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**The only blockade preventing Saudi Arabian proliferation is a strong US security commitment – perception of shifting oil consumption causes proliferation**

**Rogers 3/20** – [2013 – Will Rogers is the Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). At CNAS, Mr. Rogers’ research focus is on science, technology and national security policy. He has authored or co-authored a range of publications on energy, climate change, environmental cooperation in Asia and cybersecurity, “America Committed to Gulf Security Despite Changing Relationship with Region's Oil, says Gen. Dempsey,” Center for New American Security, 2013, http://www.cnas.org/blogs/naturalsecurity/2013/03/america-committed-gulf-security-despite-changing-relationship-regions-]

America’s relationship with the Middle East’s energy resources is changing as U.S.

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**- will have to be managed carefully. What a tightrope to walk.**

**Cuban production trades-off with US- Mid-East oil ties**

**Alhaiji and Maris 04** – [Dr. A. F. Alhajji is an energy economist and George Patton Chair of Business and Economics at the College of Business Administration at Ohio Northern, Terry L. Maris is the founding executive director of the Center for Cuban. Business Studies and professor of management, “The Future of Cuba’s Energy Sector,” Cuba Today, 2004, http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/bildn/publications/cubatodaybookcomplete.pdf#page=105]

The current economic, political, and social trends in Cuba indicate that energy consumption

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the US and other oil producing countries, especially in the Middle East.

**Saudi prolif causes nuclear war**

**Edelman 11** – (Eric –Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments & Former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67162/eric-s-edelman-andrew-f-krepinevich-jr-and-evan-braden-montgomer/the-dangers-of-a-nuclear-iran>)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive significant outside support

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Middle East could lead to a new Great Game, with unpredictable consequences.

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**Using its licensing authority and enforcement discretion, the United States Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control should exempt transactions involving agricultural commodities to Cuba from enforcement under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations.**

**Counterplan solves via specific exemptions without linking to politics**

**Golumbic and Ruff 13** — Court E. Golumbic, Managing Director and Global Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Bribery and Government Sanctions Compliance Officer at Goldman Sachs & Co., Lecturer-in-Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, former Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and Robert S. Ruff III, Associate in the Securities Litigation practice group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 2013 (“Leveraging the Three Core Competencies: How OFAC Licensing Optimizes Holistic Sanctions,” *North Carolina Journal of International Law & Commercial Regulation* (38 N.C.J. Int'l L. & Com. Reg. 729), Spring, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via Lexis-Nexis)

2. Ability to Mitigate Collateral Damage

Because OFAC prefers to formulate its sanctions program **broadly**, its economic sanctions can affect

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**produce the desired change**, rather than on **innocent civilians and businesses**. n353

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**Apocalyptic environmental rhetoric causes eco-authoritarianism and political apathy – turns the case**

**Buell 3** (Frederick, cultural critic on the environmental crisis and a Professor of English at Queens College and the author of five books, From Apocalypse To Way of Life, pages 185-186)

Looked at critically, then, crisis discourse thus suffers from a number of liabilities

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**give up**, or even cut off ties to clearly terminal “nature.”

**The aff is based on a desire to control and know through military interventions- this results in a spiraling ontology of violence- the alternative is to reprogram our ontological presuppositions**

**Burke 7**—Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations in the University of New South Wales (Anthony, *Theory & Event*, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007, “Ontologies of War: Violence, Existence and Reason,” Project MUSE)

This essay develops a theory about the causes of war -- and thus aims to generate lines of action and critique for peace -- that cuts beneath analyses based either on a given sequence of events, threats, insecurities and … available? Will our actions perpetuate or help to end the global rule of insecurity and violence? Will our thought?

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**Piecemeal will pass but pc is key**

**Sherfinski, 11/21/13** (David, Washington Times, “Pelosi open to piecemeal approach on immigration” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/nov/21/rep-nancy-pelosi-open-piecemeal-approach-immigrati/>)

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill appeared to … earlier this week also signaled his willingness to accept a piece-by-piece approach.

