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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 … (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).

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**Patent reform compromise will pass**

**Byers, 4/10/14** (Alex, Politico, “Scoop: ECPA reform backers trying to turn heat on SEC — Hill still working on how to proceed on NSA 509” <http://www.politico.com/morningtech/>)

SENATORS DECLARE TENTATIVE PATENT DEAL, BUT NO DETAILS SHARED YET — Lawmakers ran out

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the day lawmakers return, and Senators will vote in committee that week.

**Obama’s PC is key**

**Lengell, 4/4/14** (Sean, Washington Examiner, “Lawmakers look to stop patent abuse”, <http://washingtonexaminer.com/lawmakers-look-to-stop-patent-abuse/article/2546745>)

Momentum is building on … White House I think is a positive sign of something actually happening this year," said Beth Provenzano, a lobbyist for the National Retail Federation, which is pushing for the legislation.

**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> <3 GBS CM

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.

**Patent reform key to green tech innovation**

**Gerschel-Clarke, 13** – independent design strategist specialising in the societal aspects of design and a contributing writer at Sustainable Brands (Adam, The Guardian, “Are patent trolls strangling sustainable innovation?” 11/14, <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/patent-trolls-sustainable-innovation>)

Disputes over intellectual property have risen ... the influence of incumbent manufacturers and trolls on emerging green technologies by limiting the breadth of patents and regulating licences on basic technologies.

**Green tech innovation is key to US primacy, preventing resource wars and climate change – all which cause extinction**

**Klarevas 09** – Professor of Global Affairs

Louis, Professor at the Center for Global Affairs – New York University, “[Securing American Primacy While Tackling Climate Change: Toward a National Strategy of Greengemony](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/louis-klarevas/securing-american-primacy_b_393223.html)”, Huffington Post, 12-15, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/louis-klarevas/securing-american-primacy\_b\_393223.html

By not addressing climate change more aggressively and creatively, the United States is squandering

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means of leverage that can be employed to keep potential foes in check.

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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.

**Bolstering US engagement with Cuba undermines China’s presence in the region**

**Benjamin-Alvadaro 06 –** (Jonathan, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, “The Current Status and Future Prospects for Oil Exploration in Cuba: A Special,” <http://cri.fiu.edu/research/commissioned-reports/oil-cuba-alvarado.pdf>)

Additionally, Venezuela remains the fourth largest importer of oil to the United States and

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circumstances but have well-served the commercial interests of all parties involved.

**Chinese influence is key to its 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 collapse causes WW3- hotspot for escalation**

**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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**The United States federal government should reduce tariffs and subsidies that protect the US agricultural industry as requested by Brazil, yield on issues that have stalled the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, scale back its military operations in Columbia, formally recommit to a multilateral foreign policy, place new restrictions on democracy promotion funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and the Agency for International Development, renew its assault weapons ban, remove export bans on medical technology to Cuba to develop a market sector, pass comprehensive immigration reform including a pathway to citizenship, and cooperate with Mexico and Argentina on a new approach to the failed War on Drugs. The United States federal government should remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list.**

**Solves the institutional legitimacy advantage**

**Grandin 10** – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” New Labor Forum, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)//DR. H

Washington’s relations with Latin America—particularly in terms of the gap between what its

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power, and political paralysis quicken the U.S.’s fall.

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**The United States federal government should initiate normal trade relations with Cuba if and only if the governments of a majority of Latin American nations commit to:**

**--actively seeking a normalization process between the United States and Cuba, and**

**--compelling the Cuban government to work towards establishing representative democracy and better respect for human rights.**

**Counterplan solves the case—Latin American governments will say yes—it triggers sustainable Cuban reform, and it avoids politics**

**Castañeda 9** - Jorge G. Castañeda, professor at New York University and fellow at the New America Foundation, was Mexico’s foreign minister from 2000 to 2003, April 21, 2009, Wall Street Journal, "The Right Deal on Cuba," proquest)

The question of what to do about the embargo has once again cornered an American president. If President Barack Obama lifts the embargo unilaterally, he will send a message to the Castros and the rest of Latin America that human rights and democracy are … that would not follow the Vietnamese course (economic reform with no political change) would be a major foreign policy victory for Mr. Obama.

**Unilaterally cooperating with Cuba destroys the credibility of all Latin American democracy—causes authoritarian backsliding**

**Castañeda 8** - Jorge G. Castañeda, professor at New York University and fellow at the New America Foundation, was Mexico~’s foreign minister from 2000 to 2003, September-October 2008, "Morning in Latin America," Foreign Affairs, Vol. 87, No. 5, proquest)

Realpolitik and fear of another exodus of Cuban refugees across the Straits of Florida may

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for other exceptions that would justify their existence by invoking the Cuban precedent.

