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#### The United States federal government should establish a Presidential Bipartisan Commission on Cuba to study current U.S. policy on Cuba. The Commission should recommend that the United States federal government repeal Section 211 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998.

#### A Bipartisan Commission on Cuba solves the case but avoids politics

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http://www.hoover.org/publications/defining-ideas/article/139281

A New Policy to Cuba

Since the early 1990s U.S. “proactive” policies have done more to stoke than reduce domestic tensions in Cuba, … certainly see the need for change and its findings would give Obama cover for action.

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#### The Syria authorization will pass but it will be a tough fight - capital is key to GOP support

**Cohen, 9/3/13** (Tom, “Syria war resolution faces tough challenge in Congress” CNN,

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/03/politics/obama-syria-congress/>)

To Darrell West, the vice president and director of governance studies at the Brookings Institution, … noting Obama must be personally involved, make the case for military action and "prove that we have a military plan that will work and not drag us into the mud for a long time."

**Congress will block small steps towards Cuba**

**TP 4-9** – Think Progress

[“How the GOP Response to Beyoncé’s Cuba Trip Highlights Broken Policy”, April 9th, 2013, <http://thinkprogress.org/security/2013/04/09/1838661/rubio-beyonce-cuba/>]

Experts at CAP and the Cato Institute alike agree that the policy has been an abject failure at achieving the goals the United States set out. …those candidates who received funding displayed a shift in voting patterns on Cuba policy in the aftermath of the gift

#### Capital is finite and Syria requires all of it – the plan burns his leverage and consumes docket time and energy

**Brown, 9/4/13** (Carrie, Politico, “Obama's capital spreads thin”

<http://m.politico.com/iphone/story/0913/96306.html>)

President Barack Obama faced a heavy lift in Congress this fall when his agenda included only …Obama likes to say the White House and Congress should “be able to walk and chew gum at the same time,” often they cannot.

#### A failed Syria vote spurs global appeasement, allied prolif, nuclear use and shreds U.S. primacy

**Cohen, 9/2/13** - teaches at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. From 2007-08 he served as counselor of the State Department (Eliot, “The Stakes on the Syria Vote” Wall Street Journal, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324432404579049261525066516.html>)

On Saturday, when President Obama overruled his advisers, reversed his own policy and declared that he would not act against Syria …take that primacy and the stability and prosperity it has brought for granted. They should not. It hangs in the balance.

#### US credibility solves extinction

Barnett 11 (Thomas, Former Senior Strategic Researcher and Professor in the Warfare Analysis & Research Department, worked as the Assistant for Strategic Futures in the Office of Force Transformation in the Department of Defense, *“The New Rules: Leadership Fatigue Puts U.S., and Globalization, at Crossroads,”* The World Politics Review, March 7, 2011, <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/8099/the-new-rules-leadership-fatigue-puts-u-s-and-globalization-at-crossroads>)

Events in Libya are a further reminder for Americans that we stand at a crossroads in our continuing evolution as the …hoarded by great powers grown increasingly suspicious of one another. And if you know your history, that should make you nervous.

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#### A. Interpretation - ‘Its’ is a possessive pronoun showing ownership

**Glossary of English Grammar Terms, 2005**

(http://www.usingenglish.com/glossary/possessive-pronoun.html)

Mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs are the possessive pronouns used to substitute a noun and …. (Mine substitutes the word disk and shows that it belongs to me.)

#### B. Violation – the plan results in an increase in private economic engagement – not USFG economic engagement. There’s a difference

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

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

¶ Economic engagement between or among countries can take many forms, but this document …. however, when discussing economic engagement by the U.S. federal government, some issues are more important with respect to some countries than to others.

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#### Neoliberalism is dying in Latin America- we should resist attempts at triage like the affirmative

Dr. Ronn **Pineo**, Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, and Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Towson University – Posted on April 11, 20**13** - See more at: http://www.coha.org/22227/#sthash.L5CsywQs.dpuf

Poverty in Latin America has been reduced substantially in the last three decades. … “We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals. We know now that it is bad economics.” [37] The age of neoliberalism is ending. It is time for some good economics.

#### Their economic rationality causes extinction

**Nhanenge 7** [Jytte Masters @ U South Africa, “ECOFEMINSM: TOWARDS INTEGRATING THE CONCERNS OF WOMEN, POOR PEOPLE AND NATURE INTO DEVELOPMENT]

There is today an increasing critique of economic development, whether it takes place in the North or in the South. … which prevents people from developing their potential. It is highly likely that one may add more crises to these four, or categorize them differently, however, Ekins's division is suitable for the present purpose. (Ekins 1992: 1).

#### Reject the plan on the ground that it is neoliberal

Dr Emmanuel **Broillet**\* Current Concerns > 20**10** > No 8, May 2010 > Latin America: The Advent of an Alternative to Neo-Liberalism and Authoritarian Socialism http://www.currentconcerns.ch/index.php?id=1028

A different world is possible and not utopian Building a different world can only succeed by political means, … oscillation between ideology and utopia. Those who have neither projects nor objectives do not have anything to describe.

