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**Obama is spending his political capital on TPA – it will pass but it will be a tough fight**

**Politi, 2/10/14** (James, Financial Times, “Trade: Pacts of strife”

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/c1254a20-8ff3-11e3-aee9-00144feab7de.html>

But that vision is colliding with a sobering domestic reality. Passing big trade bills though Congress has always been difficult, … finishing line.

For now, however, that scenario seems a long way away, and the phones in the congressional offices of moderate Democrats such as Mr Delaney are ringing with antitrade messages. It seems natural for a lawmaker in that position to hold fire on the subject – even if it keeps the global trade agenda in limbo. “ I come to this with a certain perspective, of someone who believes in trade. But that doesn’t mean I’m a rubber stamp for any agreement,” Mr Delaney says.

**Plan crushes PC**

**LeoGrande 12 –** William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action.

**A persistent Obama focus is vital to overcoming opposition**

**McLarty 2/2**/14 - Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty was chief of staff to President Bill Clinton during the NAFTA ratification fight. Nelson W. Cunningham was also a Clinton White House aide (“A Critical Test of Leadership” Huffington Post, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/thomas-f-mclarty/a-critical-test-of-leader_b_4705623.html>

In his State of the Union address last week, President Obama took a good first step in asking Congress to provide the tools he needs to close two of the most ambitious trade deals in U.S. history. But he faces an immediate challenge from .., embarrassing us abroad, casting a shadow on the president's second term and hurting our economy in the long run. Why not instead show America and the world that the president and Congress, including leaders of his own party, can work together?

TPA key to trade leadership and global security

Riley 13 – Riley-Senior Analyst Trade Policy, Heritage-4/16/13

Bryan Riley is Jay Van Andel Senior Analyst in Trade Policy and Anthony B. Kim is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Center for International Trade and Economics at The Heritage Foundation.

Senior Analyst in Trade Policy

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) has been a critical tool for advancing free trade

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fosters open markets, democracy, and peace throughout the world.[3]

**Free trade prevents extinction**

Panzner **08** – Michael, faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” pg. 136-138

Continuing calls for curbs on the flow of finance and trade will inspire the United

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between Muslims and Western societies as the beginnings of a new world war.

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**We’re winning the war against terrorism now – complacency is the only risk**

**Dreyfuss 13 –** (Robert, a Nation contributing editor, is an investigative journalist in Alexandria, Virginia, specializing in politics and national security. He is the author of Devil's Game: How the United States Helped Unleash Fundamentalist Islam and is a frequent contributor to Rolling Stone, The American Prospect and Mother Jones., “Despite Boston, Terror Is at an All-Time Low,” The Nation, April 27, 2013, [http://www.thenation.com/blog/173876/despite-boston-terror-all-time-low#](http://www.thenation.com/blog/173876/despite-boston-terror-all-time-low)) SS

The headline in today’s New York Times had to be read twice to make sure

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States in the decade before Sept. 11 than in the decade after.

**Guantanamo is vital to strategic intelligence – the AFF collapses the War on Terror**

**Meese 12 –** (Edwin, the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and chairman of the Center for Legal & Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation. He served as the 75th attorney general of the United States under President Reagan, Guantanamo Bay prison is necessary, CNN, http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/11/opinion/meese-gitmo)

The detention and interrogation facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, which I have visited

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against terrorists by keeping them off the battlefield and allowing for lawful interrogations.

**Extinction**

**Rhodes 09** – affiliate of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University, Former visiting scholar at Harvard and MIT, and author of “The Making of the Atomic Bomb” which won the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction, National Book Award, and National Book Critics Circle Award (12/14, Richard, “Reducing the nuclear threat: The argument for public safety”, http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/op-eds/reducing-the-nuclear-threat-the-argument-public-safety)

The response was very different among nuclear and national security experts when Indiana Republican Sen

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nothing to do with those attacks in the name of sending a message.

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**“Engagement” requires increasing economic contacts**

**Resnick 1** – Dr. Evan Resnick, Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, “Defining Engagement”, Journal of International Affairs, Spring, 54(2), Ebsco

A REFINED DEFINITION OF ENGAGEMENT

In order to establish a more effective framework for dealing with unsavory regimes, I propose that we define engagement as the … pitfalls of prevailing scholarly conceptions of engagement. It considers the policy as a set of means rather than ends, does not delimit the types of states that can either engage or be engaged, explicitly encompasses contacts in multiple issue-areas, allows for the existence of multiple objectives in any given instance of engagement and, as will be shown below, permits the elucidation of multiple types of positive sanctions.