**Plan is unpopular**

Goodman 12 Alana goodman, Editor @ Commentary Magazine, 12/18/12. <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2012/12/18/menendez-expected-to-take-over-as-foreign-relations-chair/#more-814117>

Finally, some good news to come out of John Kerry’s likely secretary of state

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party attacking his Iran policy from such a prominent perch in the Senate.

**It’s key to the economy and US leadership**

Javier Palomarez, Forbes, 3/6/13, The Pent Up Entrepreneurship That Immigration Reform Would Unleash, www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2013/03/06/the-pent-up-entrepreneurship-that-immigration-reform-would-unleash/print/

The main difference between now and 2007 is that today the role of immigrants and

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businesses and workers already know: The American economy needs comprehensive immigration reform.

**Extinction**

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(Michael, Resident Scholar – American Enterprise Institute, and Desmond Lachman – Resident Fellow – American Enterprise Institute, “The Global Economy Unravels”, Forbes, 3-6, http://www.aei.org/article/100187)

What do these trends mean in the short and medium term? The Great Depression

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may be a series of small explosions that coalesce **into a big bang**.

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**Chinese influence in Latin America is expanding at the expense of the US – it’s zero-sum**

**Martinez, 13** – Columnist for the Sun Sentinel (Guillermo I., “America Losing Influence Throughout Latin America”, SunSentinel, 5/23, <http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-05-23/news/fl-gmcol-oped0523-20130523_1_drug-cartels-latin-america-pri)//VP>

Once upon a time, as many fairy tales start, the United States was

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lose status as a premier world power. This is no fairy tale.

**They solve for latin america relations, but that trades off with Chinese influence which is key to their economy**

**Arnson et al 09** – (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) (JN)

China’s role in Latin America is, above all, based on trade, despite

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

**China economic decline causes extinction**

**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

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**Economic engagement must be conditional**

Shinn 96 [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists … of Containment: A critical Appraisal of Postwar American National Security Policy. New York: Oxford University Press, (1982). This is also cited in Fareed Zakaria, “The Reagan Strategy of Containment,” Political Science Quarterly 105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

**1nc transition**

**Gradual transition now---political liberalization is facilitating an economic “soft landing”---solves the Aff**

**Piccone, 10/3** – Acting Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institute (Ted, “Cuba’s Stroll Toward Change: A View from the Streets”, Brookings Institute, 10/3/13, <http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2013/10/03-cuba-trip-piccone>, CB)

We are witnessing today the unfolding of a transitional hybrid economy that has one foot on the accelerator and one foot on the brake. On one hand, a host of ongoing reforms in the domains of agriculture, … alike. It is time to exploit the opportunity offered by Cuba’s economic reforms and let

reconciliation – both within the island and across the Florida Straits – begin.

**Cuba has no preparation for change and wouldn’t be able to take it all at once---lifting the embargo would cause a rapid democratic uprising**

**Erikson, 8** – Senior Advisor for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and has an M.A. in Public Policy from Harvard University and a B.A. from Brown University (Daniel P., “The Cuba Wars: Fidel Castro, the United States, and the Next Revolution”, Bloomsbury Press, 10/28/08, p. 250-251, CB)

Like most of his colleagues, Monreal readily agreed that the United States was the

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the ability of the Cuban government to control this fight is very limited.”

**Taiwan war won’t happen since nobody cares anymore. They ignore new political shifts**

**Saunders and Kastner 09** – \*Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National

Defense University, \*Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Politics

at the University of Maryland and former China Security Fellow at the Institute for National

Strategic Studies (Phillip and Scott, International Security, 33.4, “Bridge over troubled water? Envisioning a China-Taiwan peace agreement”, http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1162/isec.2009.33.4.87, WEA)

