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**Chinese investment solves the aff but they trade off**

**Regenstreif 13** – Gary Regenstreif, 6/12/2013. “The looming U.S.-China rivalry over Latin America,” Reuters, http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2013/06/12/the-looming-u-s-china-rivalry-over-latin-america/.

Though the U.S. and Chinese presidents heralded a “new model” of cooperation at their weekend summit, a growing … energy because of the expected reforms that would open the oil industry to foreign investment.

**Latin America is key to investment**

**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.

**Chinese economic decline causes great power war**

**Kane 01 –** [Thomas Kane, PhD in Security Studies from the University of Hull & Lawrence Serewicz, Autumn, <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/01autumn/Kane.htm>]

Despite China's problems with its food supply, the Chinese do not appear to be

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China's government might try to ward off its demise by attacking adjacent countries.

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**Text: The United States federal government should provide a 39-cent tax credit for every dollar that American businesses invest in economic, social, and institutional financial assistance toward Mexico.**

**Solves and avoids politics**

**Muzinich and Werker 07** – Justin Muzinich and Eric Werker, 10/20/2007, JD from Yale, Works for a Hedge Fund in Connecticut; and Assistant Professor at Harvard Business School. “A Global Tax Credit,” The New York Times, http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/20/opinion/20werker.html?\_r=0.

BARACK OBAMA has proposed that the United States double the amount it spends on foreign

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faltering effort into one that brings the fruits of globalization to poor countries.

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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, relying on a coalition of a majority of pro-business Republicans and a strong minority of Democrats willing to ,,, 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.

**Direct government aid is extremely contentious --- CP avoids the controversy.**

David **Pozen**, January **2007**. JD Candidate, Yale Law. “Tax Expenditures as Foreign Aid,” Yale Law Journal, 116 Yale L.J. 869.

Few issues in global politics are as contentious as foreign aid - how much rich

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public fisc. This is not private aid; it is privatized aid.

**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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**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 … tit-for-tat and security engagement for asymmetric tit-for-tat. A symmetric response is one that counters a move by China in the same place, time, and manner; an asymmetric response might occur in another place at another time, and perhaps in another manner. A symmetric tit-for-tat would be for Washington to counter a Chinese tariff of 10 percent on imports for the United States with a tariff of 10 percent on imports from China. An asymmetric tit-for-tat would be for the United States to counter a Chines shipment of missiles to Iran with an American shipment of F-16s to Vietnam (John Lewis Gaddis, Strategies 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).

**Government economic engagement is distinct from private investment.**

**Daga, 13** - director of research at Politicas Publicas para la Libertad, in Bolivia, and a visiting senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation (Sergio, “Economics of the 2013-2014 Debate Topic:

U.S. Economic Engagement Toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela”, National Center for Policy Analysis, 5/15, <http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/Message_to_Debaters_6-7-13.pdf>)

Economic engagement between or among countries can take many forms, but this document will

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some issues are more important with respect to some countries than to others.

**Vote negative –**

**a. limits – unconditional AFFs create thousands of “one exception” affs – conditionality forces AFFs to find deals that countries would accept – private aid affs explode the topic justifying investing in tiny companies**

**b. ground and topic education – unconditional engagement denies us “say no” and backlash arguments which are a crucial part of the engagement debate**

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

**Buell 03 –** (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.”

**Bioterror security discourse compels us to wage precautionary warfare that increases the likelihood of an attack – turns case**

**Kittelsen 09** – Researcher for the Security programme @ the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo (Sonja, “Conceptualizing Biorisk: Dread Risk and the Threat of Bioterrorism in Europe,” Security Dialogue vol. 40, no. 1, February)

The dread that the prospect of bioterrorism elicits thus not only compounds the distinction between

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and perpetuation, as well as with the constitution of ‘security’ itself.

**Our response is to interrogate the epistemological failures of the 1ac – the judge is an academic and the role of the ballot is to interrogate the epistemological failures of the 1ac**

**Jones 99** – Professor International Politics @ Aberystwyth University (1999, Richard Wyn, Security, Strategy, and Critical Theory, p. 155-163)

The central political task of the intellectuals is to aid in the construction of a

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should act as both an inspiration and a challenge to critical security studies.