**Latin American democracy’s a key model for democracy globally**

Fauriol and Weintraub 95 – \*director of the CSIS Americas program and \*\*Prof of Public Affairs at the University of Texas Georges and Sidney, The Washington Quarterly, "U.S. Policy, Brazil, and the Southern Cone", Lexis

The democracy theme also carries much force in the hemisphere today. The State Department

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on all three in Latin America will compromise progress elsewhere in the world.

**Extinction**

**Diamond 1995** - Hoover Institute Senior Fellow (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s,” http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/fr.htm)

This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in

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which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

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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.

**1NC MULTILAT**

**Single issues, like the embargo, aren’t key to multilateralism.**

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf)//DR. H

President Obama and his administration appear to recognize the need to bolster the authority and

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even deeper into multilateral institutions that can provide real checks on potential opportunism.

**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, … 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 record of … 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.

**The plan is surrender – it emboldens Latin American socialism and collapses US influence – turns case**

**Brooks 09 –** Senior fellow for National Security Affairs in the Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation. (Peter – Heritage foundation “Keep the Embargo, O“ April 16, 2009 http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o)//EB

In another outreach to roguish regimes, the Obama administration on Monday announced the easing

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communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

**Unilateralism 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).

**1NC TRANSITION**

**Status quo selective engagement spurs gradual reforms – speeding up engagement risks Cuban collapse and US intervention**

**Feinberg, 11/22** – Richard E. Feinberg is a professor at the UC San Diego and served as the Latin American expert on President Bill Clinton’s National Security Council. His most recent publication is “Soft Landing in Cuba? Emerging Entrepreneurs and Middle Classes”, (“Deciphering diplo-speak on Cuba” Miami Herald, <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/11/21/3770099_p2/deciphering-diplo-speak-on-cuba.html>)

With good reason, the administration believes it … political evolution tomorrow.

**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 08** – 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)//EX

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.”

**Limited engagement spills up and solves the Aff – market changes force political reform**

**López-Levy, 13** – 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>

If Cuba implements the type of mixed economy proposed by the last Congress of the Communist Party—a new, more vital relationship with its diaspora and the world—it may also experience a political transformation. As the … if he decided to lead on the issue by using his prerogative as a diplomat-in-chief.

**Extinction genetically impossible and ahistorical**

**Posner 05 –** (Richard A., Judge U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit, Professor Chicago School of Law, January 1, 2005, Skeptic, Altadena, CA, Catastrophe: Risk and Response, http://goliath.ecnext.com/coms2/gi\_0199-4150331/Catastrophe-the-dozen-most-significant.html#abstract)

Yet the fact that Homo sapiens has managed to survive every disease to assail it

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through gene splicing into a far more lethal pathogen than smallpox ever was.

**Zoonotics are less threatening than normal ones—they are contained now**

**Torres 99** (Alfonso, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D., Deputy Administrator, USDA, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, “International Economic Considerations Concerning Agricultural Diseases and Human Health Costs of Zoonotic Diseases,” Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 894:80-82)

Animal diseases can negatively affect the number and availability of animals, their productivity,

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the relatively few human diseases successfully eradicated from large areas of the world.

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**OVERVIEW**

**No impact to environmental leadership**

**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.

**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 … there is little or no change to ecosystem function(e.g., Schindler 1990)

**Extinction rates based on flawed statistics**

**Sethi** **11 –** [Nitin, assistant editor of The Times of India Reporting on Development, Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change, May 21, 2011]

NEW DELHI: After climate gate, the green brigade might be looking at another

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they commit national and private funds to wildlife conservation measures across the world.

**TRANSITION**

**Rapid, unstable transition causes US intervention and incapacitates crisis management – causes global conflict escalation – causes global war**

**Gorrell, 5** – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted for the USAWC STRATEGY RESEARCH PROJECT (Tim, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074>)

Regardless of the succession, under the current U.S. policy, Cuba’s

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in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

**2NC REFORMS NOW**

**b. recent meetings prove – NTR is possible along with gradual transformation**

**Adams, 3/15** (David, “Cuban Americans hold rare meeting to discuss normalising Cuba relations”, Reuters, 3/15/14, http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/03/15/uk-usa-cuba-normalization-idUKBREA2E0SR20140315)//SJF

Cuban Americans met in Miami … us open up travel so we can diversify who is going," he said, referring to the restrictions placed on travel by U.S. citizens.

**c. predictive evidence flows neg – massive deregulation coming this summer**

**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 jackpot will come in the … government announced it would begin to deregulate its biggest enterprises.

**d. 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 control but Raul Castro, who succeeded Fidel Castro … “spitting the anti-West venom” during the UNGA.

**e. 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 … modest investments by their firms.”

**f. 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 jackpot will come in the form of …, the government announced it would begin to deregulate its biggest enterprises.