Most observers agree that the issue of Taiwan’s status is not ripe for resolution. China remains committed to the ultimate goal of unification and refuses to renounce the use of force to prevent Taiwan independence. Former President Jiang Zemin emphasized the goal of unification, and China’s policies sometimes implied a timetable for achievement of that .,, call in his inaugural address.9 Upon assuming office, Ma moved quickly to restart dialogue between Taiwan’s Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the PRC’s Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), the semiofficial bodies that previously served as vehicles for cross-strait dialogue.10

**Plan doesn’t solve econ – current Cuban economic model prohibits FDI**

* US embargo ≠ rc of Cuban econ collapse
* Cuba’s econ model = centralized – structurally impossible to grow

Feinberg 11 - professor of international political economy at UC San Dieg, nonresident senior fellow with the Latin America Initiative at Brookings (Richard E., “Reaching Out: Cuba’s New Economy and the International Response”, November, Brookings, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2011/11/18%20cuba%20feinberg/1118\_cuba\_feinberg.pdf)//ID

Despite these advances, the Cuban economy remains in the doldrums (as described in

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their bilateral trade accounts, but are frustrated by Cuba’s scant economic offerings.

**Any Cuban economic decline will be mitigated – remittances, tourism, oil, and diversification**

- even if Cuban econ collapses, remittances, tourists, oil, and diversified trade prevent it from being too extreme

Messa-Lago, 13 – Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh (Carmelo, “The possible impact of the death of Chavez in the Cuban economy”, 12/03/2013, http://www.cubaencuentro.com/cuba/articulos/el-posible-impacto-de-la-muerte-de-chavez-en-la-economia-cubana-283444, translated from Spanish by Google Translate)//eek

If substantially reduce or end Venezuelan aid (equivalent to more than a fifth of

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of trade and investment with other countries but not yet achieved substantial results.

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**Multilateralism empirically doesn’t solve anything – four reasons**

**Harvey 04** – University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (Frank, Smoke And Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism And The Illusion Of Multilateral Security, p. 43-45, CB)

The typical argument favouring multilateralism is a simple one, sum- marized by Ramesh

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threats virtually guarantees that similar conflicts will plague multilateral institutions in the future.

**The world is moving to pluralism, not multi-polarity – the US can still maintain unipolar leadership because most challengers are regional**

**Etzioni, 13** – served as a senior advisor to the Carter White House; taught at Columbia University, Harvard University and The University of California at Berkeley; and is currently a university professor and professor of international relations at The George Washington University (Amitai, “The Devolution of American Power” 37 Fletcher F. World Aff. 13, lexis)

The theory that the world is moving from a unipolar order, dominated by the United States, to a multipolar distribution of power has led to a robust debate concerning the consequences of this change on the …, the central power yields, therefore risking much less when pluralism increases than when a transition from uni- to multipolarity takes place. This is one of the principle strengths of pluralism.

**Unilateralism is what sustains leadership – other states bandwagon with the US for fear of other rising powers – moving towards multilateralism makes it unsustainable – turns the advantage**

**Seldena, 13** – assistant professor of political science at the University of Florida (Zachary, “Balancing Against or Balancing With? The Spectrum of Alignment and the Endurance of American Hegemony” Security Studies Volume 22, Issue 2, 2013, Taylor and Francis, CB)

Understanding which of these choices—soft balancing against the hegemon or alignment with the hegemon—is more prevalent among second-tier states has significant ramifications for the … power and an increased reluctance to use its power in support of its national interests.

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**Even if the model spills over – the system is unsustainable**

**Kost, 4** – agricultural economist, Specialty Crops Branch, Economic Research. Service, US Department of Agriculture (William, “CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?” http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf)

Even without an organic approach to food production, is Cuba’s urban gardening system … that they will have a long-term role in providing a substantial portion of urban consumers’ food needs.

