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**2NC TOPICALITY**

**Contextual evidence proves**

Wright 06 – [Rebecca Wright, J.D. student at the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley, “Finding an Impetus for Institutional Change at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights,” 24 Berkeley J. Int'l L. 463, lexis]

The potential effectiveness of tying economic incentives to demands for institutional change is evident from

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and to lay a solid foundation for future [\*490] cooperation." n138

**Limits turns education and fairness**

**Rowland 84 –** (Robert C., Baylor U., “Topic Selection in Debate”, American Forensics in Perspective Ed Parson, p. 53-4)

The first major problem identified by the work group as relating to topic selection is

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of broad topics that has led some small schools to **cancel their programs**.

**2nc spills**

**More warrants** –

**a. companies investing in Cuba have extensive offshore experience**

**Nerurkar and Sullivan ’11** - Neelesh Nerurkar, Specialist in Energy Policy, and Mark P. Sullivan, Specialist in Latin American Affairs, Congressional Research Service, 2011, “Cuba’s Offshore Oil Development: Background and U.S. Policy Considerations,” http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41522.pdf

It is difficult to assess the likelihood of a spill. According to Saipem,

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its offshore project appears the furthest from seeing drilling activity among existing licenses.

**b. new Coast Guard response plans solve**

**Nerurkar and Sullivan 11 –** (Neelesh AND Mark P., "Cuba's Offshore Oil Development: Background and U.S. Policy Considerations," Congressional Research Service, 11/28/11, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41522.pdf)//AM

The Obama Administration has been making efforts to prepare for a potential oil spill in

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the highest industry standards when conducting its exploratory drilling in Cuban waters.50

**c. case-by-case safety exemptions solve without lifting embargo**

**Hatcher 10** – Monica Hatcher, Energy Reporter for the Houston Chronicle, “Cuba Drilling Poses Spill Issue: Group Says Trade¶ Embargo Could Hinder a Response by the U.S.”, Houston Chronicle; Sept. 6, 2010 – internally quoting Jorge Piñon, a visiting research fellow at the Cuban Research Institute of Florida International University – www.chron.com/business/energy/article/Group-warns-Cuba-trade-embargo-could-hurt-a-spill-1695883.php

Some who support the decades-old embargo are suspicious of the sudden push to

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ease the embargo by playing on public fears after the BP Gulf spill**.**

**d. foreign operators will solve**

**Goodhue ’10** - David Goodhue, Editor at The Reporter, Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area, “Cuba Leases to Bring Deepwater Drilling Within 50 Miles of Key West”, WorkBoat.com (Sept. 9, 2010), internally quoting Jorge Pinon, a visiting research fellow at the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University. http://www.workboat.com/ newsdetail.aspx?id=4294998861

While Cuba's CUPET is ill-equipped to carry out drilling operations, many of

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in China. The Chinese are not novices at this," he said.

**at: bolstad**

**Bolstad evidence concludes no risk of a Cuban oil spill from offshore drilling – zero risk of the advantage**

**Bolstad ’12** – Erika Bolstad is a reporter who covers Washington for the Anchorage Daily News, the Idaho Statesman and McClatchy Newspapers. This evidence internally quotes Lee Hunt, the former president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors. Hunt, in this instance, is arguably not biased in favor of drilling, as he is speaking to safety and clean-up regimes and he is speaking before a liberal think-tank in favor of human rights – McClatchy Newspapers – May 10, 2012 – <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/05/10/148433/cuba-embargo-could-threaten-oil.html#.UaoUWpyADq0>) // CB

Workers are about a week from completing their drilling and are beginning the technically demanding phase of capping the well and … has not interpreted its sanctions policy in a way that would clearly make available in advance the kind of technologies that would be required," Reilly said.

**Oil spills won’t collapse the economy – any damages would be regional**

**Di Natale 10 –** Marisa Di Natale is a director at Moody's Analytics. She was an economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. “The Economic Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill” July 21, 2010. Moody’s Analytics. http://www.economy.com/dismal/article\_free.asp?cid=191641&src – clawan

Even under a pessimistic scenario, economic damage from the Gulf of Mexico oil leak

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so broad macroeconomic effects are unlikely, at least in the near term.