**1NC RELS**

**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) // MS

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 international order. However, the global power distribution is currently following a different pattern. Instead of what is conventionally … than the global/global accommodations between declining and rising global powers, and thus are less likely to lead to outright conflicts. With devolution, 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 primacy – other states bandwagon with the US for fear of other rising powers – moving towards multilateralism makes it unsustainable**

**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)

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 endurance of American hegemony. The … decline in the cooperation that helps to sustain American hegemony would be a self-imposed reduction in the ability of the United States to project power and an increased reluctance to use its power in support of its national interests.

**US primacy prevents global conflict and turns their impacts**

**Brooks et al 13 –** [Stephen G. Brooks is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College.G. John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University.William C. Wohlforth is the Daniel Webster Professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment”, Winter 2013, Vol. 37, No. 3, Pages 7-51,http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/ISEC\_a\_00107, GDI File]

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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case would generate intensely competitive behavior, possibly including regional great power war).

**Status quo solves- their Kammen evidence says there are already regional talks dealing with the environment**

**Mexico relations are too strong for non-economic reasons**

**1ac author Shifter 13** – (Michael, Michael is an Adjunct Professor of Latin American Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and writes for the Council's journal Foreign Affairs. He serves as the President of Inter-American Dialogue, “A More Ambitious Agenda” February 2013 http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD9042\_USMexicoReportEnglishFinal.pdf\\CLans)

US President Barack Obama was sworn in for his second four-year term on

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longterm growth and job creation, and set the stage for further economic integration

**There’s no reverse causal internal link- their starr evidence just says relations could solve relations, not that the environment will collapse absent that**

**Immigration, border, economic integration, and security specifically distracts from environmental cooperation**

**Barry, 13** Tom, senior policy analyst at the Center for International Policy, where he directs the TransBorder project. Barry specializes in immigration policy, homeland security, border security and the outsourcing of national security, 5/7, <http://truth-out.org/news/item/16221-changing-perspectives-on-us-mexico-relations>, “Changing Perspectives on US-Mexico Relations” | ADM

It’s unfortunate that the two presidents chose to hold their May 2-3 summit

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item of most binational and multilateral meetings: the scourge of climate change.

**No impact to the environment**

**Sagoff 97** – Mark, Senior Research Scholar – Institute for Philosophy and Public policy in School of Public Affairs – U. Maryland, William and Mary Law Review, “INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEFINING TAKINGS: PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION: MUDDLE OR MUDDLE THROUGH? TAKINGS JURISPRUDENCE MEETS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT”, 38 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 825, March, L/N

Note – Colin Tudge - Research Fellow at the Centre for Philosophy at the London School of Economics. Frmr Zoological Society of London: Scientific Fellow and tons of other positions. PhD. Read zoology at Cambridge.

Simon Levin = Moffet Professor of Biology, Princeton. 2007 American Institute of Biological Sciences Distinguished Scientist Award 2008 Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti 2009 Honorary Doctorate of Science, Michigan State University 2010 Eminent Ecologist Award, Ecological Society of America 2010 Margalef Prize in Ecology, etc… PhD

Although one may agree with ecologists such as Ehrlich and Raven that the earth stands

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sense, good for mankind. The most valuable things are quite useless.

**1NC STABILITY**

**US policy isn’t key – Nieto’s domestic reform plans drive anti-drug effort.**

**Stewart, 13** Vice president of analysis atStratfor, a geopolitical intelligence firm that provides strategic analysis and forecasting to individuals and organizations around the world, 5/16, Forbes, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/stratfor/2013/05/16/u-s-mexico-cooperation-against-cartels-remains-strong/>, “U.S.-Mexico Cooperation Against Cartels Remains Strong” | ADM

Aside from the political struggles, the Mexican government still faces very real challenges on

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**on Mexico’s terms** and in accordance with the administration’s new, holistic approach.

