# 1NC—Round 1

Judge: Helman I think you said it was? He was wrong about debate

Opponent: The girls you hit in finals idk who they are, Interlake

Description of Round: Went for politics and XO CP, judge didn’t like XO CP, said we had debated against our ouwn CP by answering case and thus voted us down

## China DA

#### A. Relations high – summit proves cooperation over foreign posturing is key

Gross, senior associate at The Pacific Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 6-4

(David Gross, “Creating a New Model for U.S.-China Relations at the Obama-Xi Summit”, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donald-gross/creating-a-new-model-for-\_b\_3383480.html)

This week's summit meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Barack Obama offers a historic opportunity to improve U.S.-China relations

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by pursuing a diplomatic strategy that minimizes conflict, realizes greater mutually beneficial Sino-American cooperation, and significantly expands trade and investment between the two countries.

#### B. US engagement in Latin America crushes relations – causes crowd out

Ellis, professor of national security studies at the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, 12

[R. Evan, May 2012, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, “The United States, Latin America and China: A ‘Triangular Relationship’?”, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD8661\_China\_Triangular0424v2e-may.pdf, Accessed 7/2/13, ML]

At the political level, US engagement with Latin American ¶ countries has impacted the ability of the PRC to develop ¶ military and other ties in the region.

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Bolivia purchased Chinese K-8s after ¶ the United States blocked it from acquiring a comparable ¶ aircraft from the Czech Republic.

#### C. Relations are key to solve a US-China war

Lawrence, Specialist in Asian Affairs, 13

[Susan V. June 14, Congressional Research Service U.S.-China Relations: Policy Issues http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41108.pdf RC]

Hanging over the relationship is the larger question of whether, as China grows in economic and ¶ military power, the United States and China can manage their relationship in such a way as to ¶ avoid debilitating rivalry and conflict that have accompanied the rise of new powers in previous ¶ eras.

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The ¶ United States charges that cyber intrusions into U.S. government and private networks “appear to ¶ be attributable directly to the Chinese government and military.”

#### D. US China conflict could escalate to nuclear war – improving relations is the only solution

Wittner 11, Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany, 12

[Dr. Lawrence Wittner 11/10/12, Huffington Post http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lawrence-wittner/nuclear-war-china\_b\_1116556.html)]

While nuclear weapons exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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If the American and Chinese people are interested in ensuring their survival and that of the world, they should be working to encourage these policies.

## Politics

#### Political capital is key to passage-their internal link answers don’t assume the shutdown

Hattem, 10/20

(Julian, Washington Correspondent at [The Yomiuri Shimbun](http://www.linkedin.com/company/the-yomiuri-shimbun?trk=ppro_cprof) Reporting Intern at [Huffington Post Investigative Fund](http://www.linkedin.com/company/huffington-post-investigative-fund?trk=ppro_cprof) Project Coordinator at Arete Fund, 10/20/13, The Hill, “Obama has 'undermined' immigration reform effort, Sen. Rubio says,” <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/329471-rubio-obama-made-immigration-reform-less-likely>, Accessed: 10/29/13, LPS.)

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (R) said that President Obama’s handling of the 16-day government shutdown has made the path to reforming the country’s immigration system more difficult.

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“I do support Sen. McConnell’s reelection,” he said. “I think he’s trying to lead our conference.”

#### Plan saps Obama’s capital

Birns & Mills, Council on Hemispheric Affairs director and senior research fellow, 1/30/13

(Larry and Frederick B., Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “Best Time for U.S.– Cuba Rapprochement Is Now,” <http://www.coha.org/best-time-for-u-s-cuba-rapprochement-is-now/>, Accessed 7/9/13)

Despite the basic intransigence of US policy towards Cuba, in recent years,

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An end to the embargo has been long overdue, and the judgment of history may very well be that it ought never to have been started.

#### Key to the economy

Reuters 1-29 “Immigration Reform To Provide Net Benefit To U.S. Economy: Experts,” 1/29/2013, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/29/immigration-reform-economic-boost\_n\_2571414.html?utm\_hp\_ref=business

NEW YORK, Jan 29 (Reuters) - The sluggish U.S. economy could get a lift if President Barack Obama and a bipartisan group of senators succeed in what could be the biggest overhaul of the nation's immigration system since the 1980s.

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That's an annual increase of 0.8 percentage points to the economic growth rate, currently stuck at about 2 percent.

#### Economic collapse causes global wars

Royal ‘10 director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense (Jedediah, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal, and Political Perspectives, pg 213-215)

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may increase the likelihood of external conflict.

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This implied connection between integration, crises and armed conflict has not featured prominently in the economic-security debate and deserves more attention.

