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**2AC COLONIALITY**

**No prior questions—focus on critical theory makes it impossible to describe the world and act**

**Owen 2** David Owen, Reader of Political Theory at the Univ. of Southampton, Millennium Vol 31 No 3 2002 p. 655-7

Commenting on the ‘philosophical turn’ in IR, Wæver remarks that ‘[a] frenzy for words like “epistemology” and “ontology” often signals this philosophical … things right, namely, the theoretical approach that gets its ontology and epistemology right. This image feeds back into IR exacerbating the first and second dangers, and so a potentially vicious circle arises.

**All lives infinitely valuable—only ethical option is maximizing number saved**

**Cummisky, 96** (David, professor of philosophy at Bates, Kantian Consequentialism, p. 131)

Finally, even if one grants that saving two persons with dignity cannot outweigh and

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conclusion that the more persons with dignity who are saved, the better.

**K can’t solve fast enough—even if the K resolves the root cause of US coloniality, the alternative can’t spill over in time to solve China’s rise in the short term**

**Perm do the plan and all non-mutually exclusive parts of the alternative—modernity and coloniality are separable**

**Grossberg 10** (Distinguished Professor of Communication Studies and Cultural Studies, and Adjunct Distinguished Professor of American Studies, Anthropology, and Geography at the University of North Carolina)

(Lawrence, Cultural Studies in the Future Tense, pg. 264) //DDI13

The M/C project, focused on the possibility of radical alterity, seeks

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matter, of alternatives to modernity, will require a decolonization of knowledge itself

**Alt fails-- They universalize coloniality. That method’s** *worse***; misinforms transitions and disproves the K** *in Cuba context***.**

**Powell ‘8**

Kathy Powell. Lecturer. PhD Social Anthroplogy – National University of Ireland, Galway. Critique of Anthropology – Vol 28(2) p. 177–197 – Sage Database

Yet, within these **broad** patterns, it is clear from the behaviour of **different**

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-emerge which construct a future resolved¶ by the demise of socialism.

**No root cause— ignores the complexity of the international system and colonial history—at worst, the aff still solves the proximate causes**

**Turn removing the embargo is anti-colonial – the only reason it is in place is to crush a socialist government**

**Báez, 4** – Ph.D. and professor of sociology at the University of Puerto Rico (Antonio, “State Resistance to Globalisation in Cuba”, Pluto Press, pg. 112-114)//eek

In 1995, the Cuban parliament passed the New Law on Foreign Investment, which

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their lobby groups only support the embargo with capital and intellectual back up.¶

**2AC XO**

**“The” is used to denote a specific entity**

**American Heritage, 00** (Fourth Edition, http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/the)

**the**1     P    (*th* *before a vowel;* *th* *before a consonant*)

*def.art.*

Used before singular or plural nouns and noun phrases that denote particular, specified persons or things: *the baby; the dress I wore.* Used before a noun, and generally stressed, to emphasize one of a group or type as the most outstanding or prominent: *considered Lake Shore Drive to be the neighborhood to live in these days.* Used to indicate uniqueness: *the Prince of Wales; the moon.* Used before nouns that designate natural phenomena or points of the compass: *the weather; a wind from the south.* Used as the equivalent of a possessive adjective before names of some parts of the body: *grab him by the neck; an infection of the hand.* Used before a noun specifying a field of endeavor: *the law; the film industry; the stage.* Used before a proper name, as of a monument or ship: *the Alamo; the Titanic.* Used before the plural form of a numeral denoting a specific decade of a century or of a life span: *rural life in the Thirties.*

**Resolved means to express by formal vote—this is the only definition that’s in the context of the resolution**

**Webster’s Revised Unabridged Dictionary, 1998** (dictionary.com)

**Resolved:**

5. To express, as an opinion or determination, by resolution and vote; to declare or decide by a formal vote; -- followed by a clause; as, the house resolved (or, it was resolved by the house) that no money should be apropriated (or, to appropriate no money).