**No reverse causal internal link- zero evidence that lack of the plan would trigger their impacts**

**Narco trafficking solves terrorism.**

Jacobson, 10 (Michael, senior fellow in the Stein Program at The Washington Institute, former Treasury Department official, and Matthew Levitt, director of the Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence at The Washington Institute, former Treasury Department official, “Tracking Narco-Terrorist Networks: The Money Trail,” 34 Fletcher F. World Aff. 117, Winter 2010, lexis, Tashma)

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GROWING CRIME-TERRORISM NEXUS¶ All things considered, the

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of enforcement, but in highlighting terrorist groups' hypocritical involvement in criminal activity.

**No internal link to bioterror- even if terrorists get manufacturing bases, no evidence that they want to use them**

**No spillover internal link.**

Fox 9/16, Fox News, 9/16/13, “Mexican drug traffickers operating in Panama, officials say,” http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2013/09/16/mexican-drug-traffickers-operating-in-panama-officials-say/)//DR. H

At least four Mexican drug trafficking organizations are operating in Panama and have been linked to murders, the La Prensa newspaper reported Monday, citing intelligence reports.

Bureau of Prisons … were murdered in Panama between 2009 and 2012," La Prensa said, citing a National Police homicide investigation unit report. EFE

**They don’t solve for a new effective strategy- their Kolb evidence says Nieto will resist any new US engagement, preventing spillover**

**No risk of a bioweapons attack – too difficult to acquire and deploy**

**Burton and Stewart 08 –** (Fred and Scott, Stratfor Intelligence, “Busting the Anthrax Myth”, July 30, http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/busting\_anthrax\_myth)

In fact, based on the past history of nonstate actors conducting attacks using biological

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, militant groups would have used them far more frequently than they have.

**PEMEX decline inevitable – Martin and Longmire evidence cites executive kidnappings, lack of project management, and other alternative causes for decline in PEMEX**

**No impact to energy shocks**

**WSJ 07 –** (9/29, How Economy Could Survive Oil At $100 a Barrel, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119102487310743331.html)

For all the concern, the world today is better … invest globally. “If resource owners are now getting a bigger piece of the pie to spend and invest, then $100 oil shouldn’t be a problem” in the absence of a U.S. recession, says independent energy economist Philip Verleger Jr. “And that investment is happening.”

**Their oil shocks impact is empirically denied– current drug violence should have triggered the link**

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**RELATIONS**

**2NC IMPACT**

**Decline of unilateralism causes international destabilization and corrupts our ability to lead multilateral forums – turns the environment**

Kakutani 12 – Pullitzer-Prize winning critic for NYT; citing Zbigniew Brzezinski, Polish American political scientist, geostrategist, and US National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter (Michiko, “Surveying a Global Power Shift”, 1/29/12; <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//Beddow>

What Mr. Brzezinski does do here — lucidly, and for the most part

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importanceto social well-being and ultimatelytohuman survivalwould stall.”

**2NC MULTILAT**

**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.

**2NC SUSTAINABLE – UNILAT (0:57)**

**a. analysis of singular indicators for power decline miss the complex interactions that uphold unilateralism – their methodology is flawed**

**Brooks and Wohlforth, 11 –** both professors of government at Dartmouth (Stephen G Brooks & William C Wohlforth (2011): Assessing the balance, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, 24:2, 201-219

We welcome this exchange, but readers might be excused for thinking that it has been overtaken by events. Isn't multipolarity just around the corner, as Christopher Layne seems to argue? Is not America in decline, 'this time, for real,' as Gideon Rachman (2011) proclaimed?

*World out of balance* should not-and, frankly, cannot fairly-be read as claiming that history has stopped and power relations have frozen. America's relative capabilities have declined in recent years, but, as most of the contributors to this exchange recognize, its lead … and adaptability, all suggest that a rapid end of a single superpower world is **extremely unlikely**.

**AT: OVERSTRETCH**

**No overstretch – costs aren’t prohibitive, and they were higher in the past.**

**Kagan 12** – [Robert, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe -- Brookings Institution, “Not Fade Away: Against the Myth of American Decline,” 1/17/12, http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2012/0117\_us\_power\_kagan]

Can the United States do that? In their pessimistic mood today, some Americans

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standards. **The cost of remaining the world’s predominant power is not prohibitive.**

**AT: MULTILAT SOLVES HEGEMONY**

**We have uniqueness – unilat exists now but multilateralism doesn’t uphold hegemony** – every reason why multilateralism fails is an impact turn to this argument.