## XO CP

**CP Text: The United States’** President should issue an Executive Order to normalize its economic relations with Cuba.

#### The CP solves all of the case-- Recent executive order proves Obama can use XO’s to further economic engagement

USCOC 13 (United States Chamber of Commerce, May 01, 2012, U.S. Chamber Welcomes Executive Order on International Regulatory Cooperation, <http://www.uschamber.com/press/releases/2012/may/us-chamber-welcomes-executive-order-international-regulatory-cooperation>) TYBG

Sean Heather, vice president of the U.S. Chamber's Center for Global Regulatory Cooperation, issued the following statement welcoming today’s announcement by the Obama Administration of a new executive order on international regulatory cooperation: “

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The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

## Gradualism CP

#### Text: The United States federal government should repeal the embargo over 24 months.

#### An immediate lift of the embargo is unpopular– an incremental removal of the embargo is much more realistic and avoids the link to politics

**Zimmerman ’08** (Chelsea A. Zimmerman, “Rethinking the Cuban Trade Embargo: An Opportune Time to Mend a Broken Policy” , accessed 6/24/13, http://www.thepresidency.org/storage/documents/Fellows2010/Zimmerman.pdf, WP)

**While there appears to be broad agreement on the overall objective of the current U.S. economic policies with Cuba**

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**Because all of these reform measures, with the exception of lifting the travel ban, can be adopted through administrative action rather than Congressional or executive action,1 a political showdown would not be necessary to accomplish these measures**¶

## Relations

#### Cuba and the US work together behind the scenes in the status quo

**Haven, staff writer for the AP, 4-10**

**(Paul, Associated Press, “Under the radar, Cuba and U.S. often work together,” http://bigstory.ap.org/article/under-radar-cuba-and-us-often-work-together, 6/30/13, ND)**

Indeed, **diplomats** and observers **on both sides of the Florida Straits say American and Cuban law enforcement** officers, **scientists, disaster relief workers, Coast Guard officials and other experts work together on a daily basis, and** invariably **express professional admiration for each other.**¶

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It is important to highlight ... that **in judicial matters there is a willingness to cooperate and that could open a path to other types of cooperation,**" he said, citing the return of Joshua Michael Hakken and his wife, Sharyn, as a case in point.

#### Lifting the embargo would crush US-Latin American Relations – Turns case

**Brookes, Senior Fellow in National Security Affairs at the Heritage Foundation, 09,**

(Peter, 4/16/2009, The Heritage Foundation, “Keep the Embargo, O”, http://www .heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o, 6/28/2013) GM.

**In the end**, though, **it's** still Fidel **Castro** and his brother Raul **who'll decide whether there'll be a thaw in ties with the United States** -- or not

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(The likes of China, Russia and Iran might also look to partner with a revitalized Cuba.)

#### Cyber war attacks are impossible and ineffective

Birch 10-1 Douglas Birch, former foreign correspondent for the Associated Press and the Baltimore Sun who has written extensively on technology and public policy, “Forget Revolution,” Foreign Policy, 10/1/2012, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/10/01/forget\_revolution

"That's a good example of what some kind of attacks would be like," he said. "You don't want to overestimate the risks.

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And with the U.S. military's global reach, even terror groups have to factor in potential retaliation when planning their operations.

#### No impact to cyber war- empirics prove low probability and small impacts

Keck, 9/22

(Zachary, Associate Editor at [The Diplomat](http://www.linkedin.com/company/the-diplomat?trk=ppro_cprof) Deputy Editor at e-International Relations ¶ DC Foreign Policy Examiner at [Examiner.com](http://www.linkedin.com/company/examiner.com?trk=ppro_cprof) ¶ Joseph S. Nye Jr. National Security Research Intern, Natural Security Program at [Center for a New American Security](http://www.linkedin.com/company/center-for-a-new-american-security?trk=ppro_cprof) ¶ 9/22/13, “[Cyber War: Why More May Be Better](http://thediplomat.com/flashpoints-blog/2013/09/22/cyber-war-why-more-may-be-better/),” <http://thediplomat.com/flashpoints-blog/2013/09/22/cyber-war-why-more-may-be-better/>, Accessed: 9/22/13, LPS.)

Throughout the book Rid, a professor at the King’s War College in London, seeks to demolish the hysterical, conventional wisdom about the profound impact of so-called cyber war.

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Thus, the U.S. and Israel tried to sabotage Iran’s nuclear program by inserting Stuxnet into its enrichment facilities, in the same way that U.S. intelligence agents have covertly sold suspected proliferators faulty nuclear technology that stifled their progress, or that Israel sabotaged Syria and Iraq’s nuclear programs by bombing their nuclear plants.

