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#### Interpretation - Engagement requires DIRECT talks – means both governments must be involved

**Crocker ‘9** [9/13/09, Chester A. Crocker is a professor of strategic studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, was an assistant secretary of state for African affairs from 1981 to 1989. “Terms of Engagement,” http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/opinion/14crocker.html?\_r=1&]

PRESIDENT OBAMA will have a hard time achieving his foreign policy goals until he masters some key terms and better manages the expectations they convey.

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The goal of engagement is to change the other country’s perception of its own interests and realistic options and, hence, to modify its policies and its behavior.

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Removal from the Terror List is a pre-req-The list carries severe economic repercussions—prevents financial aid, trade, and sovereign immunity, and medicine exchange

Bender, 13

(Bryan, Globe reporter joined the Globe's Washington Bureau in 2001, covers the US military, global terrorism, the international arms trade, and government secrecy. 2/21/13, The Boston Globe, “Talk grows of taking Cuba off terror list Kerry reviewing policy that could pave way for renewed relation,” <http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2013/02/21/cuba-label-terrorist-state-longer-justified-some-officials-say/CmVFXsVC4M1R1WbHE8lb0H/story.html>, Accessed: 9/18/13, LPS.)

A major impediment to normalizing relations with Cuba, according to McGovern and others, is that Cuba has been listed by the State Department each year since 1982 as a sponsor of terrorist groups.

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The Cuban government also armed and trained Marxist revolutionaries across Latin America and Africa during the 1970s and 1980s.

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#### The affirmative represents a masculinized attempt to impose security through control – this entrenches gender hierarchies and prevents successful alternatives.

Tickner 1992

(J. Ann Tickner, Professor of International Relations at USC. Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security. 1992, <http://www.ciaonet.org/book/tickner/>)

In previous chapters I have argued that traditional notions of national security are becoming dysfunctional.

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genuine security requires not only the absence of war but also the elimination of unjust social relations, including unequal gender relations

#### Gendered structures of international relations and politics culminate in environmental destruction, nuclear war, and extinction

Tickner 1992

(J. Ann Tickner, Professor of International Relations at USC. Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security. 1992, <http://www.ciaonet.org/book/tickner/>)

In the modern West, women's activities have typically been associated with a devalued world of reproduction and maintenance

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If we are to move toward a more secure future, what we value in the public realm, including the realm of international politics, should not be so rigidly separated from the values we espouse in the home.

#### The alternative is to reject the affirmative’s knowledge production in favor of examining politics through a gendered lens—this is a prior question to effective policies

Tickner 1997

(J. Ann Tickner - Professor in the School of International Relations at University of Southern California, President of the International Studies Association, the most respected and widely known scholarly association in this field - Dec., 1997 “You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists” International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 41, No. 4.)

Many of these issues seem far removed from the concerns of international relations.

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women's (and certain men's) security broadly defined can be formulated.

### 1NC-Terror

National Defense Authorization Act will pass- bi-part support

Coburn, 12/5

(James, Associate Press, 12/5/13, Edmund Sun, “Inhofe supports House version of NDAA bill,” <http://www.edmondsun.com/local/x439241025/Inhofe-wants-new-NDAA-bill>, Accessed: 12/5/13, LPS.)

The NDAA is voted on each year as part of defense authorization legislation.

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He calls the group, the Big Four.

PC key to pass NDAA

Kouri, 11/30

(Jim, CPP, formerly Fifth Vice-President, is currently a Board Member of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, an editor for ConservativeBase.com, and he's a columnist for Examiner.com. In addition, he's a blogger for the Cheyenne, Wyoming Fox News Radio affiliate KGAB (www.kgab.com). Kouri also serves as political advisor for Emmy and Golden Globe winning actor Michael Moriarty, 11/30/13, The Albany Tribune, “Obama Claims National Security Strategy Will Be Updated‏,” <http://www.albanytribune.com/30112013-obama-claims-national-security-strategy-will-updated%E2%80%8F/>, Accessed: 12/1/13, LPS.)