**Voting issue –**

**1. limits** – they explode the topic – blurring the lines between economic and other forms of engagement makes any positive interaction with another country topical. It’s impossible to predict or prepare

**2. negative ground** – the economic limit is vital to critiques of economics, trade disads, and non-economic counterplans

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**The world is not ending. Hegemonic position is stable but domestic critique of it prescribes decline**

**Nye 10** — prof at Harvard (Joseph, The Future of American Power: Dominance and Decline in Perspective, Foreign Affairs. 89;6, ProQuest)

Some argue that the United States suffers from "imperial overstretch," but so far

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, and civil rights, were arguably more serious than any of today's.

**Critical public discourse indicting American foreign policy devastate perceptions of US resolve and bolsters terrorism**

**Eyago 05 –** [Sound Commentary on Current Events in Seattle, Puget Sound and Washington State, http://www.soundpolitics.com/archives/004721.html, Political Commentary – Sound Politics Reporter 8-7]

Finally, I am angry at those who undermine our efforts to conduct this war

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our public leaders. What they do for political gain is completely unconscionable.

**reject the affirmative to signal commitment to primacy – it’s a better foreign policy strategy**

**Kagan 11** – PhD, graduate of Yale and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, CFR member, US ambassador to NATO, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1/24, Robert, Weekly Standard, “The price of power”, <http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/price-power_533696.html?page=1>, WEA)

The only way to …., pound-foolish calculation that, in matters of national security, can prove so unfortunate?

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**The United States federal government should permanently close its detention and interrogation facilities at Guantanamo Bay, and end the global war on terrorism.**

**The detention center is distinct from the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base – it just exists in Camp Delta, which is a small part of the base**

**Leung, 9** (Rebecca, “Camp Delta: Guantanamo Bay’ CBS News, <http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-500164_162-573616.html>)

The graphic pictures of abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq have overshadowed another controversial American …. little corner of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

**Solves the case – every 1ac story is about the conditions of detainment and has nothing to do with the base itself. The 1ac lacks anything resembling a solvency advocate for their statement of advocacy. Closing the detention facility is sufficient.**

**Seib, 13** (Gerald, “Why Odds of Closing Guantanamo May Be Better Now” Wall Street Journal, 5/24, <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2013/05/24/why-odds-of-closing-guantanamo-may-be-better-now/>)

Second-term President Barack Obama …. they are less vocal about it.

**But US naval presence in Guantanamo is key to prevent Caribbean instability by stopping drug smuggling**

**Strauss, 9 -** Lecturer in International Relations at the Centre d'Etudes Diplomatiques et Stratégiques, Paris(Michael, “PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE OF GUANTANAMO BAY” <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume19/pdfs/strauss.pdf>)

One way is for the United States to decide it no longer needs the territory, and to abandon it. Yet while the strategic necessity …. these costs against the benefits of having rights there.

**Caribbean instability causes global war**

Griffith, 2k (Ivelaw L. Griffith 2k, professor of political science and dean of the honors college at Florida International University, “U.S. Strategic Interests in Caribbean Security”, JFQ: Joint Force Quarterly, Autumn 2000, Issue 26)

The strategic importance of the Caribbean is found in its resources, sea lanes,

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area that represents a global crossroads and an essential element for regional stability.

**1NC CASE**

**Maximizing all lives is the only way to affirm equality**

**Cummiskey 90** – Professor of Philosophy at Bates (David Cummiskey, 1990, “Kantian Consequentialism,” pp. 145-146)//CC

We must not obscure the issue by characterizing this type of case as the sacrifice

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consideration of conduct, one's own subjective concerns do not have overriding importance.

**Consequences outweigh**

**Issac 02** – Professor of political science at Indiana-Bloomington, Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life, PhD from Yale (Jeffery C., Dissent Magazine, Vol. 49, Iss. 2, “Ends, Means, and Politics,” p. Proquest)

As a result, the most important political questions are simply not asked. It is assumed that U.S. military intervention is … it undermines political effectiveness.