**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.

**2NC BIO-D**

**d. redundancy theory disproves the impact**

**Griffen et al 10 –** [Blaine Griffen, Department of Biological Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, USA, “Moving species redundancy toward a more predictive Framework”, <http://aslo.org/books/ecodas8/ecodas8_030.pdf>]

The needs of a growing human population are having strong impacts on ecosystems worldwide.

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2009). This situation does not imply that each redundant species has redundant impacts11

the provision of ecosystem services must be considered within the context of both population dynamics and community interactions (KreMmen and Ostfeld 2005; Griffen and Byers 2006). The level of redundancy in ecological communities therefore determines whether, for example, the loss of species alters ecosystem function(Larsen et al. 2005), and whether there is little or no change to ecosystem function(e.g., Schindler 1990)

**Researchers don’t know the correct number of species – leads to incorrect predictions**

**Gray 13 –** [Louise, Environment Correspondent, “Extinction of millions of species 'greatly exaggerated',” The Telegraph, Jan 24, 2013,

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/9824723/Extinction-of-millions-of-species-greatly-exaggerated.html>]

Writing in the journal Science, the researchers calculate that there are around five million

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actually 500 in the first place, the loss rate **falls to zero**.

**STABILITY**

**2NC RECUT 1AC**

**They can’t solve stability- their Kolb card, which is the only piece of real solvency advocate evidence in the 1AC, concedes that they need things like judicial reforms, stronger government institutions, rule of law, supplementing law enforcement agencies- the plan at most provides huge chunks of economic aid that doesn’t resolve these structural issues**

Kolb 12 – Joseph J. Kolb is a regular contributor to Fox News Latino. (“Ciudad Juarez Mayor Says US Drug War Aid Package Failed His City”, May 24, 2012, http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2012/05/24/ciudad-juarez-mayor-says-us-drug-war-aid-package-failed-his-city/)

CIUDAD JUÁREZ, MEXICO – Hector Murguía, the outspoken mayor of this border city

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where we need the aid,” Murguía said. “Give us jobs.”

**The plan might a necessary step to reform the war on drugs, but is insufficient—here’s what their solvency advocate says is actually necessary**

Shirk 11 – David A. Shirk is the director of the Trans-Border Institute and associate professor of political science at the University of San Diego. He conducts research on Mexican politics, U.S.-Mexico relations, and law enforcement and security along the U.S.-Mexico border. Dr. Shirk received his PhD in political science at the University of California, San Diego, and was a fellow at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies from 1998 to 1999 and from 2001 to 2003. In 2009-2010, Dr. Shirk was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington, DC. He is currently the principal investigator for the Justice in Mexico project, a binational research initiative on criminal justice and the rule of law in Mexico. (“The Drug War in Mexico Confronting a Shared Threat”, March 2011, Council on Foreign Relations, http://www.cfr.org/mexico/drug-war-mexico/p24262)

Mexico urgently needs to reduce the power of violent organized crime groups; a prolonged

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drug policy that includes alternative approaches to reducing the harms caused by drugs.

**2NC NO ! TO BIOTERROR (1:07)**

**c. meteorology checks the impact**

**Mueller 10** – John, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies and a Professor of Political Science at The Ohio State University, A.B. from the University of Chicago, M.A. and Ph.D. @ UCLA, Atomic Obsession – Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al-Qaeda, Oxford University Press]

Properly developed and deployed, biological weapons could potentially, if thus far only in

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then effective dispersal could **easily be disrupted** by unfavorable environmental and meteorological conditions.

**d. status quo bio-defense solves – trends prove**

**Orent 09 –** (Wendy, Ph.D. in anthropology from the … the World's Most Dangerous Disease 7/1“The bioterror bugaboo.” Los Angeles Times. <http://articles.latimes.com/2009/jul/17/opinion/oe-orent17>)

After the anthrax letter attacks of October 2001, the Bush administration pledged $57

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War College report, by the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.