**Organoponics fail and will never be cost- competitive- that was cross-ex**

**Status quo solves**

**Ergas, 13** – graduate student in sociology at the University of Oregon (Christina, Monthly Review, March, “Cuban Urban Agriculture as a Strategy for Food Sovereignty” <http://monthlyreview.org/2013/03/01/cuban-urban-agriculture-as-a-strategy-for-food-sovereignty>

The agricultural revolution in Cuba has … template for future food sovereignty. We can continue to learn from Cuba as they generate new technologies and innovations in organic urban agriculture into the future. In addition, the Cuban example serves as a testament to the potential for a society’s resilience and is worth investigating not just for their innovations, but for inspiration.

**Increasing economic engagement with Cuba destroys its ag industry, and integrates it into the global neoliberal order – turns case**

**Gonzalez 03** – law professor (Carmen, Assistant Professor, Seattle University School of Law, Tulane Environmental Law Journal, Vol. 16, p. 685, 2003, “Seasons of Resistance: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Cuba”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=987944>, ZBurdette)

Notwithstanding these problems, the greatest challenge to the agricultural development strategy adopted … alternative agricultural model in the face of overwhelming political and economic pressure from the United States and from the global trading system.

**US won’t adopt Cuba’s model.**

**Pfeiffer, 03** – energy editor for From the Wilderness (Dale, “Cuba-A Hope”, From the Wilderness,

http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/120103\_korea\_2.html.

Resistance to Cuban-style agricultural reform would be particularly stiff in the United States

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gardens to turn a profit is effectively drowned out by the overproduction of agribusiness

**No resource wars – too expensive and market checks**

**Victor 08** – David G, Adjunct Senior Fellow for Science and Technology, Council on Foreign Relations; Director, Program on Energy and Sustainable Development @ Stanford “Smoke and Mirror” <http://www.nationalinterest.org/PrinterFriendly.aspx?id=16530>

MY ARGUMENT is that classic resource wars—hot conflicts driven by a struggle to

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is easier to get resources through the **stock exchange** than the gun barrel.

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**at: russia war**

**Give Russia war zero probability – politics, military superiority, economic concerns, and nuclear security**

**Graham 07** – (Thomas, Russia in Global Affairs, "The dialectics of strength and weakness", http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/numbers/20/1129.html)

An astute historian of Russia, Martin Malia, wrote several years ago that “

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while laying the basis for more constructive long-term relations with Russia.

**First strike prevents Russia war**

**Lieber and Press 06** – (Keir A. Lieber, the author of War and the Engineers: The Primacy of Politics Over Technology, is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame.Daryl G. Press, the author of Calculating Credibility: How Leaders Assess Military Threats, is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, “The Rise of US Nuclear Primacy,” Foreign Affairs, March/April, <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~dpress/docs/Press_Rise_US_Nuclear_Primacy_FA.pdf>)

For almost half a century, the world’s most powerful nuclear states have been locked

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shadow of U.S. nuclear primacy for many years to come.

**War would be Russian economic suicide**

**Wagstyl 08 –** Stefan, Current Bureau Chief of Berlin’s Financial Times and has been covering emerging eastern markets for 20 years, March 1 2008, “Return of the Cold Warriors”, FT.com, <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/fd9d7e48-e372-11dc-8799-0000779fd2ac.html#axzz2adCtei90>

Lucas admits there is little chance of another armed confrontation with the west. The

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that destroyed the Soviet Union – the empire-builder himself was responsible.

**Domestic economic transformation changes Russian decision calculus**

**Perry et al 09** – (William J. (former United States Secretary of Defense, America’s Strategic Posture The Final Report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, <http://media.usip.org/reports/strat_posture_report.pdf>)

It is important, moreover, to bear in mind that despite our many disappointments

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the United States and Russia is **much lower than during the Cold War**.

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**Conditionality is good – first our OFFENSE:**

**1. nuanced advocacy** – **conditionality enforces ideological flexibility which is the lynchpin of democratic deliberation – outweighs your offense**

**Hanson and Marcus 10** — Russell L. Hanson, Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Minnesota, and George E. Marcus, Professor of Political Science at Williams College, holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University, 2010 (“Introduction: The Practice of Democratic Theory,” *Reconsidering the Democratic Public*, Edited by George E. Marcus and Russell L. Hanson, Published by Penn State Press, ISBN 0271042923, p. 14-15)

Hence, for citizens to engage in deliberation, they must **tolerate ambiguity** and **appreciate contradiction** without … and **ambivalence**, and a willingness to **explore problematic issues** with fellow citizens—all of which suggests that democratic citizens must be more like foxes than the hedgehogs of political philosophy and democratic revisionism.

