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**1NC CYBERTERROR**

**Immigration is Obama’s top priority, it will pass and capital is key**

**Matthews, 10/16/13** (Laura, International Business Times, “2013 Immigration Reform Bill: 'I'm Going To Push To Call A Vote,' Says Obama2013 Immigration Reform Bill: 'I'm Going To Push To Call A Vote,' Says Obama” <http://www.ibtimes.com/2013-immigration-reform-bill-im-going-push-call-vote-says-obama-1429220>)

When Congress finally passes a bipartisan bill .. and signed into law.”

**Drains capital, triggers partisanship and spending fights**

Freed, 12

JOSH FREED and RYAN FITZPATRICK, Joshua Freed directs the Clean Energy Program at Third Way, 10/23/12, http://perspectives.thirdway.org/?p=2275

Thanks to continued partisan … America further away from coal and towards cleaner forms of energy, or it could mean a lightening of the regulatory load imposed over the last four years in an attempt to increase domestic oil and gas production even further and slow coal’s decline.

**Immigration reform generates an effective base of IT experts - solves cyberterror**

**McLarty 09 –** (Thomas F. III, President – McLarty Associates and Former White House Chief of Staff and Task Force Co-Chair, “U.S. Immigration Policy: Report of a CFR-Sponsored Independent Task Force”, 7-8, http://www.cfr.org/ publication/19759/us\_immigration\_policy.html)

We have seen, when you look … -- then, obviously, that's going to **strengthen**, I think, our system, **our security needs**.

**A successful cyber-attack ensures accidental nuclear war**

**Fritz 09 –** (Jason, BS – St. Cloud, “Hacking Nuclear Command and Control”, Study Commissioned on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, July, [www.icnnd.org/Documents/Jason\_Fritz\_Hacking\_NC2.doc](http://www.icnnd.org/Documents/Jason_Fritz_Hacking_NC2.doc))

The US uses the two-man rule to achieve a higher level of

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of mass DDoS attacks, real world protests, and accusations between governments.

**1NC CP**

**Text: The 50 states and all relevant territories should form an interstate compact that facilitates regulated pipeline transportation of captured carbon in the United States and establish a Carbon Portfolio Standard requiring a twenty percent reduction in carbon emissions from electric utilities by 2020.**

**Solves warming**

**Cohen et al 09** – Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Clean Air Task Force (Armond, former head of the Conservation Law Foundation's Energy Project, member of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Air Act Advisory Committee; Mike Fowler, Technology Coordinator for the Coal Transition Project at the Clean Air Task Force, former New Source Review Supervisor and Enforcement Manager in the Air Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department, former Project Scientist in the Division of Applied Sciences at Harvard University; and Kurt Waltzer, Carbon Storage Development Coordinator for the Clean Air Task Force’s Coal Transition Project; May 2009, “‘NowGen’: Getting Real about Coal Carbon Capture and Sequestration,” The Electricity Journal, Volume 22, Issue 4, pp. 25-42, p. ScienceDirect)

II. CCS is Critical to a Zero-Carbon World¶ The title of

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to be organized and governed as a regulated system in its own right.

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**The plan is the worst form of neolib – the impact is low wages and decreased international cooperation – vote neg to endorse solidarity against neoliberal imposition**

Bacon 11 (David, Author and Writer, “BUILDING A CULTURE OF CROSS BORDER SOLIDARITY,” 9-27, <http://talkingunion.wordpress.com/2011/09/27/cross-border-union-solidarity/>)

In the period since the North American Free Trade Agreement has come into effect,

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, making them less demanding, and more fearful of losing their jobs.

**Neoliberal engagement of Latin America results in loss of value to life, political oppression, military intervention, and environmental destruction – makes extinction inevitable**

**Makwana 06 –** (Rajesh, STWR, 23rd November 06, <http://www.stwr.org/globalization/neoliberalism-and-economic-globalization.html>, ZBurdette)

Neoliberalism and Economic … by corporations for loss of profit, and even loss of potential profit. Without this pressure they would have been able to stimulate domestic industry and self sufficiency, thereby reducing poverty. They would then be in a better position to compete in international markets.