**XO fails– the president can’t loosen the embargo while the Castro regime is in place**

**Holmes, 10–** B.A. from Georgetown, Master’s Thesis (Michael G., June 21, 2010, “Seizing the Moment”, <https://repository.library.georgetown.edu/bitstream/handle/10822/553334/holmesMichael.pdf?sequence=1>, pg. 19-20)//NG

The Helms-Burton Act had come to the attention of ¶ Fidel Castro almost a year before it was ever put into ¶ law. He mounted a public campaign expounding … transferred power to Raul Castro, isn’t it likely ¶ that upon time for Raul Castro step to down that he will ¶ transfer power to yet another Castro?

**2AC IMMIGRATION**

**CIR is dead**

**Llorente, 9/6/13** (Elizabeth,

Already Facing Uphill Battle, Immigration Reform Could Be Doomed By Syrian Conflict, Fox News Latino, Read more: <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2013/09/06/already-facing-uphill-battle-immigration-reform-could-be-doomed-by-syrian/#ixzz2eDjaBMhd>)

The differences among lawmakers over how to deal with immigration were clearly delineated, and the window for addressing them already closing, when Congress left for … using the tight legislative calendar and, now, the debate over Syria, as a way to avoid the uncomfortable, lightning-rod issue of immigration — essentially, kick the can down the road.

**PC fails**

**Dickinson 9** (Matthew, professor of political science at Middlebury College and taught previously at Harvard University where he worked under the supervision of presidential scholar Richard Neustadt, 5/26, Presidential Power: A NonPartisan Analysis of Presidential Politics, “Sotomayor, Obama and Presidential Power,” [http://blogs.middlebury.edu/presidentialpower/2009/05/26/sotamayor-obama-and-presidential-power/](http://lynch.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/03/21/keeping_libya_in_context), NG)

What is of more interest to me, however, is what her selection reveals

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has already occurred, in the decision to present Sotomayor as his nominee.

**Political capital is irrelevant- winners win**

**Dickerson ‘13**

**(John, Chief Political Correspondent at the Slate, Political Director of CBS News, Covered Politics for Time Magazine for 12 Years, Previous White House Correspondent, Go for the Throat!, http://tinyurl.com/b7zvv4d)**

On Monday, President Obama will preside over the grand reopening of his administration.

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of “self-deportation” and the pure no-tax wing.

**Obama doesn’t push the plan**

**Fiedler, 13–** WLS web writer (Christine, “Bobby Rush pushes for better trade relations with Cuba”, <http://www.wlsam.com/common/page.php?pt=Bobby+Rush+pushes+for+better+trade+relations+with+Cuba&id=37263&is_corp=0>, NG)

Congressman Bobby Rush is … of Rush; this follows his United States-Cuba Trade Normalization Act in 2009.

**PC fails and syria thumps**

**Rothman, 9/5/13 –** columnist for Reason(Noah, “Will Democrats Forgive Obama for Blowing His Second Term?” <http://www.mediaite.com/online/will-democrats-forgive-obama-for-blowing-his-second-term/>)

Now, nearly nine months into the president’s second term, Obama is already developing the symptoms associated with lame duck syndrome. Most of Obama’s predecessors .. support appears to be backfiring. Not only does the House look set to vote down an authorization, it is not even a close call. As of this writing, 51 Democrats and 149 Republicans are set to vote against authorizing force in Syria.

**But actually, Syria thumps everything**

**Atkins, 9/3/13 –** columnist for the Boston Herald (Kimberly, Boston Herald, “Prez faces conflict on home front, too” <http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/columnists/kimberly_atkins/2013/09/atkins_prez_faces_conflict_on_home_front_too>)

By forcing a congressional vote on a military ,… **he’s got** under the Capitol Hill dome.

Syrian strike or no,  domestic policies are most likely  to take the direct hit.

**And Syria, guns, immigration, and budget all** shred **his agenda**

**Todd, 9/6/13** –MSNBC commentator (Chuck, “First Thoughts: Obama's tough challenge ahead” MSNBC, <http://firstread.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/09/06/20357154-first-thoughts-obamas-tough-challenge-ahead?lite>)

\*\*\* Obama’s tough challenge ahead: … a huge political blow to Obama’s political standing.

**Summers nomination thumps the link**

**Irwin, 8/30/13** - Washington Post columnist and the economics editor of Wonkblog. Each weekday morning his Econ Agenda column reports and explains the latest trends in economics, finance, and the policies that shape both (Neil, “How the Fed chair race became a public circus, and why it matters”

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/08/30/how-the-fed-chair-race-became-a-public-circus-and-why-it-matters/>

No, you’re not imagining it. The very public battle over who will be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve is louder and uglier than any in history. The question now is what it … **require horse-trading that could cost political capital they might prefer to save to push another tough vote**.