**Closing the detention facility just causes transfer of prisoners – not release**

**Ackerman, 13** (Spencer, “Pentagon appoints new envoy to help close Guantánamo Bay prison” The Guardian, http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/08/guantanamo-bay-envoy-paul-lewis)

The Pentagon has appointed a new envoy for the arduous and controversial task of finally closing the detention facility at … US military’s several dozen non-Afghan detainees in Afghanistan.

**Obama is prioritizing capture over drone strikes now**

David Corn 13, Washington Bureau Chief at Mother Jones, 5/23/13, “Obama's Counterterrorism Speech: A Pivot Point on Drones and More?,” http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2013/05/obama-speech-drones-civil-liberties

So Obama's speech Thursday on counterterrorism policies—which follows his administration's acknowledgment yesterday that

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11 period. That journey, though, may be a long one.

**Restricting detention policies means we kill and prisoners or use rendition**

Jack Goldsmith 09, a professor at Harvard Law School and a member of the Hoover Institution Task Force on National Security and Law, assistant attorney general in the Bush administration, 5/31/09, “The Shell Game on Detainees and Interrogation,” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/29/AR2009052902989.html>

The cat-and-mouse game does not end there. As detentions at

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help the terrorists. But it does make us feel better about ourselves.

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**2NC OVERVIEW**

**That outweighs on magnitude**

**Bunn 08 –** [Matthew, Professor of Public Policy @ Harvard University with an emphasis on Nuclear proliferation and terrorism, (Co-Principal Investigator of the Project on Managing the Atom & has a Ph.D in technology, management, and policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.) "The Risk Of Nuclear Terrorism — And Next Steps To Reduce The Danger", Committee On Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate April 2, 2008, pg. belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/.../bunn-nuclear-terror-risk-test-08.pdf -]

So, taking the good news with the bad, what are the chances of

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or worse – by managing the world’s nuclear stockpiles as we do today.

**c. turns structural violence**

**Curtis 07 –** [Charles B., President and Chief Operating Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative, “Reducing the Global Nuclear Danger: International Cooperation – the Indispensable Security Imperative,” Nov, <http://www.nti.org/c_press/speech_curtis_reducing1107.pdf>]

If a 10-kiloton nuclear device goes off in any major city anywhere in

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a danger not just to life, but to our way of life.

**d. turns ethics**

**Elshtain 03 –** [Jean Bethke, Prof. Social and Pol. Ethics – U. Chicago, “Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World”, p. 6-7]

This, of course, we cannot do. The fight against German fascism and

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: They were appropriate to the horror. Anger remains an appropriate feeling.

**2NC UNIQUENESS**

**Continued vigilance is key**

**McNeill and Carafano 09 –** [Jena Baker, Policy Analyst in Homeland Security at the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies [Heritage Foundation] and James Jay, Ph.D.Assistant Director, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies and Senior Research Fellow, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies [Heritage], 7-2, “Terrorist Watch: 23 Plots Foiled Since 9/11.” Backgrounder #229http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandSecurity/bg2294.cfm]

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, **23 terrorist plots** against the United States

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of Joint Terrorism Task Forces has been a key part of this effort.

**2NC LINK WALL**

**New link scenario: Yemen instability – Guantanamo closure causes a dozen of high-level terrorists to get released to Yemen – causes Yemen instability**

**Daskal 13 –** (Jennifer, an American lawyer who serves as senior counsel for Human Rights Watch, and focuses on issues of terrorism, criminal law and immigration. She is also currently a political hire at the Department of Justice, which is seeking to prosecute terror suspects through the criminal justice system instead of through military tribunals. Don’t Close Guantanamo, The New York Times, January 10th, 2013 <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/11/opinion/dont-close-guantanamo.html?_r=0>)

While I have been slow to come to this realization, the signs have been

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legal authority to detain, pursuant to the law of war, endures.

**Yemen is the lynchpin of Al Qaeda– they’re key to funding, recruiting, training, deployment**

**Scheuer 08 –** [Michael Scheuer is a former CIA intelligence officer, American blogger, historian, foreign policy critic, and political analyst. He is currently an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Center for Peace and Security Studies, “Yemen’s Role in al-Qaeda’s Strategy”, Terrorism Focus Volume: 5 Issue: 5, February 7, 2008, http://www.jamestown.org/programs/gta/single/?tx\_ttnews%5Btt\_news%5D=4708&tx\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=246&no\_cache=1]

Osama bin Laden has always had a very soft spot in his heart for Yemen

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religious people, because the tribesmen here are greatly affected by religious discourse”

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**2NC SOLVENCY**

**Most detainees will just be transferred to Yemen**

**Seib, 13** (Gerald, “Why Odds of Closing Guantanamo May Be Better Now” Wall Street Journal, 5/24, <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2013/05/24/why-odds-of-closing-guantanamo-may-be-better-now/>)

–An improved situation in Yemen. The biggest … country and its institutions.