**Reject the AFF as a means to create space for alternatives to neoliberal engagement**

**Munck 03 –** professor of Globalization and Social Exclusion(Ronaldo, Department of Sociology, Social Policy & Social Work Studies and Globalisation and Social Exclusion Unit, University of Liverpool, “Neoliberalism, necessitarianism and alternatives in Latin America: there is no alternative (TINA)?”, Third World Quarterly, Vol 24, No 3, pp 495–511, 2003, <http://www-e.uni-magdeburg.de/evans/Journal%20Library/Trade%20and%20Countries/Neoliberalism,%20necessitarianism%20and%20alternatives%20in%20Latin%20America.pdf>, ZBurdette)

Taking as its point of departure .. **not work even on its own terms**, the exciting but also challenging prospects now opening up in Brazil under Lula underline the urgency of developing a credible and viable alternative to its policies.

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**The plan is perceived as shifting away from the middle east, triggering Saudi 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.**

**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 T – MUST BE QPQ**

**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 … of Containment,” Political Science Quarterly 105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

**Vote negative –**

**a. limits – unconditional AFFs create thousands of “one exception” affs – conditionality forces AFFs to find deals that countries would accept**

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

**1NC WARMING**

**Long time-frame for solvency – tons of barriers now**

Lokey 11 (Elizabeth Lokey, Environmental Studies, University of Colorado, “Barriers to clean development mechanism renewable energy projects in Mexico”, Renewable Energy Vol. 34 Issue 3, 504-508, Science Direct | JJ)

Oaxaca = wah-**ha**-kah

CFE – state department responsible for electricity distribution in Mexico

kWh – kilowatt hour

Because of these barriers for CDM participation from the state-run generation company,

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begin to consider applying for CDM revenues and undergo the lengthy CDM process.

**Aff doesn’t spill over in the short term**

Wood et. al., 1ac author, 2012, fellow @ Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Department of International Affairs, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México Senior Advisor, Mexico Institute Renewable Energy Initiative(Duncan Wood, July 2012, “Solar Energy Potential in Mexico’s Northern Border States”, [http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/Border\_Solar\_Romero\_0.pdf)//Holmes](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/Border_Solar_Romero_0.pdf)/Holmes)

Mexico’s geographic location and its world-class solar resources make it a prime candidate

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energy holds the potential to significantly strengthen Mexico’s energy sector and economic development.

**Warming inevitable even if we cut emissions to zero—multiple studies confirm**

**Gillett et al 10 –** director @ the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis

Nathan, “Ongoing climate change following a complete cessation of carbon dioxide emissions”. *Nature Geoscience*

Several recent studies have demonstrated that CO2-induced 17 global mean temperature change is

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several centuries owing to the long delay associated with 42 subsurface ocean warming.

**No spillover- their internal links assume global spillover**

**Warming won’t cause extinction**

**NIPCC 11** – Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change. Surviving the unprecedented climate change of the IPCC, 8 March 2011, <http://www.nipccreport.org/articles/2011/mar/8mar2011a5.html>

In a paper published in Systematics and Biodiversity, Willis et al. (2010

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the fossil record indicates **remarkable biotic resilience** to wide amplitude fluctuations in climate."

**Latin America isn’t key- China is an alt cause**

**Renewables can’t solve warming – they supplement, not replace, dirty energy.**

Angus 12– ecosocialist advocate, citing an extensive study by Richard York, professor at the University of Oregon with an MS in Environmental Studies from Bemidji State University (Iran, “Green energy won’t save the earth without social change”, 3/21/12; < http://climateandcapitalism.com/2012/03/21/green-energy-alone-wont-save-the-earth/>)//Beddow

The most popular techno-fix for global warming is green energy. If energy

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ignore the inherent destructiveness of the current system of unsustainable development – capitalism.”