**c. countries turn inward – no fighting**

**deMause 02 –** Lloyd deMause, director of The Institute for Psychohistory, “Nuclear War as an Anti-Sexual Group Fantasy” Updated December 18th 2002, <http://www.geocities.com/kidhistory/ja/nucsex.htm>

The nation "turns inward" during this depressed phase of the cycle. **Empirical**

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during the depressed phase wanes, arms expeditures decrease and **peace treaties multiply**.

**2nc minilateralism turn**

**2. intervention** – **attempts for hegemony promotes irrational threat construction that guarantees war**

**Ikenberry 09** – (G. John Ikenberry, professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, January 2009, “Unipolarity, State Behavior, and Systemic Consequences”, <http://muse.jhu.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/journals/world_politics/v061/61.1.ikenberry.html>) //ZA

Political scientists have placed greater emphasis on the impact of regime type on foreign policy

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Jervis suggests, for the unipole threats may be nowhere—or everywhere.

**That means all of their apolarity bad arguments are offense for us –**

**And clinging to military power results in extinction**

**Valenzuela 03 –** (Manuel, freelance author and social critic, “Perpetual War, Perpetual Terror”, http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article5382.htm)

Today, the U.S. is responsible for 40% of all worldwide

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. We are becoming that which we fear most, a terrorist state.

**Independently their authors are suspect to psychological bias – reject their vague assertions for conflict scenarios absent hegemony – star this card**

**Fettweis 11 –** [Christopher J. Fettweis - Department of Political Science Tulane University and Professor of National Security Affairs at the US Naval War College, “Free Riding or Restraint Examining European Grand Strategy”, Comparative Strategy; Sep/Oct2011, Vol. 30 Issue 4, p316-332, 17p, Chetan]

Assertions that without the combination of U.S. capabilities, presence and commitments

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their security is all but assured, with or without the United States.

**2. transition theory is flawed – three reasons**

**Nexon 09** – Daniel, Assistant professor in the Department of Government and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. “The Balance of Power in the Balance,” World Politics – Volume 61, Number 2, April 2009, Muse

Hegemonic order and power transition accounts also contain theories of power balances (and of

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(Lemke, BoP:T&P, 55–58).28

**2nc sugar ethanol**

**c. labor market shortages, economic reforms, and lack of skilled labor take out the AFF**

**Specht, 13 –** Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc., B.A., LSU (Jonathan, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States”, UC Davis, 4-24-13, <http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf>)//NG

Like all new capitalist industries to emerge in the post-Castro era, … and trial and error, which will slow the creation of a sugarcane-based ethanol industry.

**d. lifting restrictions alone is insufficient to spur Cuban sugar ethanol**

**Specht, 13** – Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc., B.A., LSU (Jonathan, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States”, UC Davis, 4-24-13, <http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf>)//NG

III. THE POTENTIAL CUBAN ETHANOL … unrealistic prospect. On the other hand, the fact that there is so much pent-up demand for new automobiles in Cuba could mean that, with sufficient and well-directed government incentives, Flex Fuel vehicles could be adopted in Cuba at faster rates than in other countries.

**e. food tradeoff means it won’t be adopted**

**Benjamin-Alvadaro 10** – Jonathan Benjamin-Alvadaro, PhD Poly Sci @ Nebraska, 2010, “Cuba’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation,” Brookings – obtained via MSU Library ebook.

Castro has rightly pointed out that there can be a direct trade-off between

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ultimately could have devastating effects on climate and biodiversity within and beyond Brazil.

**f. not enough sugar and Castro says no**

**Sanchez 11** – Adriana E. Sanchez, NotiEn, News Agency, 2011, “Biofuels Fighting for Space in Central America and Cuba,” http://repository.unm.edu/bitstream/handle/1928/12797/Biofuels%20Fighting%20for%20Space%20in%20Central%20America%20and%20Cuba.pdf?sequence=1

Similar to Central America, Cuba’s potential to become a leader in biofuel production is

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an analyst for the Center for Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami.

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**Solves ethanol advantage, prefer specificity , your OFAC ineffective arguments are about travel restrictions–**

**OFAC can issue licenses for sugar ethanol**

**GT 09** — GreenbergTaurig LLP, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, September, <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=15&ved=0CJABEBYwDg&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gtlaw.com%2Fportalresource%2Flookup%2Fwosid%2Fcontentpilot-core-401-13516%2FpdfCopy.name%3D%2FGTAlert_New%2520Gen%2520Lic%2520for%2520AgMed%2520Cuba%2520Travel_Sep2009.pdf%3Fview%3Dattachment&ei=-kDpUYjRMsKVygHy_YHwBA&usg=AFQjCNHhSnsOy348JVJyRrDsYGRomo5skA&sig2=rfnGEiEpIta__DgqzQufbw>, “New General License for AgMed Travel to Cuba,” ADM

On September 3, 2009, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

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of 2000 (TSRA), (also known as the “AgMed Program”).