**g. economic change, Diaz-Canel, and Betancourt are signaling political opening**

**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

“We can already see that it will be an economy with a … to more fulfilling use. In addition to teaching economics, he has partnered with Biniowsky, the lawyer, on Havanada Consulting, which channels funds from social investors and philanthropists to nonprofit development projects in Cuba

**AT: LOPEZ LEVY**

**Lopez-Levy goes neg – 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 undergoing a major economic … and American population. Cuba and the United States should develop a comprehensive agreement in establishing 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.

**2NC SOLVES THE AFF**

**a. the Aff is inevitable by 2018 at the latest**

**Ashby, 13** – 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](http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/)/SJF)

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of … forms of aid. This could bring social chaos, especially among the island’s disaffected youth. Such an outcome would generate adverse consequences for U.S. national and regional security. To maintain Cuba’s social and economic stability while reforms are maturing, the United States must throw itself open to unrestricted bilateral trade with all Cuban enterprises, both private and state-owned.

**Worst case scenario, Raul dies and power vacuum solves the Aff**

**Farnsworth, 12** – Vice president of the Council of the Americas and Americas Society (Eric, “Top 10 Policy Drivers for U.S.-Latin American Relations in 2013”, Americas Society Council of the Americas, November 05, 2012, http://www.as-coa.org/articles/top-10-policy-drivers-us-latin-american-relations-2013)

The first of these is Castro, as in Raul and Fidel. The U

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, rather than discourage, the advent of true democracy on the island.

**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.

**Speeding the reform process kills the government’s ability to manage it – causes instability and collapse**

**Perez, 10** – JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Policymakers in Washington must realize that Cubans will not wake up the day after Fidel

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, may also prevent a costly civil war during the inevitably painful transition.

**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.”

**MULTILAT**

**Obama is pursuing hard-line policies now – reject their evidence – its partisan nonsense**

**Mataconis 12** – B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University and J.D. from George Mason University School of Law (Doug, and#34;The GOP’s Ridiculous Appeasement Argumentand#34;, January 3 of 2012, <http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/the-gops-ridiculous-appeasement-argument/>) // CB

This isn’t really entirely new, of course. For three years now, Republicans have … to overthrow Muammar Gaddafi. That’s not exactly a record reminiscent of Neville Chamberlain.

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**The counterplan is textually competitive – the permutation is severance –**

**a) severs “should” which is mandatory**

**Nieto 09** – Judge Henry Nieto, Colorado Court of Appeals, 8-20-2009 People v. Munoz, 240 P.3d 311 (Colo. Ct. App. 2009)

"Should" is "used . . . to express duty, **obligation**,

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be allocated for the purpose of parents' federal tax exemption to be mandatory).

**b) severs certainty of “substantial”**

**Words and Phrases 1925 –** Judicial and statutory definitions of words and phrases, Volume 7, p. 6738

The words “outward, open, actual, visible, substantial, and exclusive

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Bass v. Pease, 79 Ill. App. 308, 318.

**c) severs resolved**

**Random House 06 –** (Unabridged Dictionary, http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/resolve)

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–verb (used with object)

1. to come to a definite or **earnest** decision about; determine (to do something): I have resolved that I shall live to the full.

**2NC CONDO – 1 K, 1 CP (0:43)**

**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, …. 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.

**Some will say no but the majority will say yes which means the CP is enacted – and the explicit condition is vital to US democracy credibility**

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at: cuba says no

**Cuba might say no but that’s irrelevant – the CP lifts the embargo is other countries agree to pressure. And the act of multilateral pressure alone is a game changer that solves**

**Castañeda 9** - Jorge G. Castañeda, professor at New York University and fellow at the New America Foundation, was Mexico’s foreign minister from 2000 to 2003 (“Engaging Cuba on Human Rights” Wall Street Journal, 11/20, http://jorgecastaneda.org/index.php?newsId=74AAE27E-438A-85BE-A348-23F8D2D49FD5)

Without outside pressure, the human-rights … Cuba's human-rights violations and play a constructive role.

at: perm do both

**Many Latin American leaders are sealed off from Cuba’s human rights abuses – they don’t want to condemn Castro**

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Since promoting democratic rule is a central objective of Helms-Burton, any action taken toward that end can therefore be considered a crime. In this way, just as criticism of the Castros is equated with abetting their enemies, promoting … the Soviet Union, of keeping the Cuban economy afloat by providing millions of barrels of subsidized petroleum. Chávez calls Cuba's revolution "the mother" of all Latin American liberation movements, and Fidel Castro "the father of the motherland."

**This makes the multilateral condition of the CP vital to success**

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Over the past decade, a growing number of voices in the United States-including editorial boards, research organizations, and advocacy groups-have called for an end to the embargo. But they are far from winning the … be able to rally the international support they need to end their long years of solitude.