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A. Violation - Engagement towards a government must be conditional, the plan isn’t

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Many different types of engagement strategies exist, depending on who is engaged, the

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private sector in the hopes of promoting forces that will eventually facilitate cooperation.

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Plan would force neolib on Cuba

Gonzalez 3, law prof, (Carmen, Assistant Professor, Seattle University School of Law, Tulane Environmental Law Journal, Vol. 16, p. 685, 2003, “Seasons of Resistance: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Cuba”, http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=987944, ZBurdette)

Notwithstanding these problems, the greatest challenge to the agricultural development

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and economic pressure from the United States and from the global trading system.

Neoliberalism produces crises, securitizes them and militarily lashes out against them-this cycle triggers every impact and terminates in extinction.

Mosaddeq, 2010 Sussex University IR professor, (Nafeez, “Globalizing Insecurity: The Convergence of Interdependent Ecological, Energy, and Economic Crises”, 7-20, http://yalejournal.org/2010/07/globalizing-insecurity-the-convergence-of-interdependent-ecological-energy-and-economic-crises/, DOA: 6-29-12)

The logic of ‘growth’ – as currently defined – is driving the depletion of

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preventively by re-thinking the efficacy of our current way of life.

Our alternative is to reject the aff as a means to create space for alternatives to neoliberalism.

Munck ‘03 professor of Globalization and Social Exclusion, 3 (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 the position that there are or must be alternatives

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underline the urgency of developing a credible and viable alternative to its policies.

# Politics

#### Obama is using his newly won political capital to hammer the GOP on immigration – it will pass, but getting it to the floor is key

Epstein, 10/17/13 (Reid, Politico, “Obama’s latest push features a familiar strategy” <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/barack-obama-latest-push-features-familiar-strategy-98512.html>)

President Barack Obama made his plans for his newly won

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that it would win significant Republican votes.”

#### Obama’s consistent pressure and Democratic unity are key to get Boehner to allow a vote

Sullivan, 10/24/13 (Sean, “John Boehner's next big test: Immigration” Washington Post Blogs, The Fix, lexis)

President Obama delivered remarks Thursday morning to renew his call

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tuning the hard-liners out a bit more this time around.

#### It will be a fight and it requires all of Obama’s capital to pass it

Orlando Sentinel, 11/1/13 (editorial, “It’ll take both parties to clear immigration logjam” database: LibraryPressDisplay (at the University of Michigan)

For those who thought the end of the government shutdown

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Democratic leaders will have to underscore the president’s message.

Plan causes massive drain in PC- overwhelms any turns- litany of warrants and empirics prove

LeoGrande, 12

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

The 113th Congress Congress has held a central role in U.S. policy

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In 2011, President Obama selected Wasserman Schultz to chair the Democratic

Increasing green cards generates an effective base of IT experts- solves cybersecurity

McLarty 9 (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 at the table of the top 20

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going to strengthen, I think, our system, our security needs.

Cyberterrorism will cause accidental launch that triggers the Dead Hand and nuclear war

Fritz 9 (Jason, BS – St. Cloud, “Hacking Nuclear Command

Direct control of launch   
The US uses the two-man rule to achieve a higher

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real world protests, and accusations between governments.

# Transition Adv

Cuba’s economy is growing now

Havana Times 7/7 (7/7/13 “Cuban Gov. Presents “Favorable” Stats” <http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=95985> 7-7-13)

The economy showed an overall a “favorable performance”, said Yzquierdo. Almost all

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the fight against corruption, one of the banner efforts of his administration.

The plan results in the destabilization of Cuba – only Gradual reform solves.

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 makes the situation worse for a laundry list of reasons

Suchlicki 2k, Director of the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies at the University of Miami, 00 (Jaime, 6/2000, University of Miami, “The U.S. Embargo of Cuba,” http://www6.miami.edu/iccas/USEmbargo.pdf, p. 2-4, accessed 6/24/13, IC)

Introduction ¶ Opponents of U.S. policy toward Cuba claim that if the

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and ¶ reward him with tourism, investments, and economic aid. ¶

No bioweapons use---barriers overwhelm

Ouagrham-Gormley, 12 Sonia Ben Ouagrham-Gormley is Assistant Professor in the Biodefense Program at George Mason University, “Barriers to Bioweapons: Intangible Obstacles to Proliferation,” International Security, Volume 36, Number 4, Spring 2012, pp. 80-114, pdf, AJ

This article challenges the conventional wisdom by showing that the success

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the development of more effective ways to target and disrupt covert bioweapons programs.