President Barack Obama on Friday claimed that he and his national security team will update his administration’s National Security Strategy in 2014,

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defeating al-Qaeda; and achieving economic recovery at home and abroad.

#### Even bipartisan energy industry funding triggers backlash and spending fight

Engblom, 12

Andrew Engblom, SNL Financial Editor, SNL Electric Utility Report, October 1, 2012, lexis

The natural gas boom and the impending budgetary shakeout are likely to heavily influence energy policies and politics

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the debate has digressed down to this 'we versus them,'" he said, adding, "We are not on that platform."

Military cuts lead to further vulnerability to a terror attack and no military capabilities to respond-

Edwards-Levy, 8/4

(Ariel, Politics Intern at The Huffington Post ¶ Executive Producer at Annenberg Radio News ¶ Intern for MSNBC Chief Washington Correspondent at [NBC News](http://www.linkedin.com/company/cnbc?trk=ppro_cprof), 8/4/13, The Huffington Post, “Lindsey Graham: Sequestration Could Hurt America's Response To Threats (VIDEO),” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/04/lindsey-graham-america-threats_n_3703824.html>, Accessed: 8/14/13, LPS.)

The current major budget cuts known as sequestration could make America less safe in the event of a future terrorist threat,

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“Benghazi was a complete failure ... we’ve learned from Benghazi, thank God, and the administration’s doing this right.”

#### Terrorist retaliation causes nuclear war – draws in Russia and China

Ayson, Victoria University professor in strategic studies, 10(Robert, Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington, July, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Volume 33, Issue 7, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via InformaWorld)

A terrorist nuclear attack,

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In that situation, the temptations to preempt such actions might grow, although it must be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

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#### The affirmative engages with known human rights abusers-— *moral duty* to shun

Beversluis 89 — Eric H. Beversluis, Professor of Philosophy and Economics at Aquinas College, holds an A.B. in Philosophy and German from Calvin College, an M.A. in Philosophy from Northwestern University, an M.A. in Economics from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Education from Northwestern University, 1989 (“On Shunning Undesirable Regimes: Ethics and Economic Sanctions,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Volume 3, Number 2, April, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via JSTOR, p. 17-19)

A fundamental task of morality is resolving conflicting interests

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Rather, because we have **an obligation to shun** in certain circumstances, when we fail to do so others may interpret our failure as **tacit complicity** in the **willful**, **persistent**, and **flagrant immorality**.

#### Dehumanization is the worst comprehensible impact: it outweighs everything

Montagu & Matson, anthropologist and professor of American Studies, 83

(Ashley and Floyd, “The Dehumanization of Man,” 1983)

This book is concerned with an invisible disease, an affliction of the spirit, which has been ravaging humanity in recent

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It's more conventional name, of course, is dehumanization.

### Blackouts

#### No impact to terrorists or solar storms- The GRID Act is already securing our grid from these threats

Schewe 10 (Phillip Schewe, ISNS, Phys.org, "Plans to Secure Power Grid From Terrorists, Solar Storms", phys.org/news195752582.html, 6/14/10, Accessed 7/18/12, KW)

Electricity is all around us. It lifts elevators, pumps gas, lights rooms, cooks food, and even powers a growing fleet of cars.

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The act also creates a category of "protected" technology security information that is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, the better to foil those who would plan terror attacks on the grid.

#### Nearly impossible to black out the power grid- hurricanes, physics prove

Brown 10 )Joshua E. Brown, staff writer at the University of Vermont, “Study: It's Hard to Bring Down the Electric Grid”, http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmpr/?Page=News&storyID=17119, 10/8/10, Accessed 7/14/12)

An important implication of Hines's work, funded by the National Science Foundation,

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," he says, "to really figure out how to make the grid fail."

#### The coming storm won’t be large and status quo measures solve

Gary 10 (Stuart “Solar max claims 'overstated': expert,” <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2010/08/27/2995543.htm>)

Australia's leading body responsible for monitoring space weather has dismissed claims that a massive solar storm could

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James Cook made mention of just such an event off Timor."

