# Case

#### The drug war is not declining and will not end unless there is cooperation.

Hornberger, founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation, 7/18

[Jacob, 7/18/13, MWC News, “Is the Drug War now Over?,” http://mwcnews.net/focus/politics/28714-drug-war-over.html, 7/19/13, JZ]

Young people have no idea that people who have grown up with the drug war have heard all the Trevino-type buzz before

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They need each other, which is why both sides want the drug war to keep going and going and going.

# MX politics

Reform won’t lead to decentralization of energy- means they can’t solve the impact-

Graham and Martinez, 12/7

(David Senior Correspondent at [Reuters](http://www.linkedin.com/company/thomson-reuters_1400?trk=ppro_cprof), and Ana Isabel, Reuters Staff, 12/7/13, Reuters, “UPDATE 4-Mexico nears energy bill, oil to remain in state hands,” <http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/07/mexico-reforms-idINL2N0JL0RW20131207>, Accessed: 12/7/13, LPS.)

Dec 6 (Reuters) - Mexican senators on Friday neared agreement on a bill that would allow private investors to drill for oil and market the country's black gold,

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stressing that it will not put ownership of the country's oil wealth in private hands.

2. Won’t pass-

Graham and Martinez, 12/7

(David Senior Correspondent at [Reuters](http://www.linkedin.com/company/thomson-reuters_1400?trk=ppro_cprof), and Ana Isabel, Reuters Staff, 12/7/13, Reuters, “UPDATE 4-Mexico nears energy bill, oil to remain in state hands,” <http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/07/mexico-reforms-idINL2N0JL0RW20131207>, Accessed: 12/7/13, LPS.)

A deal hinges on talks between Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and the conservative National Action Party

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the PAN wants an autonomous body.

#### 4. Winners win- Nieto needs policy victories to get majority on board.

Farnsworth Council of the Americas VP and Werz Center for American Progress Senior Fellow 12

[Eric, 11/30/12, Center for American Progress, “The United States and Mexico: The Path Forward”, <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/news/2012/11/30/46430/the-united-states-and-mexico-the-path-forward/>, accessed 6/27/13, ALT]

The fate of the reform agenda will arguably be the new president’s greatest and most immediate test.

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And the to-do list for the United States is extensive, but it is largely focused on economic policy and immigration reform.

#### 5. The Link is Non-Unique—Other issues take president, despite Nieto’s indication that energy is first on the agenda

Bolton, Council on Hemispheric Affairs Research Fellow, 13

[Gene, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, March 12th 2013, “Off and Running — Peña Nieto’s Domestic Agenda,” <http://www.coha.org/21851/>, Accessed 6/28/13, CB]

Education reform was Peña Nieto’s first priority when he entered into office last December; a surprising development

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[6] However, this assertion is incorrect, and the president will not be able to ride on the laurels of Gordillo’s arrest in order to advance the rest of his domestic agenda.

# Iran sanctions

#### 1. Failure to pass sanctions leads to nuclear conflict with Russia and China- that goes global

Associated Press, 11/14  
(Associated Press, 11/14/13, Press TV, “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/>, Accessed: 10/15/13, LPS.)

¶ A global conflict between the US, Russia, and China is likely in the coming months should the world powers fail to reach a nuclear deal with Iran,

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The analyst also noted that Israel and Saudi Arabia are “the usual suspects,” which are “working hand in hand to try to prevent” an interim nuclear agreement with Iran.

#### 2. Failure to pass sanctions leads to Middle Eastern prolif- that’s the most likely scenario for a full blown nuclear war

UN News Centre, 10/1

(UN News Centre, 10/1/13, “At UN, Israel insists tough sanctions must remain to deter Iranian nuclear threat,” <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=46167&Cr=general+debate&Cr1=#.Ukx_DutQ1NI>, Accessed: 10/2/13, LPS.)

¶ 1 October 2013 – Addressing the United Nations today,

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“It would make the spectre of nuclear terrorism a clear and present danger.”

#### 3. Tighter sanctions will pass-

Buel, 12/5

(Meredith, Associated Press, 12/5/13, Voice of America, “US Congress Considering New Iran Sanctions,” <http://www.voanews.com/content/congress-considers-new-iran-sanctions/1804723.html>, Accessed: 12/7/13, LPS.)

WASHINGTON — As early as next week the U.S. Congress could approve tough new sanctions on Iran.

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And now some members of Congress want to put even more economic pressure on Tehran by approving a new round of sanctions.

#### 4. Tighter Sanctions will pass- Obama will cave

Buel, 12/5

(Meredith, Associated Press, 12/5/13, Voice of America, “US Congress Considering New Iran Sanctions,” <http://www.voanews.com/content/congress-considers-new-iran-sanctions/1804723.html>, Accessed: 12/7/13, LPS.)

President Barack Obama says more time is needed for diplomacy

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“As we have seen with Iran, it frequently has violated its own pledges in the past so this deal could go up in smoke in the course of the next six months,” he said.