**at: cyberattacks**

**NO impact to cyberterror –**

**a. air-gapping solves**

**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,

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as PDAs, BlackBerrys, and even wireless or infrared copiers and faxes.

**b. reject their evidence – best analysis proves it’s all hype**

**Fisher 09** – editor of threatpost.com [Dennis, 10/23/2009. “Report: Cyber-Terror Not A Credible Threat.” ThreatPOST: http://threatpost.com/en\_us/blogs/cyberte rror-not-credible-threat-102309]

A new report by a **Washington policy think tank** dismisses out of hand the idea

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have chosen not to use them. This alternative is nonsensical," Lewis writes

**8 alt causes the plan can’t resolve**

**Nacht 13 –** [Michael, professor of public policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy (Cal), “The Cyber Security Challenge,” Berkley Blog, 6/10, http://blogs.berkeley.edu/2013/06/10/the-cyber-security-challenge/]

Major challenges The national security community is wrestling with several tough problems which will take

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, a major new development for U.S. national security policy.

**2nc reforms now**

**b. talks at the UNGA prove**

**Hungwe, 10/3** – reporter at the Financial Gazette (Allen, “Contrast Of Priorities”, The Financial Gazette, 10/3/13, http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/contrast-of-priorities/)//SJF

In Cuba, the Communist Party remains in … taken a back seat in “spitting the anti-West venom” during the UNGA.

**c. new free-trade zone shows signs of end to the embargo and increased emphasis on globalization**

Frank 10/3, Marc, FT and Reuters reporter in Havana, 10/3/13, “Cuba’s new port offers a small opening to the global economy,” http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/bc2f5a54-2ab5-11e3-ade3-00144feab7de.html?siteedition=intl#axzz2hFsB1wVY)//DR. H

When Havana hosts its annual international trade jamboree next month, officials will be sure to tout Cuba’s new container terminal and free-trade …, may incentivise modest investments by their firms.”

**d. travel and targeted industry commercialization now and large-scale deregulation prove reforms work**

**Wicary, 10/7** – former Globe and mail reporter, foreign policy reporter (Stephen, “A business-friendly Cuba gets a hand from Canada”, Globe and Mail, 10/7/13, http://m.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/rob-magazine/a-business-friendly-cuba-gets-a-hand-from-canada/article14006239/?service=mobile#!/)//SJF

If things go as planned, the state’s … summer, the government announced it would begin to deregulate its biggest enterprises.

**e. liberalization is opening opportunities for US engagement – solves the AFF**

**Lopez-Levy and Cancio, 10/8** – \*lecturer and PhD Candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, Research Associate of the Institute for the Study of Israel in the Middle East (ISIME) and teaches Latin American Politics, and Comparative Politics at the University of Denver and the Colorado School of Mines, \*\* publisher and editor-in-chief of the new magazine Art On Cuba (Arturo, Hugo, “Obama speaks to Rouhani. Is Raul Castro next?”, PR Newswire, 10/8/13, http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/obama-speaks-to-rouhani-is-raul-castro-next-226980201.html)//SJF

In contrast, Cuba is … bilateral cooperation in humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief in the Caribbean. It is time for open and constructive cooperation between Washington and Havana in Haiti. Cuba should open categories of study and work travel for their citizens wanting to study and work in the United States beyond the two years limit of its recent migratory reform.