Bioweapons are useless – don’t kill anyone

No impact to economic decline

Barnett 09 – senior managing director of Enterra Solutions LLC and a contributing editor/online columnist for Esquire magazine, columnist for World Politics Review (8/25, Thomas P.M. “The New Rules: Security Remains Stable Amid Financial Crisis,” World Politics Review, 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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great resilience of America's post-World War II international liberal trade order.

Embargo limits drilling now – plan unlocks large-scale Cuban production.

Padgett ‘8

Tim Padgett joined TIME in 1996 as Mexico City bureau chief covering Latin America. In 1999 he moved to Florida to become TIME’s Miami & Latin America bureau chief, reporting on the hemisphere from Tallahassee to Tierra del Fuego. He has chronicled Mexico’s democratization and drug war as well as the rise of Latin leaders like Lula and Hugo Chavez, “How Cuba’s Oil Find Could Change the US Embargo”¶ Time Magazine – Oct. 23, 2008 – internally quoting Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, a Cuba oil analyst at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,¶ 1853252,00.html#ixzz13Li5cosN

The Spanish energy company Repsol-YPF has entered into a production-sharing

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to the extent the Cubans need are the Americans."

That trades-off with US- Mid-East oil ties.

Alhaiji and Maris ‘4

[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

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producing countries, especially in the Middle East.

That causes Saudi Prolif.

Guzansky ‘13

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Continued Iranian progress toward a nuclear weapon, Iraq's increasing

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arsenal, to reduce risks and ensure the continuity of the House of Saud.

# Soft Power Adv

Soft power’s outdated – Iraq proves

Liaropoulos 11 – Senior Analyst in the Research Institute for European and American Studies; lecturer in University of Piraeus, Department of International and European studies; also teaches in the Joint Staff War College, the National Security College, the Air War College and the Naval Staff Command College; Masters in Intelligence & Strategic Studies and PhD (Andrew, “Being Hard on Soft Power,” 2011, http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/transatlantic-studies/1519-being-hard-on-soft-power-.html)//SJF

Soft power has been highly criticized as being a rather ineffective and vague concept.

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and building credibility is not an easy task, even for a hegemon.

Soft Power is resilient

Bev 12 – regular columnist to Forbes Indonesia, The Jakarta Post, and Strategic Review, Associate Partner of Fortune PR Indonesia and based in Northern California (Jennie S, “The Power of American "Soft Power"” 5/23/12, http://www.forbes.com/sites/85broads/2012/05/23/the-power-of-american-soft-power/)//SJF

Almost four years since the beginning of the Great Recession, signified by the implosion

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USA” as a brand and American brands. The world loves us.

#### No impact to heg - decline doesn’t cause conflict, lashout, or draw-in---all their studies are wrong

MacDonald, 11 - Assistant Professor of Political Science at Williams College, and Joseph M. Parent, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Miami (Paul K., “Graceful Decline?: The Surprising Success of Great Power Retrenchment,” Spring 2011, “International Security, Vol. 35, No. 4, p. 7-44, SMS)

How do great powers respond to acute decline? The erosion of the relative power

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none of the declining powers that failed to retrench recovered their relative position.

Heg doesn’t solve stability but destabilizes the world turning their impact

Cambanis 12 – [Thanassis, fellow at The Century Foundation, is the author of “A Privilege to Die: Inside Hezbollah’s Legions and Their Endless War Against Israel”, “The lonely superpower,” <http://bostonglobe.com/ideas/2012/01/22/the-lonely-superpower/FRkSf1s5n9lXku4VqvEtqJ/story.html>]

Now, however, with a few decades of experience to study, a young

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be much safer for a unipolar superpower, not more costly and hazardous.

No impact to the transition

Ikenberry 08 – professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University (John, “The Rise of China and the Future of the West Can the Liberal System Survive?” Jan/Feb 2008, Foreign Affairs,)

Some observers believe that the American era is coming to an end, as the

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but the Western order -- if managed properly -- will live on.

Offshore balancing inevitable—the AFF clings to false hope which turns their impact

Walt 11 – [Stephen, Robert and Renée Belfer professor of international relations at Harvard University, “What I told the Navy this year,” 6-10, <http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/06/10/what_i_told_the_navy_this_year>]

I had the privilege of delivering a keynote speech to the Naval War College's Current

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and how much more blood and treasure we squander before we do.

US primacy ensures conflict with China

Layne 07 – Visiting Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute (Christopher “American Empire: A Debate” (p 75)]

So what should the United States do about China? If the United States per­sists

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Nevertheless, the United States cannot be completely indifferent to China's rise.