**Obama won’t change imperial doctrine**

**Comissiong 13** – (Solomon Comissiong, educator, activist, public speaker, founder of the Your World News community media collective, member of the Black Agenda Report, 5-11-13, “The More Effective Evil: The Impact of Barack Obama’s Presidency on the Black Community,” transcribed from video, 0:20-2:40, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=i-LAJSlO3GU>) gz

Since becoming the US’s first black president in 2008, Barack Obama has proven to

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Democrat made him the white establishment’s perfect weapon to pacify the black community.

**2NC DRONE SHIFT – LINK**

**Drone strikes cause thousands of civilian deaths and do psychological violence to those who must constantly live with the threat of a strike.**

Stanford Human Rights Clinic 12 – “Living Under Drones Death, Injury, and Trauma to Civilians From US Drone Practices in Pakistan” Stanford International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic (IHRCRC) and Global Justice Clinic (GJC) at NYU School of Law September <http://livingunderdrones.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Stanford-NYU-LIVING-UNDER-DRONES.pdf>

First, while civilian casualties are rarely acknowledged by the US government, there is

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loved ones or their homes in drone strikes now struggle to support themselves.

**They increase rendition and drone strikes—comparatively worse for the detainees and promotes US imperialism**

**Goldsmith**, 12

(Law Prof-Harvard, 6/29, Proxy Detention in Somalia, and the Detention-Drone Tradeoff, www.lawfareblog.com/2012/06/proxy-detention-in-somalia-and-the-detention-drone-tradeoff/

There has been speculation about the effect of the Obama administration’s pinched detention policy –

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of a detention-drone tradeoff will become harder and harder to defend.

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**2NC UTIL**

**Social paralysis flows neg – they kill all policymaking—the default to a priori moral obligations makes ALL political choices impossible because every policy can be justified in terms of some moral value. The only way to decide is to compare consequences**

**Ratner, 1984** (Leonard, professor of law at USC, Hofstra Law Journal, Spring, lexis)

A monstrous policy can be categorically rejected by an a priori morality, but proponents

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and wants reflect the chooser's perceptions of the needs and wants of others.

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**And, ethics contradict—it’s impossible to resolve tradeoffs without defaulting to util**

**Bailey, 97** (James Wood 1997; “Oxford University Press; “Utilitarianism, institutions, and Justice” pg 9)

A consequentialist moral theory can take account of this variance and direct us in our

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sophistries or to ignore them as if we lived in an ideal world.

**2NC NO ABSOLUTES**

**And. deontological rules only apply to oversimplified easy cases—they can’t resolve real world conflicts in values**

**Stelzig, 98** (Tim, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, March, lexis)

It is sometimes easy to apply deontological restrictions to actual situations. The examples philosophers

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owed as a result of special relationships and commitments to projects matter morally.

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**POLITICS**

**2NC TRADE IMPACT OVERVIEW**

**b. solves war**

Griswold 07 – (Daniel, director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies, 4/20/2007, Trade, Democracy and Peace, HYPERLINK "<http://www.freetrade.org/node/681>" <http://www.freetrade.org/node/681>)

A little-noticed headline on an Associated Press story a while back reported

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. In short, globalization has dramatically raised the economic cost of war.

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**It will be attached to TAA which reverses a core Democratic opposition**

**Inside U.S. Trade, 2/14/14** (“New Democrat Coalition Begins Informally Whipping Caucus On Fast Track” factiva) **TAA = Trade Adjustment Assistance**

Several members of the New Democrat … actually support the pending TPA bill. The November letter was signed by 26 members of the New Democrat Coalition, roughly half of the group's 53 members.

**That means TPA is highly likely to be enacted with an Obama push**

**Spulak and Byers, 2/12/14 –** partner at King and Spaulding and consultant at King and Spaulding specializing in international trade (Thomas and Bonnie, “Expect Trade Promotion Authority Bill To Pass” Law360, <http://www.law360.com/articles/509435/expect-trade-promotion-authority-bill-to-pass>)

Will TPA Be Enacted?