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**Status quo solves the AFF –**

**a. Canadian business interests cause the AFF in the long-term**

**Wicary, 10/7** – former Globe and mail reporter, foreign policy reporter (Stephen, “A business-friendly Cuba gets a hand from Canada”, Globe and Mail, 10/7/13, http://m.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/rob-magazine/a-business-friendly-cuba-gets-a-hand-from-canada/article14006239/?service=mobile#!/)//SJF

Today, the American embargo is …when, inevitably, the embargo is lifted, we sell out to American interests.’

**b. reforms and Diaz-Canel solves the AFF**

**López-Levy, 4/10** – PhD candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver (Arturo, “Getting Ready for Post-Castro Cuba”, The National Interest, 4/10/13, <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/getting-ready-post-castro-cuba-8316)//SJF>

In Cuba, a post-Castro era is … bilateral relations if he decided to lead on the issue by using his prerogative as a diplomat-in-chief.

**c. the AFF is inevitable – it’s just a question of timeframe for solving Cuban collapse**

**Ashby, 3/29** – Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (Timothy, “Preserving Stability in Cuba after Normalizing Relations with the United States – The Importance of Trading with State-Owned Enterprises”, we don’t defend the language, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 3/29/13, <http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/)//SJF>

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of economic, social, … States must throw itself open to unrestricted bilateral trade with all Cuban enterprises, both private and state-owned.

**2nc aff kills reform**

**The Cuban government can’t control the outcome---lack of scapegoat causes disruptive uprising**

**Koenig, 10** – US Army Colonel, paper submitted for a Masters in Strategic Studies at the US Army War College (Lance, “Time for a New Cuba Policy” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA518130>)

The United States needs to take the initiative away from the Castro regime, and

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the Cuban economy sputters and the government realizes they don’t have a scapegoat.

**Transition from a command economy must be slow – fast reforms crush the transition – turns case**

**Azel 08 –** (September, “How to Think About Change in Cuba: A Guide for Policymakers,” José Azel is currently a Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Cuban and CubanAmerican Studies, University of Miami, http://ctp.iccas.miami.edu/Research\_Studies/Article-Azel-FINAL.pdf)

But suppose that the U. S. government and the other constituencies - Cubans

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and organizational framework is not conducive to the creation of a new state.

**Lifting the embargo would pressure Cuba for rapid reforms**

**Cave, 12** – foreign correspondent for The New York Times, based in Mexico City and has a B.A. from Boston College and an M.S. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (Damien, “Easing of Restraints in Cuba Renews Debate on U.S. Embargo”, NY Times, 11/19/12, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/world/americas/changes-in-cuba-create-support-for-easing-embargo.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//EX>

Still, in a country where Cubans “resolve” their way around government restrictions

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the 1950s. “There is a lot of work to be done.”

**The regime fears fast economic opening as destroying its control**

**Colomer, 5** – Research Professor in Political Science, Professor at the University of Barcelona

(Joseph M., “Who Could End the Embargo? A Game-Theoretical Perspective”, 2004-2005, 14 Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs. 163, heinonline)//KW

For the same reason, the worst possible outcome for Cuba … position. A different ordering will be considered later, basically as a hypothetical preference change induced on Cuban rulers by either the further effects of the embargo or their weakened capability to maintain social control.

**2nc multilat fails**

**Several structural barriers to multilateralism crush effectiveness, several warrants –**

**a. power dispersion, institutional fragmentation, and empirical gridlock**

**Held et al 13** – Master of University College and Professor of Politics and International Relations, at the University of Durham, and Director of Polity Press and General Editor of Global Policy (David, “Gridlock: the growing breakdown of global cooperation,” ProQuest, 5/24/2013, http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/docview/1355105016) // MS

Economic and political shifts in large part attributable to the successes of the post-

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they now block and inhibit problem solving and reform at the global level.

**b. security guarantee coercion**

**Jenkin 06** – University of New Hampshire, citing Frank Harvey, University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (Clinton, “Book Review: Smoke and Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism and the Illusion of Multilateral Security,” Sage Journal, Spring 2006, http://icj.sagepub.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/content/16/1/69.full.pdf+html) // MS

Smoke and Mirrors, a runner-up for the Donner Book Prize, offers

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an incorrect course of action does not become correct because of widespread agreement.