**Not anthropogenic**

**Spencer 12 –** (Roy, former NASA climatologist and author, “Ten Years After the Warming,” 2/26, <http://www.drroyspencer.com/2012/02/>)

As can be seen, in the last 10 years the estimated forcing has been

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next 10 years. Eek! But I personally doubt that will happen.

**Aerosols block warming now**

**Biello 11** – (David Biello- award-winning online associate editor for environment and energy for Scientific American- Stratospheric Pollution Helps Slow Global Warming-July 11 2011- [http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=stratospheric-pollution-helps-slow-global-warming](http://www.drroyspencer.com/research-articles/satellite-and-climate-model-evidence/?id=stratospheric-pollution-helps-slow-global-warming))

Now, research suggests that for the past decade, such stratospheric aerosols—injected

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prevented 0.07 degrees Celsius of warming in average temperatures since 2000.

**1NC MANUFACTURING**

**Aerospace Industry inevitable – most qualified indicators prove**

**AMD 11 –** Aerospace Manufacturing & Design Magazine

[Positive predictions for 2011, FEBRUARY 2011, <http://www.onlineamd.com/amd-0211-positive-predictions-2011.aspx>]

The AERO Indicator Say it all in one number. Are we safe and on

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. For detailed information about the AeroWeb, go to barrgroupaerospace.com.

**Zero reverse-causal evidence- no 1ac author says manufacturing will collapse without the plan- that’s crossex**

**No impact to aerospace collapse – empirics prove**

**Hill et al** **10** – Edward, Independent Defense & Space Professional, 10- (“Economic Shocks and Regional Economic Resilience” May 10, 2010)

Employment downturns in the Seattle regional economy have occurred around the time of national recession

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fragmentation and the proliferation of small, often competing private economic development organizations.

**No internal link to the US aerospace- their card is about parts, not competitiveness that their 1ac solvency advocates talk about- that’s cross-ex**

**No impact to taiwan**

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

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

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

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

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

**No internal link to brooks- he’s in the context of cooperation, not hard power**

**Decline doesn’t cause war**

**Barnett 09** – (Thomas P.M Barnett, senior managing director of Enterra Solutions LLC, contributing editor/online columnist for Esquire, 8/25/’9 – “The New Rules: Security Remains Stable Amid Financial Crisis,” Aprodex, Asset Protection Index, http://www.aprodex.com/the-new-rules--security-remains-stable-amid-financial-crisis-398-bl.aspx)

When the global financial crisis struck roughly a year ago, the blogosphere was ablaze

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example, hasn't led us to anything beyond advising and training local forces.

**No economic collapse- aerospace is a small part of the overall US economy**

**No diversionary theory – it’ll be small scale if it happens**

**Harrison 11 –** (Mark, Department of Economics, University of Warwick, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, Stanford University, “Capitalism at War” Oct 19 http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/staff/academic/harrison/papers/capitalism.pdf)

Diversionary wars In the concept of diversionary wars, political leaders seek and exploit conflict

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been capitalist on any definition, it is a finding of deep relevance.

**Hegemony is impossible and clinging causes war**

**Eikenberry 1/29**/13 **-** William J. Perry Fellow in International Security at the Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan from May 2009 until July 2011 and had a 35-year career in the United States Army, retiring with the rank of lieutenant general. His military assignments included postings with mechanized, light, airborne, and ranger infantry units in the continental United States, Hawaii, Korea, Italy, and Afghanistan as the Commander of the American-led Coalition forces from 2005–2007. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, has earned master’s degrees from Harvard University in East Asian Studies and Stanford University in Political Science, was awarded an Interpreter’s Certiﬁcate in Mandarin Chinese from the British Foreign Commonwealth Ofﬁce, and earned an advanced degree in Chinese History from Nanjing University.(Karl W, “The Militarization of U.S. Foreign Policy,” <http://ncafp.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Amb.-Eikenberry-Mil-USFP.pdf)JCP>

When I transitioned from fatigues to pinstripes in 2009 and assumed the post as Chief

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is a truth and irony here that should at least be admitted to.