**Disad outweighs and turns the case…**

**a) magnitude – quick Saudi proliferation ensures accidents and miscalculation – that’s Edelman, impact is extinction**

**Toon 07** - (Owen B, chair – Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences – Colorado University, climate.envsci.rutgers.edu/pdf/acp-7-1973-2007.pdf)

To an increasing extent, people are congregating in the world’s great urban centers,

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should be carried out as well for the present scenarios and physical outcomes.

**b) most probable impact**

**Russell 09** - James A. Russell, Senior Lecturer, National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, ‘9 (Spring) “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Escalation and Nuclear War in the Middle East” IFRI, Proliferation Papers, #26, http://www.ifri.org/downloads/PP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf

Strategic stability in the region is thus undermined by various factors: (1)

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the peoples of the region, with substantial risk for the entire world.

**Iran prolif not inevitable – prefer expert reporters**

**Hibbs ’13** - (Mark Hibbs is a former journalist who has been covering nuclear proliferation issues for more than 30 years. In 2006, The Atlantic's William Langewiesche wrote that Hibbs "must rank as one of the greatest reporters at work in the world today." Hibbs is now a Bonn-based senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace – This article is an interview of Hobbs by The Atlantic – “Is a Nuclear Iran Inevitable ?” – The Atlantic – April 12th – http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/04/is-a-nuclear-iran-inevitable/274924/)

You mention that there are countries like Iran that don't necessarily pursue the path to

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there's **no consensus** right now about which direction Iran's going to move in.

**Iran prolif would ONLY cause Saudi prolif IF the Saudis perceived weakened commitment from the US**

**McDowall ’13** - Angus McDowall is a British freelance reporter who lived in Tehran between 2003-07. He is internally quoting a report from the Center for a New American Security, whose lead author, CNAS senior fellow Colin Kahl, served as deputy assistant Defense secretary for the Middle East from 2009 to 2011. *Colin Kahl is also an associate professor in the Security Studies Program in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a former finalist at the National Debate Tournament. Maybe we’ll get him to come and talk to the camp*. “Iran nuke unlikely to start Mideast arms race: report” – Source: Reuters

February 20, 2013 – http://www.cnas.org/node/10078

Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, is engaged in a

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**it.** "The conventional wisdom is probably wrong," the report said.

**Iran acquisition won’t prompt Saudi acquisition – they’d take other steps instead**

**Oswald ’13** -Rachel Oswald is a reporter for Global Security Newswire. She is a graduate of the George Washington University, where she majored in Middle Eastern Studies. Her article is internally quoting CNAS senior fellow Colin Kahl, who served as deputy assistant Defense secretary for the Middle East from 2009 to 2011. “Saudi Arabia Unlikely to Pursue Nuke: Experts” – Global Security Newswire – Feb 21st – http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/saudi-arabia-unlikely-pursue-nuke-should-iran-first-acquire-capability-experts/

Saudi Arabia is not likely to respond to a nuclear-armed Iran by pursuing

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run higher risks and more effectively push Arab states to accommodate Iranian interests.”

**That’s specifically true in the context of cuba**

**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.

**Their no link arg is wrong- even if that’s true, the US will sacrifice oil contracts from Saudi Arabia**

**Fesler 09** - [Lily Fesler, Research Associate, “Cuban Oil: Havana’s Potential Geo-Political Bombshell,” June 11, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, <http://www.coha.org/cuban-oil-havana%E2%80%99s-potential-geo-political-bombshell/#sthash.XL8uloIO.dpuf>]

Cuban Offshore Oil Desperate to **end** U.S. dependence on oil from the

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, access to more oil sources could become a matter of serious import.

**Even if that is true, the Saudis will still perceive the decline.**

**House ’12** - (not oft-disgruntled House, M.D., but Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and former publisher of The Wall Street Journal, Karen Elliott House. Carnegie Council Transcripts and Articles – November 30, 2012 – lexis)

QUESTION: Warren Hoge[28], International Peace Institute. Karen, there's a

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basically one for every 150 men. So that's the most organized group.