#### Keystone species are myths

Plummer ’95 [Mark Plummer, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute, and Charles Mann, Noah’s Choice, 1995, p. 130]

In the 1970s, this thinking generated an outpouring of eco-"philosophy for the common man, as exemplified by the lovely vision that "everything is connected to everything else

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Collections of organisms that happen to share the same living quarters. Species interact with one another, but so do the denizens of an apartment complex, and nobody thinks the building will fall down if one family leaves.

#### Loss of Bio-D won’t collapse the environment

Washington Post 97

(“Diversity Is Not Enough to Ensure Hardy Ecosystems,” p. A03, l/n)

Ecologists have long maintained that diversity is one of nature’s greatest strengths, but new research suggests that diversity alone does not guarantee strong ecosystems.

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“It could be argued,” he added, “that the tide is turning against the notion of high biodiversity as a controller of ecosystem function and insurance against ecological collapse.”

#### Turn- US engagement in Cuba would lead to loss of biodiversity

**Canney**, 3/1/20**12**- Vassar College (Alexis, “The Threat of Lifting the US Embargo”, Accessed on 7/12/2013, http://pages.vassar.edu/cubantransitions/the-threat-of-lifting-the-us-embargo/)

**Cuba’s political isolation and economic limitations have spelled success for its wildlife in the last 50 years.**

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As it moves forward, is there a way that Cuba can preserve its unique environment?

## Transition

#### Nuclear terrorism won’t cause extinction–the U.S. would easily recover

Frost 5(Robin, teaches political science at Simon Fraser University, British Colombia, “Nuclear Terrorism after 9/11,” Adelphi Papers, December)

An existential threat.

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It is unlikely that terrorists could successfully obtain, emplace and detonate a single nuclear weapon, while no plausible radiological device or devices could do any significant damage on a national level.

#### SQ solves-- Trade is strong and resilient

Daniel **Ikenson,** 3/5/**12**,[Daniel Ikenson](http://www.cato.org/people/daniel-ikenson) is director of the Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute,

[<http://www.cato.org/publications/free-trade-bulletin/trade-policy-priority-one-averting-uschina-trade-war>]

Although some governments will dabble in some degree of protectionism, the combination of a sturdy rules-based system of trade and the economic self interest in being open to participation in the global economy **will limit** the risk of **a protectionist pandemic**.

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they can leverage that freedom to accomplish economic outcomes far more impressive than when governments attempt to limit choices through policy constraints.

#### Enviromental Collapse doesn’t cause extinction

Easterbrook, New Republic Senior Fellow 3

(Gregg, senior fellow at the New Republic, “We're All Gonna Die!”, <http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.07/doomsday.html?pg=1&topic=&topic_set>=)

If we're talking about doomsday - the end of human civilization - many scenarios simply don't measure up.

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But Marcel Proust, as miserable as he was, wrote *Remembrance of Things Past* while lying in bed.

#### New tech means farmers will always produce more food—SOLVES FAMINE

**Zubrin 11** (Dr. Robert Zubrin, president of Pioneer Astronautics, Senior Fellow with the Center for Security Policy “WHY IT’S WRONG TO AGREE WITH THE MALTHUSIANS ABOUT ETHANOL” May 13, 2011<http://www.ilcorn.org/daily-update/182-why-it-rsquo-s-wrong-to-agree-with-the-malthusians-about-ethanol/)//> CG

In an op-ed article printed in the Denver Post May 8, editorial columnist Vince Carroll endorsed the view of population control advocate Lester Brown that the U.S. corn ethanol program is threatening the world’s poor with starvation.

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**New seed strains and other techniques first demonstrated on our most advanced farms, subsequently spread to average farms, and then go global, thereby raising crop yields everywhere.**

#### One in three and a half billion chance of a successful attack

Schneidmiller ‘9 Chris Schneidmiller, “Experts Debate Threat of Nuclear, Biological Terrorism,” Global Security Newswire, 1/13/2009, http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/experts-debate-threat-of-nuclear-biological-terrorism/

WASHINGTON -- **There is an "almost vanishingly small" likelihood that terrorists would ever be able to acquire and detonate a nuclear weapon**, one expert said here yesterday (see GSN, Dec. 2, 2008).

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Even Pakistan, which today is perhaps the nation of greatest concern regarding nuclear security, keeps its bombs in two segments that are stored at different locations, he said (see GSN, Jan. 12).

## Solvency

**Cuba will say no to cooperation with the U.S**.

**AFP’10**, (Professional association of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support for a wide variety of nonprofit, charitable organizations. http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/cuba-doesnt-want-ties-with-us-clinton-20100410-rz9d.html)

**Cuba's leadership does not want to normalise ties with Washington because they would "lose their excuses" for the country's lack of development and openness**,

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A leading Cuban political prisoner, Orlando Zapata, died in hospital February 85 days into a hunger strike to protest against appalling conditions inside the country's gaols.