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

**Haass and O’Sullivan, 2k** - \*Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution AND \*\*a Fellow with the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution (Richard and Meghan, “Terms of Engagement: Alternatives to Punitive Policies” Survival,, vol. 42, no. 2, Summer 2000, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/articles/2000/6/summer%20haass/2000survival.pdf>

Many different types of engagement strategies exist, depending on who is engaged, … the hopes of promoting forces that will eventually facilitate cooperation.

# 1nc – biotech adv

#### Cooperation now solves.

Chi 4/1 (Quynh, 4/1/13, “Vietnam- Cuba: Strengthening Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Cooperation,” http://vccinews.com/news\_detail.asp?news\_id=28205)//DR. H

Cuba's leading experts in the field of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, … and the Agreement on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion for income taxes (2002).

#### Cuban biotech has the potential to fuel biological terrorism

Zilinskas 11 - Director, Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Program at Middlebury College (Raymond, ABSTRACT OF: “Cuba, Terrorism, and Biotechnology”, 7/15/2011, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/0471686786.ebd0151.pub2/abstract, HW)

The Cuban government has in the past been known to directly support terrorist groups and, …, as well as its potential for biological weapons acquisition.

#### Bioterror causes extinction – 9 hour time frame.

Discovery 09 **–** Award-winning source of credible, unbiased, and easy-to-understand explanations of how the world actually works (How Stuff Works, February 19, 2009, “10 Ways the World Might End: A Monster Plague,” http://videos.howstuffworks.com/science/10-ways-the-world-will-end-videos-playlist.htm)//DR. H

[Narrator:] Conventional science holds the deadly viruses that typically originate in other species, … economies will collapse, the medical system will be unable to cope, no one will be spared a terrible, ugly death.

#### GM foods not Key – Global Ag prices are elastic because of substitute goods

Nelson 12 Carl Nelson, University of Illinois Agricultural Economist, quoted by an analyst at American Agriculturist (“Poverty Estimates Overestimated In Wake Of Rising Food Prices”, American Agriculturist, 2/21/12, http://farmprogress.com/story-poverty-estimates-overestimated-wake-rising-food-prices-0-57419)

When food prices spiked in 2008, the number of households that moved into poverty was … The older studies fail to do that, producing a significant misinterpretation of the data.¶

**Cuba Doesn’t Care – They won’t violate international IPR agreements**

**Whitefield 12** MIMI WHITEFIELD, Miami Herald Writer (“Havana Club rum dispute isn’t over yet”, Miami Herald, 7/31/12, http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/07/20/v-fullstory/2923729/havana-club-rum-dispute-isnt-over.html)

If the trademark is canceled, Cuba has threatened to retaliate against U.S. trademarks that are registered on the island. … he saw the Bacardi label.¶ “It was a joke,’’ Jones said. “Having done that, it [the retaliation] never happened.’’

#### Turn: Repealing Section 211 destroys property rights – legitimates theft by allowing states to confiscate property without compensation

Lehman 04 Bruce A. Lehman, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks (“Testimony of The Honorable Bruce Lehman”, 7/13/04, http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.cfm?id=4f1e0899533f7680e78d03281ffc2ea6&wit\_id=4f1e0899533f7680e78d03281ffc2ea6-2-5)

Also under discussion is S. 2002 which would repeal Section 211 among other precarious trademark measures. …

strongly urge you to pass S. 2373 to make Section 211 compliant with the WTO decision while upholding traditional principles of United States law.

**Developing states don’t care about IP law because it isn’t in their self interest to do so**

**Olenik 82** Shari Dawn Olenick, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law Editorial Staff (“Draft International Anticounterfeiting Code: Neo-Realism as a Vehicle for Analyzing the Effect of Nonsignatories' Perceptions on the Development of an Anticounterfeiting Norm”, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, pages 863-864) Sheller

The context of the agreement. – Because all nations do not share the signatories’ trademark protection ethic, … they will not incorporate Code rules into their national value systems. It is simply not in their self-interest to do so.

**GMOs and the companies that use them are waging “a literal World War Three on public health, rural communities, and the environment” (that’s a quote from the card)**

**Cummins, 10** [Ronnie, 10/7, International Director of the Organic Consumers Association, Industrial Agriculture and Human Survival: The Road Beyond 10/10/10, <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/10/07-9>]

Highly subsidized GM crops - comprising 40% of U.S. cropland, and 10% of global crops - … including methane, soot, and nitrous oxide, which are responsible for at least 22% of global warming.

# 1nc – wto

**1ac card says alt cause—US gambling ban**

**New**, 3/26/**2013** (William – Intellectual Property Watch, United States Chided As TRIPS Scofflaw at WTO, Intellectual Property Watch, p. <http://www.ip-watch.org/2013/03/26/united-states-chided-as-trips-scofflaw-at-wto/>)

“The conduct of the United States unscrupulously discredits the WTO dispute settlement system and also … Venezuela said in its statement (unofficial translation).