**Clinging results in global war and extinction – times have changed and a transition now solves war via minilateralism**

**Naim 3/5**/13 **–** PhD in Econ from MIT, senior associate in Carnegie’s International Economics Program, where his research focuses on international economics and global politics, former editor in chief of Foreign Policy, Former Professor of econ at ISEA, former executive director of the World Bank, former minister of trade and industry for Venezuela in the early 1990s, chairman of the boards of both the Group of Fifty and Population Action International as well as a member of the Boards of Directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, International Crisis Group, and the Open Society Foundations (Moises, Mar 5, 2013, “The End of Power: From Boardrooms to Battlefields and Churches to States, Why Being in Charge Isn't What It Used to Be,” <http://books.google.com/books?id=X-vvGdEz9A0C&dq=Specifically+it+is+about+how+power%E2%80%94the+capacity+to+get+others+to+do,+or+stop+doing,+something%E2%80%94is+undergoing+a+historic+and+world-changing+transformation.+Power+is+spreading,+and&source=gbs_navlinks_s)JCP>

THE STAKES OF HEGEMONY Whenever global politics goes through major flux, the specters of

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power is easier to obtain and harder to use or even to keep.

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**2NC OVERVIEW**

**c. obliterates value to life – outweighs extinction**

**Giroux 08 –** McMaster cultural studies professor (Henry, “Beyond the bio politics of disposability: rethinking neoliberalism in the New Gilded Age”, Social Identities; Sep2008, Vol. 14 Issue 5, p587-620, ebsco)

Any attempt to address the current bio politics of neoliberalism and disposability must begin by

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precisely at this intersection of pedagogy and politics that neoliberalism must be challenged.

**2NC FRAMEWORK**

**c. education** – **the status quo represents a constrained political world framed by neoliberal ideology which breeds political dogmatism – that destroys resistance to neoliberal ideology – Owen is too generic**

**Giroux 11** – (Henry A. Giroux, Global TV Network Chair in English and Cultural Studies at McMaster University, 28 February 2011, “Left Behind? American Youth and the Global Fight for Democracy”, http://www.truth-out.org/left-behind-american-youth-and-global-fight-democracy68042)

Meanwhile, not only have academic jobs been disappearing, but given the shift to

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funded, knowledge has to justify itself in market terms or simply perish.

**d. personal agency – focusing on the levers of power cedes politics to warmongers – makes real-world violence inevitable – reject the team**

Kappeler 95 – Freelance author and teacher in England and Germany, 1995 [Susanne, *The Will to Violence: the Politics of Personal Behavior*, p. 9-11]

War does not suddenly break out in a peaceful society; sexual violence is not

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and that there is no such thing as not acting or doing nothing.

**e. serial policy failure – the curriculum has been coopted by violent neoliberal forces – perpetuates failed policies which make extinction inevitable and obscure accurate reflection of the epistemology behind the 1ac – reject the AFF**

**Hill 10** – (Dave Hill is professor of education policy at the University of Northampton, England, and professor of education at Middlesex University, London, England. 2010. *Revolutionizing Pedagogy: Education for Social Justice Within and Beyond Global Neo-Liberalism*. Eds. Sheila Macrine, Peter McLaren, and Dave Hill, pp. 135-138)

Impacts on Democracy and on Critical Thinking The neoconservative faces of education reform, indeed

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, socialist society: in that way we maintain our dignity and hope.

**2NC NEOLIB UNSUSTAINABLE (1:19)**

**Neoliberalism is unsustainable, several warrants –**

**a. economic rationality – neoliberalism prioritizes short term profit over the well-being of life – makes extinction inevitable**

**Nhanenge 07 –** South Africa development studies masters – (Jytte, “Ecofeminsm: Towards Integrating The Concerns Of Women, Poor People And Nature Into Development”, February, <http://uir.unisa.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10500/570/dissertation.pdf?sequence=1>, DOA: 7-4-12)

Generation of wealth was an important part of the Scientific Revolution and its modern society

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models, which can support women, Others and nature, are presented.