**at: multilat solves hegemony**

**Multilateralism collapses US deterrence – creates several sources for miscalculation and war**

**Lieber 05** – Professor of Government and International Affairs at Georgetown University [Robert J., The American Era: Power and Strategy for the 21st Century, p. 4-5]

Third, in an international system with no true central authority and the United States

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the consent of others when action is necessary to defend our national security.

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**2nc framework wall (2:04)**

**e) reps first**

**Doremus 2k –** The Rhetoric and Reality of Nature Protection: Toward a New Discourse NAME: Holly Doremus \* BIO: Professor of Law, University of California at Davis. J.D., 57 Wash & Lee L. Rev. 11, \* Washington & Lee Law Review Winter, 2000

Environmentalists seek expressive law in the nature protection context. They recognize that nature protection

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can point us toward the future, or chain us to the past.

**d) \*personal agency – pretending to be the federal government ignores our personal responsibility for war and eliminates rational decisionmaking – independent reason to reject the team**

**Kappeler 95** – (Susanne is an associate professor at al-akhawayn university, “the will to violence: the politics of personal behavior”, pg. 10-11, MT)

`We are the war' does not mean that the responsibility for a war is

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our values' according to the structures and the values of war and violence.

**2nc permutation**

**4. Footnoting DA – we question the very need for a policy – the perm assumes we can just reform security logic and this mentality is why the AFF will inevitably fail**

**Cheeseman and Bruce 96** - \*lecturer in politics and defense studies at The University College, Australian Defense Force Academy, \*\*Associate Professor in Social Sciences at the Curtin University of Technology in Perth (Graeme and Robert, "Discourses of Danger & Dread Frontiers", pages 5-9)

This goal is pursued in ways which are still unconventional in the intellectual milieu of international relations in Australia, even though they are gaining influence worldwide as … concepts of realism and liberalism, which in turn seek legitimacy through policy-making processes. Contributors ask whether Australia’s policy-makers and their academic advisors are unaware of broader intellectual debates, or resistant to them, or choose not to understand them, and why?

**link debate**

**Russo-phobia skews their perspective—American objectivism makes the impact inevitable**

**Lieven 1,** (Senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), 01 (World Policy Journal. New York: Winter 2000/2001.Vol.17, Iss. 4;  pg. 25)

Ever since the Cold War ended, Western officials and commentators have been telling the

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in which certain nations are classed as irrationally, irredeemably savage and wicked.

**The affirmative’s literal and technical understanding of the international system and nuclear weapons makes extinction inevitable – the alternative is impossible within this framework for politics**

**Chernus 91** (Ira, Professor of Religious studies at UC Boulder, Nuclear Madness: on Religion and

Psychology in the Nuclear Age Pg. 90) WM

There is an endless stream of new projects and proposals to … that we call "being realistic."

**Anxiety and fear of insecurity create hatred and prevent inner peace**

**Yeshe 83** – Lama Thubten Yeshe, 1983. “Anxiety in the Nuclear Age,” http://www.lamayeshe.com/index.php?sect=article&id=128.

What’s the good of worrying about things twenty-four hours a day, … and peaceful, and don’t waste your time with pessimistic thoughts, fear or worry. Thank you so much.

**The affirmative misunderstands the source of value in the cosmos – value is not something that can be isolated and preserved for future generations, rather value is only a function of difference.**

A 1ac without value is by definition meaningless – presume negative until they can present a value system that does not collapse upon itself or evacuate meaning.

Henning 09 – (Brian; Associate Professor of Philosophy at Gonzaga University; “Trusting in the 'Efficacy of Beauty: A Kalocentric Approach to Moral Philosophy”; Ethics & the Environment- Volume 14, Number 1)//RSW

**Final truths** (whether in religion, morality, or science) **are unattainable** not

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**world, how we relate to and interact with every form of existence.**