It is hard to imagine that a TPA bill … fellow Democrats. We believe that he will.

**Obama is still forcefully pushing TPA – reports to the contrary are second-hand accounts of a Biden remark**

**Agence France Presse, 2/14/14** (“White House insists still pushing Asia trade pact” factiva)

The White House on Friday rushed to … of something that the vice president may have said in a closed door session," the official said.

**This is historically accurate – political capital makes the difference**

**Galston, 2/4/14** – senior fellow at Brookings (William, “Obama's Moment of Truth on Trade; Bill Clinton bucked his own party to get Nafta. Will this president do the same to get agreements with Europe and Asia?” Wall Street Journal, factiva)

Although House Speaker Tom Foley supported the treaty, he said that in view of divisions within his caucus, the Democratic leadership would take no position. Within two weeks, House … truly bipartisan majorities tilted toward Republicans in both chambers.

**Obama is ramping up pressure now – it’s a top priority and the full-court press just began this week**

**Boyer, 2/4/14** (Dave, Washington Times, “Obama reaches out to Democratic leaders” factiva)

The White House is eager for … a full- court press on Democratic lawmakers. In addition to Monday's meeting with Mr. Reid, the president is hosting House Democrats at the White House on Tuesday night for a roundtable discussion and a reception. Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who enjoys schmoozing with lawmakers more than the president does, also will attend.

**That’s different from his prior rhetorical support – it’s going to be focused, personal campaign**

**Parnes, 1/21/14** (Arnie, “Obama: Give me fast track trade” The Hill,

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/195858-white-house-works-to-convince-dems-to-give-obama-fast-track-on-trade>

The White House is making a … has been in dialogue with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle “with a real focus on Democrats” to explain TPA and take into account their concerns.

“Any trade matter presents challenges,” the senior administration official said, adding that White House officials are “devoted” to working with members on the issue.

**Reid’s opposition just means it will be a massive fight and require Obama’s political capital with Democrats**

**Hughes, 1/30/14** (Krista, Reuters, “Analysis: White House hopes for fast-track trade hit political tangle” http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/31/us-usa-trade-analysis-idUSBREA0U05T20140131)

(Reuters) - President Barack Obama's push … on how much political capital to expend lining up support on a politically contentious measure ahead of the elections.

**That means it will still pass, just with amendments for labor protections**

**The Economist, 2/8/14 –** (“When Harry mugged Barry”

<http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21595958-harry-reid-threatens-impoverish-world-least-600-billion-year-when-harry>

Barely had he left the podium when Mr Reid mugged him. Answering questions from

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, and the bill should pass. The White House remains publicly optimistic.

**2NC OVERVIEW**

**A) Global peace. Heg is the strongest correlate of increased peace since World War 2 because it creates a stake in development and open norms backed by preponderance of force and deterrence, which suppresses historical animosities and provides global public goods like lines of communication. Extinction is only inevitable if you vote aff because the world is more prosperous, more healthy, and less violent than any point in history but breakdown of the order causes global war which turns and includes all the vague, amorphous suffering the aff is based on**

**Drezner 05 –** [Daniel, Gregg Easterbrook, Associate Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, “War, and the dangers of extrapolation,” may 25]

Daily explosions in Iraq, massacres in Sudan, the Koreas smakestaring at each other

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., and if any of these countries waged a war with each other,

**C) Social science proves**

**Wohlforth, 09** – professor of government at Dartmouth (William, “Unipolarity, Status Competition, and Great Power War,” World Affairs, January, project muse)

The upshot is a near scholarly consensus that unpolarity’s consequences for great power conflict are indeterminate and that a power shift resulting in a return to bipolarity or multipolarity will not raise …. status is thus inherently scarce, and competitions for status tend to be zero sum.9

**2NC LINK BLOCK**

**d. war of attrition – critical public discourse abandons it and causes attacks**

**Peters 04 –** Former Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army, Author

[Ralph “In Praise of Attrition” Parameters, Spring, p 24-32 (<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/USAWC/parameters/04summer/peters.htm>)]

Trust me. We **don’t need discourses**. We need plain talk, honest answers

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to pretend you’re not in one while your enemy keeps on killing you.