**e. no large scale impact – manufacturing is impossible for large-scale attacks**

**HSC 05 –** (Henry Stimson Center, 2005, “Frequently Asked Questions: Likelihood of Terrorists Acquiring and Using Chemical or Biological Weapons”, ACCEM, http://www.accem.org/pdf/terrorfaq.pdf) aw

However, two factors stand in the way of manufacturing chemical agents for the purpose

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000 people, assuming the sarin was manufactured correctly at its top lethality.

**2NC NO I/L**

**Zero chance the plan solves PEMEX decline – you should vote on zero risk of the advantage – PEMEX instability is inevitable for four external reasons – oil theft, executive kidnappings, money laundering, and project mismanagement – star this card**

**Martin and Longmire 11** – \*Jeremy Martin is Director of the Energy Program at the Institute of the Americas, \*\*Sylvia Longmire is a Mexico Security Expert & President, Longmire Consulting (Jeremy Martin and Sylvia Longmire, Journal of Energy Security, “The Perilous Intersection of Mexico’s Drug War & Pemex”, March 22, 2011, <http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/03/perilous-intersection-of-mexicos-drug.html>) // CB

Pemex exposed and impacted

As discussed previously, **oil theft** from Pemex … oil production and navigate a burdensome nationalistic legacy. What is now added to the combustible mix is an increasing drain on the company’s finances and, worse, a sense of trepidation among executives in the field. Threats against its executives and loss of its resources are surely not a useful element as the company makes efforts to reform itself.

**Another alt cause – no new fields since 2004**

Martin and Longmire 11 – Jeremy Martin is Director of the Energy Program at the Institute of the Americas. Sylvia Longmire is a Mexico Security Expert and President, Longmire Consulting. (“The Perilous Intersection of Mexico’s Drug War and Pemex”, March 22, 2011, http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/03/perilous-intersection-of-mexicos-drug.html)

In hindsight, what seemed like a golden age for oil production and government coffers

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a net importer by 2015, with imports surpassing 1 mbd by 2035.

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**AT: THUMPERS – TOP LEVEL**

**Only Democrats matter – our disad is about Obama’s capital with Democrats – so general thumpers about controversy are irrelevant**

**Obama avoiding controversial fights and loses**

Darrell Delamaide, Market Watch, 1/29/14, Obama’s State of the Union: The Audacity of Caution, www.marketwatch.com/story/obama-skirts-controversy-in-timid-election-year-speech-2014-01-29?pagenumber=1

The speech, in short, followed the “first, do no harm” principle. With Democrats … to avoid confrontation and skip over controversy, it may have — barely — done that.

**AT: IRAN THUMPER**

**The bill has been shelved and Democrats have abandoned it**

**Benen, 2/5/14** – commentator for the Rachel Maddow show (Steve, “Senate effectively scraps Iran sanctions bill” <http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/senate-effectively-scraps-iran-sanctions-bill>

A month ago, proponents of a bipartisan bill on new Iranian sanctions had reason to be optimistic. Despite White House arguments that the bill risked sabotaging delicate international diplomacy, the Senate bill had 59 co-sponsors. The question … bill has slowly collapsed. It’s not that the legislation is poised for defeat; it’s that the measure won’t even get a vote anytime soon.

**Obama already won on Iran- no pressure from Democrats remains**

**Kapur, 2/4/14** – Congressional correspondant for TPM (Sahil, “Dodging A Bullet: Dems Decide Not To Sabotage Obama's Iran Deal”

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/dc/senate-democrats-iran-sanctions-nuclear-deal>

Senate Democrats came close to blowing up President Barack Obama's … wound as it seeks to change the course of history by thwarting Iran's march toward obtaining a nuclear weapon.

**No vote**

**UPI, 2/7/14** (“U.S. pro-Israel group: Wait before Iran sanctions vote”

<http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2014/02/07/US-pro-Israel-group-Wait-before-Iran-sanctions-vote/UPI-51421391752800/?spt=rln&or=1>

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (UPI) -- The main pro-Israel U.S. ,,, to vote for the bill.

Menendez, who made his remarks about the sanctions vote in a Senate floor speech, did not explicitly call for a delay.

**AT: OBAMA NOT PUSHING**

**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 passage of a trade … 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 major push to convince … 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.