**No risk of cyberattack and no impact if it does happen**

**Birch, 12** – former foreign correspondent for the Associated Press and the Baltimore Sun who has written extensively on technology and public policy (Douglas, “Forget Revolution.” Foreign Policy. http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/10/01/forget\_revolution?page=full)

"That's a good example of what some kind of attacks would be like,"

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even terror groups have to factor in potential retaliation when planning their operations.

**Newest, most-qualified report says no shortage**

**Hickey 13** [Walter, B.S. Applied Mathematics (William and Mary), Politics and Markets Reporter

Business Insider, “A Brand New Report Shows Just How Wrong Silicon Valley Is About A Tech Worker Shortage,” Business Insider, 5/31, <http://www.businessinsider.com/a-brand-new-report-shows-just-how-wrong-silicon-valleys-claim-of-a-stem-shortage-is-2013-5#ixzz2Wcm0nFLe>]

**A new report from the esteemed** Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce presents a

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shortage.¶ But to say we have a STEM shortage is **needlessly hyperbolic**.

**2AC SHUNNING**

**Too extreme—Cuba’s record isn’t flagrant. Their authors are biased.**

**Lamrani 10** — Salim Lamrani, Lecturer at the Paris Sorbonne-Paris IV and Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée Universities, specialist in Cuba-US relations, 2010 (“Cuba and the rhetoric of human rights (1 of 2),” *ZNet*, July 7th, Available Online at http://www.zcommunications.org/cuba-and-the-rhetoric-of-human-rights-1-of-2-by-salim-lamrani, Accessed 07-03-2013)

Thus, the western media has misled the public when it presents Cuba as the

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addition most countries on the continent have situations worse than that of Cuba.

**Weigh consequences—moral absolutism** *reproduces evil***.**

**Isaac 2** — Jeffrey C. Isaac, James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life at Indiana University-Bloomington, 2002 (“Ends, Means, and Politics,” *Dissent*, Volume 49, Issue 2, Spring, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via EBSCOhost, p. 35-36)

As writers such as Niccolo Machiavelli, Max Weber, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Hannah

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

**No morality d-rule—nations** *aren’t* **moral actors. Rational self-interest best metric for action.**

**Kennan 86** — George F. Kennan, Professor Emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, served as U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union (1952) and Yugoslavia (1961-1963), 1985 (“Morality and Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs*, Winter 1985/1986, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via JSTOR, p. 216)

Second, let us recognize that the functions, commitments and moral obligations of governments

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need it accept any moral reproach for acting on the basis of them.

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**Cuba’s model will outcompete the industrial ag model**

**Cornell and Patel 09** – both write for the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (Christina and Tara, “Cuba Elevates Urban Gardening To a Cause” 4/17, http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=11525

Since the development of urban agriculture in … a country like **Cuba to become an important economic actor**, ultimately expanding its profits through competitive transactions and trade.

**Air-gapping solves the impact**

**Green 02 –** (Joshua, Editor, Washington Monthly, “The Myth of Cyberterrorism”, November, http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2001/0211.green.html)

When ordinary people imagine cyberterrorism, they tend to think along Hollywood plot lines, doomsday scenarios in which terrorists hijack nuclear weapons, airliners, or .. spacecraft, nuclear weapons, or any other type of high-consequence asset," says Air Force Chief Information Officer John Gilligan. For more than a year, Pentagon CIO John Stenbit has enforced a moratorium on new wireless networks, which are often easy to hack into, as well as common wireless devices such as PDAs, BlackBerrys, and even wireless or infrared copiers and faxes.

**Controversial fights are key to Obama’s agenda**

**Dickerson 1/18 –** (John, Slate, Go for the Throat!, www.slate.com/articles/news\_and\_politics/politics/2013/01/barack\_obama\_s\_second\_inaugural\_address\_the\_president\_should\_declare\_war.single.html)

On Monday, President Obama will preside over the grand reopening of his administration.

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**the party** that will leave it, at least temporarily, in **disarray**.