#### Nuclear meltdowns don’t cause death-multiple backups and its empirically denied

Beller works at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Nevada, Las Vegas , 2004

[Dennis, “Atomic Time Machines: Back to the Nuclear Future” Land Resources and Envtl.] vpotluri   
No caveats, no explanation, not from this engineer/scientist.

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51 The low death [\*51] rate from nuclear power accidents in the figure includes the Chernobyl accident in the Former Soviet Union. 52

#### Early warning allows for nuclear shut down- even if grid goes multiple backups solve

Biello, Associate Editor, Energy & Environment Scientific American 11, (David, 3/11,“How to Cool a Nuclear Reactor”, Scientific American, <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=how-to-cool-a-nuclear-reactor> [Duvarney]

Scientific American spoke with Scott Burnell, public affairs officer

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And the batteries usually last long enough for you to get the diesels going.

### Sugar Ethanol

#### Corn ethanol saves energy

BIN 13

Before It’s News, 6/11/2013, “Good News for Corn Ethanol and Feeding the World”, <http://beforeitsnews.com/energy/2013/06/good-news-for-corn-ethanol-and-feeding-the-world-2450036.html>, accessed 7/9/2013, #BD

A new enzyme technology allowing the corn ethanol biofuels industry to produce more ethanol with less corn while saving energy

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The future, and its coming fast, won’t be food vs. fuel it will be fuel and food.

#### Corn ethanol good for the environment

Anthony 9

Neal St. Anthony (a business columnist and reporter for the Star Tribune for more than 25 years. He also has worked in financial communications for two publicly held companies), 2/9/2009, Star Tribune, “New study praises corn as source for ethanol”, <http://www.startribune.com/business/39345102.html>, accessed 7/10/2013, #BD

A University of Minnesota study released last week

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Advances in corn-ethanol productivity are to be hailed. But it's no panacea. It's been estimated that if the nation's entire corn crop were turned to ethanol production, we would only displace up to 12 percent of motor-fuel consumption.¶ That leaves lots of room for other clean-burning fuels and transport technology. And that also will turbocharge the U.S. economy.

#### Embargo triggered Cuba’s shift to sustainable agriculture, lifting the embargo will crush it **-**Monocultures deplete the soil and lead to a loss of Bio-diversity

Roslin, associate producer for CBC-TV, 2008

[Alex: on three Canadian Association of Journalists awards for investigative reporting and eight nominations for CAJ and National Magazine Awards, founder the Canadian Centre for Investigative Reporting and was president of its board., 4/16/08, Straight, “Monocrops bring food crisis”, <http://www.straight.com/news/monocrops-bring-food-crisis>, Accessed: 7/10/13, PR]

Because the new monocrops were poorly adapted to local conditions, the plants didn’t do so well unless sustained by massive amounts of water, fertilizers, and pesticides.

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reducing soil productivity 18 times faster than natural processes can rebuild it on average in the U.S.

#### Biodiversity loss leads to extinction

Craig ‘3 (Robin Kundis Craig, Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law, 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155)

Biodiversity and ecosystem function arguments for conserving marine ecosystems also exist,

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even if a few fishers go out of business as a result.

**Warming won’t cause extinction**

**Barrett**, professor of natural resource economics – Columbia University, **‘7**

(Scott, Why Cooperate? The Incentive to Supply Global Public Goods, introduction)

First, **climate change does not threaten the survival of the human species**.

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The challenge would still be more difficult than asteroid defense, but we would have done much more about it by now.

**No impact---mitigation and adaptation will solve---no tipping point or “1% risk” args**

Robert O. **Mendelsohn 9**, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

The heart of the debate about climate change comes from a number of warnings from scientists and others that give the impression that human-induced climate change is an immediate threat to society (

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What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.