#### 7. Plan is massively popular- empirics prove- no Mexico perception links-

Associated Press, 10/24

(Associated Press,10/24/13, Congressman Scott Perry, “U.S. House Approves Bipartisan Water Infrastructure Bill,” <http://perry.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/us-house-approves-bipartisan-water-infrastructure-bill>, Accessed: 12/3/13, LPS.)

¶ WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. House approved bipartisan legislation

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, where they can sign up for e-mail updates and for his Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

#### 8. PC theory is wrong – winners win

Hirsh, National Journal Chief Correspondent, 13 – National Journal chief correspondent, citing various political scientists

[Michael, former Newsweek senior correspondent, "There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital," National Journal, 2-9-13, www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207, accessed 2-8-13, mss]

The idea of political capital—or mandates, or momentum—is so poorly defined that presidents and pundits often get itwrong

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“It is a controllable fact of political life.” Johnson had the skill and wherewithal to realize that, at that moment of history, he could have unlimited coinage if he handled the politics right. He did. (At least until Vietnam, that is.)

#### 11. DOT proposes the plan and Army Corp of Engineers enacts it- means no link to politics-

Associated Press, 10/24

(Associated Press,10/24/13, Congressman Scott Perry, “U.S. House Approves Bipartisan Water Infrastructure Bill,” <http://perry.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/us-house-approves-bipartisan-water-infrastructure-bill>, Accessed: 12/3/13, LPS.)

¶ H.R. 3080 was introduced in the House by Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I)

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while supporting effective and targeted flood protection and environmental restoration needs.

#### 12. Budget and CIR are priorities and tons of other agenda items thump the DA

Lightman, 12/2

(David, a reporter based in Washington, D.C. He covers Congress and politics for McClatchy Newspapers, 12/2/13, McClatchy Washington Bureau, Congress returns from Thanksgiving break, but agenda so far is slim, <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/12/02/210239/congress-returns-from-thanksgiving.html>, Accessed: 12/3/13, LPS.)

Congress returns Monday, sort of.¶

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(Sponsored by Rep. Bill Johnson / Energy and Commerce Committee)

#### 14. The plan increases Obama’s political capital- means he can sustain diplomacy efforts on Iran

Hammond, 11/28

(Andrew, formerly US Analyst at Oxford Analytica, and a Special Adviser in the Government of Tony Blair*,* Daily Egypt News, “Iranian breakthrough and Obama foreign policy success,” <http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2013/11/28/iranian-breakthrough-and-obama-foreign-policy-success/>, Accessed: 11/29/13, LPS.)

The landmark Iranian deal, combined with continued uncertainty in Syria and Egypt, has refocused Washington’s attention towards the Middle East in a manner unanticipated by Obama only a few months ago. In particular, the intense polarisation and gridlock of Washington.

# 50 States

#### No jurisdiction – federal government has authority over offshore drilling – the counterplan can’t solve for any of our drilling advantages or relations because it doesn’t have authority to act

Energy Information Administration Office of Oil & Gas, 5

[September, Overview of U.S. Legislation and Regulations Affecting Offshore Natural Gas and Oil Activity, <http://www.eia.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/feature_articles/2005/offshore/offshore.pdf>, p. 4-5, accessed 7-19-13]

Who Has Jurisdiction Over Offshore Regions?

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OCSLA was amended six times to account for changing issues. It remains the cornerstone of offshore legislation to this day (see next section).

Fresh water is key to prevent water wars, transbouandry agreements solve.

Jarvis, Institute for Water and Watersheds, Oregon State University, 2010

[Todd, 3/16/13, Journal of Ground Water, “Water Wars, War of the Well, and Guerilla Well-fare,” http://www.kysq.org/docs/Water\_Wars\_War\_of\_the\_Well.pdf, 12/1/13, JAZ]

To get a feel for how sensationalist the term¶

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reduce environmental¶ degradation, and achieve economic growth.

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### States

#### Perm Do Both solves- Federal Pre-emption key to effective state regulation

Ruth 10(Corporate Law Scholar and Professor of Law, 10

Mason, “Federalism and the Taxing Power,”12-1

http://www.californialawreview.org/assets/pdfs/99-4/02\_Mason.pdf, pg. 994, accessed 7-9)

When comparing the federalism impact of various modes of federal regulation, it is important to note that conditional grants do not cut states out of the regulatory process entirely.

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. In this way, federal tax incentives may be federalism-preserving compared to grants.

#### States have no jurisdiction—interstate commerce

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Inland Waterways: Recent Proposals and Issues for Congress Charles V. Stern Analyst in Natural Resources Policy April 12, 2012, Congressional Research Report

The Inland Waterway System predates the founding of the nation itself. Before the onset of rail and highway transport,

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but these waterways remain a significant component in the nation’s transportation mix for many bulk commodities.

#### States lack the necessary capacity and planning and fight over investment

The Economist 11 (04/28, “America's transport infrastructure: Life in the slow lane,” http://www.economist.com/node/18620944)  
  
Formula-determined block grants to states are, at least, designed to leave important decisions to local authorities. But the formulas used to allocate the money shape infrastructure planning in a remarkably block-headed manner.

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but **New Jersey faced cost overruns** that in a better system should have been shared with other potential beneficiaries all along the north-eastern corridor. **Regional planning could** help to **avoid problems like this.**