**b. systems theory – increasing complexity undermines resiliency and creates diminishing returns**

**Hudgins 12** – cites \*Joseph Tainter; Global Institute of Sustainability and School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University, cites \*\*Jim Rickards, an American lawyer, economist, and investment banker with 35 years of experience working in capital markets on Wall Street (Coley Hudgins, March 22nd, 2012, ‘Resilient Family,’ “Complexity Theory and System Collapse,” http://www.theresilientfamily.com/2012/03/complexity-theory-and-system-collapse/ >:)

Jim Rickards is probably the world’s baddest of the bad-asses in understanding and

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and simplicity are the best hedges in an increasingly complex and unstable world.

**c. the environment is terminally unsustainable – the alt is try or die**

**Shearman 07 –** Adelaide University emeritus medicine professor(David, The Climate Change Challenge and the Failure of Democracy, pg 4-6)

This impending crisis is caused by the **accelerating damage** to the natural environment on which

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will not be met and human well-being will be seriously affected.

**2NC CBT LINK WALL**

**The CBT is neoliberal and aims to exploit indigenous Mexican cultures which causes deadly skirmishes and turns the case – local control of energy solves the case**

Vance 12 (Erik, Correspondent – CSM, “The 'wind rush': Green energy blows trouble into Mexico,” Christian Science Monitor, 1-26, <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2012/0126/The-wind-rush-Green-energy-blows-trouble-into-Mexico>)

The Isthmus of Tehuantapec, Mexico's narrowest point, is a powerful wind tunnel of

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, where the windmills are,' they know where I am from."

**2NC AIRPOWER**

**Air war leads to serial policy failure by killing disposable populations and depersonalizes war – their “truth claims” are based in flawed epistemology**

**Engelhardt 11 –** co-founder of the American Empire Project, Teaching Fellow at the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley (Tom Engelhardt, March 18, 2011, “What U.S. air power actually does”,http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-215\_162-20044539.html) // NG

Over the years, Afghan civilian casualties from the air have waxed and waned,

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. That is where air power has ended up. Live with it.

**That makes endless war inevitable – turns the case**

**Record 02** – (Professor of International Security Studies at the Air War College and former professional staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, senior fellow at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Hudson Institute, and the BDM International Corporation (Jeffrey Record, 2002, “Collapsed Countries, Casualty Dread, and the New American Way of War,” [http://www.carlisle.army.mil/USAWC/parameters/Articles/02summer/record.htm) // NG](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/USAWC/parameters/Articles/02summer/record.htm)%20//%20NG)

An airpower-dominant way of war in which US ground forces—and small

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cause is justified in the language of human rights and even democracy itself.

**2NC HEG**

**\*\*\*TURNS BENEFIT OF HEGEMONY – the AFF’s call for a military industrial apparatus comes from a profit-driven epistemology that expands neoliberal militarism and threat inflation**

**Cypher 07 –** (James Cypher, writer for the Monthly Review, research professor in the doctoral program in development studies at la Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, author of The Process of Economic Development and State and Capital in Mexico: Development Policy since 1940, June 2007, "From Military Keynesiasism to Global-Neoliberal Militarism," Monthly Review, monthlyreview.org/2007/06/01/from-military-keynesianism-to-global-neoliberal-militarism)

Hence, with the participation of the Departments of Defense and State, the United

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but possible. It is possibility that **justifies the defenses they advocate**.7

**2NC AT: PERM**

**c. co-option DA – neoliberalism coopts reform – pragmatism for Latin American governments results in control by international capital**

**Boron 08 –** Buenos Aires political science professor(Atilio, The New Latin American Left, pg 242-245)

THE CURSE OF CONSERVATIVE 'POSSIBILISM' Given the above, and granting the existence of alternatives

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electing Lula, because the markets would govern the country in any case.

**2NC AT: NEOLIB GOOD**

**Neolib is terrible –**

**a. exacerbates probability of proximate causes to war and causes environmental collapse**

**Staples 2k –** International Network on Disarmament and Globalization chair (Steven, “The relationship between globalization and militarism”, Social Justice, 27.4, proquest)

Economic inequality is growing; more conflict and civil wars are emerging. It is

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them and their investments, insulating them from the violent effects of globalization.