**WTO has no effect on trade**

**Baldwin 8** (Richard, “The WTO tipping point”, Staff writer for the Turkish Weekly http://www.turkishweekly.net/comments.php?id=2927 , July 1)

The new century has seen massive liberalisation of trade in goods and services–… bring the world to a tipping point–a point beyond which expectations become unmoored and nations feel justified in ignoring WTO norms since everyone else does.

**Superior studies dismiss their argument**

**Rose 3** (Andrew K., prof at Haas School of Business @ UC Berkeley, 9/30/2003, “Do we really know that the wto increases trade?”)

Maybe not. While theory, casual empiricism, and strong statements abound, there is, to my knowledge, … we currently do not have strong empirical evidence that the GATT/WTO has systematically played a strong role in encouraging trade.

**WTO has no connection to trade—this is the literature**

**Rose 2004 –** Prof Economic Analysis and Policy, UC Berkeley(Andrew, Do We Really Know that the WTO Increases Trade?, American Economic Review 94.1, http://faculty.haas.berkeley.edu/arose/GATT.pdf)

Of course the most interesting issue that remains is why the GATT/WTO doesn’t seem to have had much of an impact on trade. … For now, I note that my result is consistent with the extant econometric literature … since it is the literature.

**The WTO does not solve war—it’s just another forum for great power competition**

**Hawkins 2003** (William, Senior Fellow for National Security Studies at the U.S. Business and Industry Council, “Successfully Rebuilding Iraq Requires Rejection of 'Globalization,’” American Economic Alert, April 23, http://www.americaneconomicalert.org/view\_art.asp?Prod\_ID=807)

The Bush Administration has good reasons not to trust certain other members of the UN Security Council on Iraq… just as any realist should expect.

**WTO does not solve war—bilateral diplomacy is the key factor**

**Copeland 1996** (Dale, Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia, International Security, Spring)

The value of maintaining an open trading system through the new World Trade Organization (WTO) is also clear: …. The existence of formal institutions, therefore, does not do away with the need for intelligent great power foreign policy between individual great powers.

**Alt Causes to WTO Collapse – New Leadership, negotiation failure and transition to regional groups**

**Jolly 5/9**/13 David Jolly, NYT Writer (“Next W.T.O. Head Wants a New Look at Body’s Role”, New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/09/business/global/next-wto-head-wants-a-new-look-at-the-bodys-role.html?_r=1&gwh=E5EF39A24786F40D159CF63CE211431C&>) sheller

PARIS — Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo, the next head of the World Trade Organization, said on Wednesday that … “We’ve abandoned multilateralism,” he said.

**Trade doesn’t prevent war – their “data” is unsubstantiated**

**Martin et. Al 8,** Philippe Martin, Thierry Mayer, Mathias Thoenig, University of Paris 1 Pantheon, Paris School of Economics, Centre for Economic Policy Research, University of Paris 1 Pantheon, Paris school fo Economics CEP11 and Centre for Economic Policy Research, University of Geneva and Paris School of Economics, First version April 06, final version November 07, published 2008 [Make Trade Not War?, The Review of Economic Studies Limited, <http://econ.sciences-po.fr/sites/default/files/file/tmayer/MMT.pdf>] jmin

Does globalization pacify international relations? The “liberal” view in political science¶ argues …, even taking into account the increase in the number of sovereign¶ states.

**Multilateral trade and globalization increase the likelihood of bilateral conflict escalation – no trade dependency**

Philippe **Martin et. Al 08,** Thierry Mayer, Mathias Thoenig, University of Paris 1 Pantheon, Paris School of Economics, Centre for Economic Policy Research, University of Paris 1 Pantheon, Paris school fo Economics CEP11 and Centre for Economic Policy Research, University of Geneva and Paris School of Economics, First version April 06, final version November 07, published 2008 [Make Trade Not War?, The Review of Economic Studies Limited, <http://econ.sciences-po.fr/sites/default/files/file/tmayer/MMT.pdf>] jmin

The objective of this paper is to shed light on the following question: If trade promotes¶ peace as suggested by the European example, why is it that globalization, … with a high probability of dispute with a local dimension such as¶ disputes on borders, resources, and ethnic minorities.

**Basic incentives check the impact, even if organizations collapse**

**Ikenson, 09 –** associate director for the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute (3/12, Daniel, “A Protectionism Fling: Why Tariff Hikes and Other Trade Barriers Will Be Short-Lived,” http://www.freetrade.org/pubs/FTBs/FTB-037.html

A Growing Constituency for Freer Trade

The WTO/GATT system was created in the first place to deter a protectionist pandemic triggered by global economic contraction. … countries must maintain policies that create a stable business climate with limited administrative, logistical, and physical obstacles.

**WTO is dead**

**Cooke 2009** (Shamus, trade unionist, social service worker, writer for Workers Action, frequent contributor to Global Research, 111-15-2009 “What Is At Stake With Free Trade”, <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=COO20091115&articleId=16096>)

In the ten years since the World Trade Organization (WTO) protests in Seattle, global opposition to free trade and “globalization” …they view the corporate-run WTO as too democratic, and would rather go it alone on the global market place.