4 and take decisive steps towards restoring the fiscal health of America.

**Plan unpopular**

Capiello 12\* Green highlighting is what is read

Dina Cappiello and Matthew Daly, Associated Press | Thu, Jun 14, 2012

<http://www.apnorc.org/news-media/Pages/News+Media/republicans-democrats-at-odds-on-energy-issues.aspx>

Republicans and Democrats seem to be living on different planets when it comes to how

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progress, or keep up attacks intended to appeal to their political bases.

**Failure to pass the bill collapses the economy and causes a government shutdown**

**Khimm 9/25** 2013 U.S. has until Oct. 17 to raise debt limit–or risk default Suzy Khimm, @SuzyKhimm 3:00 PM on 09/25/2013

Unless Congress raises the country’s borrowing limit, the government will run out of cash

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without in some way making progress or solving debt ceiling,” says Bell.

**CA Royal**

# Instability

**1. 1AC Kaplan ev is out of context - not about power as it relates to heg - but rather moral decision making power - no reason mexican instability collapses heg.**

**2. PEMEX instability inevitable for several reasons – these cumulative risks to the industry crush the advantage**

Martin and Longmire 11 – Jeremy Martin is Director of the Energy Program at the Institute of the Americas, Sylvia Longmire is a Mexico Security Expert & President, Longmire Consulting (Jeremy Martin and Sylvia Longmire, Journal of Energy Security, “The Perilous Intersection of Mexico’s Drug War & Pemex”, March 22, 2011, http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/03/perilous-intersection-of-mexicos-drug.html) // CB

Pemex exposed and impacted As discussed previously, oil theft from Pemex pipelines, money

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surely not a useful element as the company makes efforts to reform itself.

**Reforms coming and will solve PEMEX and natural gas boom**

**Garza, 9/26**/13 – Writer for the Express News [Antonio, “Mexico Energy Reform Will Bring Shale Boom,” My San Antonio Express News; September 26, 2013; <http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Mexico-energy-reform-will-bring-shale-boom-4846854.php>]

Mexican President [Enrique Peña Nieto](http://www.mysanantonio.com/?controllerName=search&action=search&channel=opinion%2Fcommentary&search=1&inlineLink=1&query=%22Enrique+Pe%C3%B1a+Nieto%22) has spoken forcefully about his plan to address the challenges

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gets in front of the impending change on both sides of the border.

**3. Heg impact to Mexican instability is empirically denied**

**4. No production decline – Mexico has plenty in reserves**

**Campbell 12 –** Robert Campbell, 5-22-2012; Reuters Market Analyst, Mexico is no longer an oil basketcase: Campbell http://www.petroleumworld.com/storyt12052302.htm

The following may be taken as heresy by oil perma-bulls but let's get

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decline, albeit at a far slower pace than a few years ago.

**4. Squo solves - Even without TBA - Mexico will inevitably privatize its oil industry which solves the adv.**

# Energy

**Mexican economy set to recover - assumes recent contraction and cites larger economic trends**

Anthony **Esposito 8/25/13** - (Reporters for Reuters, "Mexico sees economy rebounding to four percent growth in 2014" <http://www.euronews.com/business-newswires/2086444-mexico-sees-economy-rebounding-to-four-percent-growth-in-2014/>)//AP

SANTIAGO (Reuters) – Mexico’s economy, the second largest in Latin America,

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and stimulate remittances of Mexicans living in the United States,” he said.

**Mexico heavily resilient – recent reforms, strong industrial production market and strong consumer base prove**

Zacks Equity Research 6/6 – Investment Company that reviews investment opportunities (“Time to Worry about the Mexico ETF?”, 6/6/13, http://finance.yahoo.com/news/time-worry-mexico-etf-215612997.html)//WL

Mexico is the second largest economy in Latin America and a popular vacation destination for

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at least based on our models for the next one year time frame.

**US becomes energy independent by 2030**

**CNN 5/13/2013**, http://money.cnn.com/2013/05/14/news/world/oil-iea-demand/index.html?hpt=hp\_t2 “US Oil Boom Causing Energy Upheaval”

The IEA also expects the African continent will present suppliers with “a new demand

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impact scenarios beyond the ability of the Affirmative to solve for the scenarios.