**AT: COUNTER-INTERPRETATION**

**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

**2NC LIMITS DA**

**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**.

**XT – AEROSPACE INDUSTRY INEV**

**Aerospace industry fluctuation inevitable but resilience prevails**

**AIA research center 09 –**[cites 2009. <http://www.gcxmag.com/gcx/article.asp?magarticle_id=743>]

The aerospace industry is still smarting from 2008, a year when the world's financial

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Air Transport Association reported that international scheduled traffic results show moderately improving conditions.

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**SAUDI PROLIF**

**OVERVIEW**

**Geopolitics turn –**

**a) energy independence destroys hegemony and kills US geopolitical influence**

**Hulbert 8/19** – (2012, Matthew, Lead Analyst at European Energy Review and consultant to a number of governments, most recently as Senior Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute for International Relations, former Senior Research Fellow at ETH Zurich working on energy and political risk, MPhil in international relations from Cambridge University, “America Will Deeply Regret Its Fixation On Energy Independence,” <http://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewhulbert/2012/08/19/why-america-will-deeply-regret-us-energy-independence/4/>)

The U.S. energy independence debate is getting very tetchy of late. Seasoned energy experts are trading cheap blows, principally for sitting on opposite sides of the fence. … Awakening, or how Gulf Monarchies handle critical succession problems in future. Let alone shaping vested interests to promote and extend U.S. influence across the globe.

Taiwan turn –

**a) U.S. energy independence causes Gulf states to switch alliances to China—that destroys U.S. leverage in a crisis over Taiwan**

Eduardo A. **Abisellan 12**, the U.S. Marine Corps Federal Executive Fellow in the Brookings 21st Century Defense Initiative, June 28, 2012, “CENTCOM’s China Challenge: Anti-Access and Area Denial in the Middle East,” http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2012/6/28%20centcom%20china%20abisellan/28%20centcom%20china%20abisellan

First, it is important to establish just how critical the Middle East is to

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and arms sales could ultimately lead to increased military cooperation and mutual defense.

**2NC CHINA NAVY WAR IMPACT**

**US energy independence causes China to build a blue water navy and seize control of key sea lanes**

**Johnson 12** – (6/26/12, citing Michael Levi, David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and environment at the Council on Foreign Relation, Keith, Wall Street Journal, “U.S. Oil Boom Spotlights China’s Persian Gulf Dependence,” <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2012/06/26/u-s-oil-boom-spotlights-chinas-persian-gulf-dependence/>)

**The U.S. is moving toward greater energy independence** just as China, the world’s second-largest economy, is becoming ever more dependent on oil from the …, and carrier air wings are still a future project—the report underscored concerns that the Chinese navy represents the most serious challenge to U.S. interests in the Pacific.

**That causes escalating naval wars**

**Kaplan 11** – (2011, Robert, Chief Geopolitical Analyst for Stratfor, non-resident senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, former Distinguished Visiting Professor in National Security at the United States Naval Academy, “The South China Sea Is the Future of Conflict,” Foreign Policy, Sept/Oct 2011, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/the\_south\_china\_sea\_is\_the\_future\_of\_conflict?page=full)

JUST AS GERMAN SOIL constituted the … the greater Middle East, **military power has been quietly shifting from Europe to Asia.**

**A2: US SHALE PRODUCTION**

**despite shale Oil prices up and rise will continue**

Dr. **Moors**, Kent 1/20/**13**- is an internationally recognized expert in oil and natural gas policy, risk assessment, and emerging market economic development. He serves as an advisor to the highest levels of the U.S., Russian, Kazakh, Bahamian, Iraqi, and Kurdish governments, to the governors of several U.S. states, and to the premiers of two Canadian provinces. He's served as a consultant to private companies, financial institutions and law firms in 25 countries, and has appeared more than 1,400 times as a featured radio-and-television commentator. He appears regularly on ABC, BBC, Bloomberg TV, CBS, CNN, NBC, Russian RTV, and the Fox Business Network. Kent is also a professor in the Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy at Duquesne University, where he directs the Energy Policy Research Group. A prolific writer and lecturer, his six books, more than 750 professional and market publications, and over 250 private/public sector presentations and workshops have appeared in 44 countries. (“Will the New U.S. Shale Boom Kill Oil Prices?”, http://moneymorning.com/2013/01/20/will-the-new-u-s-shale-boom-kill-oil-prices/)//Modermatt