**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.

**Their evidence is only a snapshot – Obama’s about to step up to the plate over TPA**

**ICTSD, 2/6/14** - International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (““Fast Track” Trade Debate Ramps Up in Washington” <http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridgesweekly/183443/>

Obama Administration officials, in response, have … - in that discussion.

However, in a meeting with Reid at the White House earlier this week, Obama reportedly did not raise the issue, according to the New York Times.

**Obama’s stepped up the push through personal meetings with Democrats**

**Inside U.S. Trade, 2/7/14** (“Obama Tells House Democrats That He Will Keep Pushing On Trade,” factiva)

In a Feb. 4 meeting with the House Democratic … for TPA in Congress, according to congressional aides.

**TPA will pass – it’s a top Obama priority**

**Seher, 2/1/14** (Jason, CNN, “Kerry, Hagel rebuke Reid on fast-track trade bill” <http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/02/01/kerry-hagel-rebuke-reid-on-fast-track-track-bill/>)

In a rare joint appearance at the Munich Security Conference, Secretary of State John Kerry … in the bureaucratic slog and would help open new markets for U.S. goods. Democrats oppose the measure, arguing past trade deals led companies to ship jobs overseas.

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**Makes them not topical – voting issue for jurisdiction**

**“The” means all parts**

**Encarta 9** (World English Dictionary, “The”, http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/DictionaryResults.aspx?refid=1861719495)

2. indicating generic class: used … heart.  
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**“Government” is all three branches**

**Black’s Law 90** (Dictionary, p. 695)

“[*Government*] In the United States, government consists of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches in addition to administrative agencies. In a broader sense, includes the federal government and all its agencies and bureaus, state and county governments, and city and township governments.”

**Gridlock and GOP scuttling will force White House involvement – kills Obama’s political capital**

**Nance 12** – editor and publisher of the news site The Washington Current, covered Congress and the federal government for more than a decade (Scott Nance, The Democratic Daily, February 15, 2012 – lexis)

Partisanship has begun to overtake the … infrastructure, he turns it in to a **partisan, political issue**," Inhofe says. "Remember back to his $787 billion failed stimulus bill, the one he claimed was an infrastructure bill? Despite all of his talk, only 3% went for infrastructure, 3% went for defense, and the rest went to liberal social engineering."

**AT: NO TRADE COLLAPSE**

**Global trade is on the brink of collapse-rising US protectionism risks global escalation.**

Lincicome 12 (Scott, trade attorney, “Is Missing American Trade Leadership Beginning to Bear Protectionist Fruit? (Hint: Kinda Looks Like It),” June 12, http://lincicome.blogspot.com/2012/06/is-missing-american-trade-leadership.html)

Over the past few years, I and several other US trade-watchers have

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its long-held place at the front of the trade liberalization pack.

**AT: TRADE IMPACT DEFENSE**

**Empirics are on our side**

Weede 10 – Erich, Professor of Sociology University of Bonn, The Capitalist Peace and the Rise of China: Establishing Global Harmony by Economic Interdependence International Interactions. Apr-Jun2010, Vol. 36 Issue 2, p206-213

Historically, the rise and fall of great powers has been related to great wars

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war. Germany and Japan became prosperous and allies of the United States.

**Deglobalization is net worse – domestic politics.**

**Hillebrand 10 –** Evan E., Visiting Professor at the Patterson School of Diplomacy – University of Kentucky (go cats), Deglobalization Scenarios: Who Wins? Who Loses? Global Economy Journal, Vol. 10 [2010], Iss. 2, Art. 3 http://83.143.248.39/students/MCA100/Senior%20Thesis/who%20wins%20who%20loses.pdf

Deglobalization in the form of reduced trade interdependence, reduced capital flows, and reduced

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reengage in global trade negotiations and seek compromises that can benefit all participants.

**LINK**

**US investment in Mexico controversial**

McAllister, 13 – journalist for Reuters (Edward, “For Obama and Pena Nieto, a delicate 'first dance' around energy”, Reuters, 5-2-13, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/05/02/us-energy-usa-mexico-idUSBRE9410GN20130502)//KG

(Reuters) - When the conversation between President Barack Obama and his newly elected

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situation doesn't lend itself at all to bringing this subject up in public."