**Status quo solves pipeline capacity**

**Platts** 2/8/**13**

(Platts is a leading global provider of energy, petrochemicals, metals and agriculture information, and a premier source of benchmark price assessments for those commodity markets. Since 1909, Platts has provided information and insights that help customers make sound trading and business decisions and enable the markets to perform with greater transparency and efficiency, “US gas export capacity to Mexico could more than double, report says”, accessed 6-26-13, http://www.platts.com/latest-news/natural-gas/Houston/US-gas-export-capacity-to-Mexico-could-more-than-6133846, RRR)

Several new pipeline systems designed to move US natural gas supplies to Mexican demand centers

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by the Mexican government will allow more gas to reach downstream demand centers.

**Economic collapse forces countries to focus inward**

**Bennett and Nordstrom 00** [D. Scott Bennett and Timothy Nordstrom, February 2000. Department of Political Science Professors at Pennsylvania State. “Foreign Policy Substitutability and Internal Economic Problems in Enduring Rivalries,” Journal of Conflict Resolution, Ebsco]

INTERNAL CONDITIONS AND EXTERNAL BEHAVIOR: IMPROVEMENTS By coming at externalization from the substitutability perspective

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and we are looking for correlations between failed externalization attempts and further diversion.

**NO failed state impact-assumes the drug war and their evidence is media sensationalism**

**NAM 11** ([New America Media](http://www.newamericamedia.org/), Op-ed, Luis V. Nevaer, “Mexico and the Myth of the “Failed State” July 9th 2011 <http://newamericamedia.org/2011/07/mexico-and-the-myth-of-the-failed-state.php>, CS)

¶ For more than four decades, Americans have expressed alarm at what they see

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a bastion of relative stability today, with hopeful prospects for the future.

**Loss of drug trafficking revenue internal link turns the other advantage**

**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.

# 1NC Disease

**Multiple measures prevent spread**

**Time, 09** (Douglas A. McIntyre – staff writer, April 27, 2009, “Swine Flu Unlikely to Affect the Economy,” http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1894052,00.html, Hensel)

Since that pandemic more than 40 years ago, there have been no major events

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look forward to trillions of dollars in financial losses and an economic depression.

**Double bind – either diseases spread too fast and are burnt out or too slow and are quarantined**

**Morse, 04** (Stephen, PhD, director of the Center for Public Health Preparedness, at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University, May 2004, “Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases: A Global Problem,” http://www.actionbioscience.org/newfrontiers/morse.html, Hensel)

Morse: A pandemic is a very big epidemic. It requires a number of

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We also get complacent and do not take steps to prevent its spread.

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# 1NC Agriculture

**No US ag collapse – they’re doing well now**

Goodwin 2013, May 1, Barry Goodwin is reporter for the American Enterprise Institute, “More subsidies for Prosperous farmers”, http://www.american.com/archive/2013/may/more-subsidies-for-prosperous-farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that farm income in 2013 will

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guaranteed to farmers under these insurance contracts and the subsidies paid by taxpayers.

**Multiple alt causes the aff can’t solve**

**Journal of Commerce, 12** ("Agriculture Trade a 'Risky Business'", April 16, Proquest) // NK

Analysts and economists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture are full of

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affected by the extreme climatic situation, and demand for imported food grew.

# 1NC Bioterror

**No bioterrorism and no impact---multiple obstacles**

**Stolar 6** October 2006, \*Alex Stolar: Research Officer, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, “BIOTERRORISM AND US POLICY RESPONSES ASSESSING THE THREAT OF MASS CASUALTY,” http://www.ipcs.org/pdf\_file/issue/1659566521IPCS-Special-Report-31.pdf, AJ

Each of these steps presents **significant hurdles** for terrorists. Acquiring a strain of a

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served so many doctors so well for so long: Primum non nocere.

**SQ solves – prepared now**

**Khan 11** (Ali S. Khan, MD, MPH is a former assistant surgeon general and the director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “Public health preparedness and response in the USA since 9/11: a national health security imperative”,page 2, September 2011 http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/documents/Lancet\_Article\_Sept2011.pdf)

Although preparedness and response capabilities for public health emergencies have been difficult to define and

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benefits to improve preparedness because healthy people are more resilient to health threats.

**No disease can cause human extinction – they either kill their hosts too quickly or aren’t lethal**

**Posner 05** (Richard A, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, and senior lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School, Winter. “Catastrophe: the dozen most significant catastrophic risks and what we can do about them.” http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\_kmske/is\_3\_11/ai\_n29167514/pg\_2?tag=content;col1)

Yet the fact that Homo sapiens has managed to survive every disease to assail it

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lesson of the AIDS pandemic. And there is always a lust time.