These days everybody wants to extol the virtues of rising U.S. domestic

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you understand both, you'll be in position to profit as prices continue to

**Won’t flood because of shale --- they’re investing in it**

**Jaffe 13** (Amy Myers, Executive Director for Energy and Sustainability – University of California-Davis, Former Fellow in Energy Studies and Director – James Baker III Institute for Public Policy, “OPEC Reacts to US Shale Oil Boom with New Strategy”, The Energy Collective, 4-15, http://theenergycollective.com/amjaffe/209501/opec-starts-react-us-shale-boom-new-strategy, )

The first signs are emerging that key Persian Gulf members of the Organization of Petroleum

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projects such as the Quesaiba shale and the Nafud Basin north of Riyadh.

**Shale oil not cost competitive --- won’t cause a flood**

**Arab News 13** (“Shale oil ‘unlikely to hurt Saudi exports’”, 3-25, http://www.arabnews.com/news/445785, )

The entry of shale oil into world markets is **not likely** to pose any major

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vary between $ 7 to $ 15 in the region, he says.

**Shale won’t materialize**

**Reuters 12** (“U.S. shale oil won't flood global market-EOG CEO”, 11-28, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/28/eog-oil-idUSL1E8MS69S20121128, )

Nov 28 (Reuters) - Crude oil extracted from the United States shale formations

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in Ohio will be **negligible** over the long-term, he said.

**2) U.S. shale findings have had zero influence**

**Businessweek 5/30**/13 (Fred Pals, Energy Correspondent Venezuela at Dow Jones//Wall Street Journal, “Venezuela Says U.S. Shale Won’t Hurt OPEC’s Heavy Oil Exporters”, Busienssweek, http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-05-30/venezuela-says-u-dot-s-dot-shale-won-t-hurt-opec-s-heavy-oil-exporters, JKahn)

**The rising supply of U.S. shale oil doesn’t affect exporters of medium**

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that have sustained growth like India with the capacity to process heavy crude.”

**3) Shale findings won’t adequately increase supplies**

**FT, 13** (Ed Crooks, Financial Times, “US eyes improvement in oil production”, June 14, 2013 11:39 pm, http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/94b69b6c-d516-11e2-9302-00144feab7de.html#axzz2XtdSwrOM, jld)

Significant improvements in US oil production will be necessary for the country to meet its

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, the EIA thinks, leaving imports at about 8m b/d.

**Actual levels of demand will remain near the same even with shale gas**

**NYT, 12** (DAVID L. GOLDWYN, “Making an Energy Boom Work for the U.S.”, November 12, 2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/13/business/energy-environment/making-an-energy-boom-work-for-us.html?pagewanted=all&\_r=0, jld)

This is unlikely to happen. Despite more production from shale deposits like the Bakken

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economy, not the source or quantity of U.S. imports.

**Hot damn, cutbacks now**

**FoxNews, 13 (Kelly David Burke, “Obama administration cuts back oil shale development”, Published June 22, 2013, http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/06/22/obama-administration-cuts-back-oil-shale-development/, jld)**

Controversy is heating up over an administration plan to drastically reduce the amount of federal

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," said Dan Kish, Senior Vice President of Institute for Energy Research.

**Diversionary war theory is false**

**Boehmer 07** – (Charles, political science professor at the University of Texas, Politics & Policy, 35:4, “The Effects of Economic Crisis, Domestic Discord, and State Efficacy on the Decision to Initiate Interstate Conflict”)

This article examines the contemporaneous effect of low economic growth and domestic instability on the

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, interstate conflict, or both events occurring in the same year.3

**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.