#### 30 year time gap prevents solving warming – any effect takes decades

Walker and King 8—Director of the School of Environment @Oxford

Gabrielle, PhD in Chemistry, Sir David, Director of the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford, and a senior scientific adviser to UBS, The Hot Topic, pg. 47

Most people have now realized that climate change is upon us. If pushed, most would probably say that if we don’t do something to change the way we live,

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The problem of climate change is one of legacy.

FFs lead to aerosols

Schueneman 10 (Thomas, Writer @ triplepundet, enn.com/pollution/article/42125, 12/16, DA 6/30/11, OST)

Global dimming is a less well-known but real phenomenon resulting from atmospheric pollution.

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for the Earth's surface back into space.

#### Aerosols cool the world more than the warming from associated GHGs

#### Henson 2k (Bob, ucar.edu/communications/highlights/1998/particles.html, 4/10, DA 7/1/11, OST)

After being emitted by coal burning or other industry, sulfur reacts in clouds with ozone or hydrogen peroxide to form sulfates. A key element in acid rain, these aerosols (airborne particles) are concentrated above the world's industrial

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An actual count usually requires far more computer time than present systems and budgets allow.

#### Removing aerosols leads to rapid warming

BBC 5 (http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/tvradio/programmes/horizon/dimming\_trans.shtml,”Global Dimming” documentary transcript, 1/14, DA 6/30/11, OST)

NARRATOR: If so much could happen in such a short time, removing just one form of pollution, then it suggests that the overall effect of Global Dimming

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Could this be the penalty of reducing Global Dimming without tackling the root cause of global warming?

#### CO2 solves food shortages – no habitat destruction

Sherwood and Idso 10 (Keith and Craig, "Surviving the Perfect Storm," CO2 Science Magazine, Volume 13, Number 44:3 November, http://www.co2science.org/articles/V13/N44/EDIT.php)

In introducing their review of food security publications pertinent to the challenge of feeding nine billion people just four decades from now,

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the world's climate alarmists to result from anthropogenic CO2 emissions are largely devoid of significant real-world substantiation.

### Solvency

**Nuclear deterrence fails—terrorist attacks, lack of nuclear safety, and conflict hotspots make miscalc likely**

**Doyle, senior policy analyst at Science Applications International Corporation, , 2009**

(James, Abolishing Nuclear Weapons: a Debate, “Eyes on the Prize: A Strategy for Enhancing Global Security,” <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/abolishing_nuclear_weapons_debate.pdf>, accessed 7-15-13, EB)

In their essay, Perry, Shultz, Kissinger, and Nunn assert that nuclear deterrence is “increasingly hazardous and decreasingly effective.”

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That security environment was defined by a single primary state adversary, whose threat of nuclear attack against the United States and its allies could be successfully deterred by a reciprocal threat of nuclear retaliation.

**Nuclear war causes extinction and climate change—prefer the latest studies**

**Choi 11**—writer for National Geographic News [Charles Q., 2/22/2011, National Geographic, “Small Nuclear War Could Reverse Global Warming for Years?,” <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2011/02/110223-nuclear-war-winter-global-warming-environment-science-climate-change/>, DS]

Even a regional nuclear war could spark "unprecedented" global cooling and reduce rainfall for years, according to U.S. government computer models. Widespread famine and disease would likely follow, experts speculate

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"The main message from our work," NASA's Oman said, "would be that even a regional nuclear conflict would have global consequences."

#### Extinction outweighs their moral obligation claims

Bostrum, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, directs the Oxford Future of Humanity Institute, 2012

(Nick, 3-6-12, The Atlantic“We’re Underestimating the Risk of Human Extinction,” interview with Ross Anderson, correspondent at The Atlantic, <http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/03/were-underestimating-the-risk-of-human-extinction/253821>, accessed 7-15-12, EB)

Bostrom, who directs Oxford's Future of Humanity Institute, has argued over the course of several papers that human extinction risks are poorly understood and, worse still, severely underestimated by society.

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outweigh even immense benefits like eliminating poverty or curing malaria, which would be tremendous under ordinary standards.