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**Hagel is expected to win, but there’s still a fight**

**IEDE** **1-24**-2013 (**Independent European Daily Express**, “Kerry Gets a Pass as Factions Gear Up for Hagel Fight”<http://www.iede.co.uk/news/2013_737/kerry-gets-pass-factions-gear-hagel-fight>) BW

Indeed, the goodwill directed toward Kerry at Thursday’s hearing will likely mark a sharp

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insufficiently supportive of Israel’s right-wing government and too dovish toward Iran.

#### The plan generates congressional backlash

Starr ‘11

[Fred. **President of the Central Asia Caucasus Institute**. “Opening Keynote: “A Strategy for Central Asia After the US Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan” Central Asia, Afghanistan and the New Silk Road, November 2011. <http://www.jamestown.org/uploads/media/Afghan_Silk_Road_conf_report_-_FULL.pdf> //GBS-JV]

Second, let us humbly acknowledge that the US is a latecomer to continental transport

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will create a more receptive audience on the Hill and among the public.

#### All of Obama’s capital is key

Wong and Raju 1-6

[Scott and Manu. “Hagel Takes Fire from the Hill” The Politico 1/6/13 ln//GBS-JV]

Senate Democrats and Republicans are far from sold on President Barack Obama's expected nomination of

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Chairman Carl Levin (D-Mich.) said in mid-December.

#### Hagel is key to non-proliferation efforts

**Hale 1-9**, Chairman of the Ploughshares Fund (leading nuclear weapons watchdog), **graduate of Brown University and Harvard Business School** (Roger, "We Applaud the Nomination of Senator Hagel for Secretary of Defense," 2013, [www.ploughshares.org/blog/2013-01-09/we-applaud-nomination-senator](http://www.ploughshares.org/blog/2013-01-09/we-applaud-nomination-senator))

Ploughshares Fund congratulates Senator Chuck Hagel on his nomination by President Barack Obama for secretary

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. “He is an excellent choice to lead the Department of Defense.”

#### Extinction

Victor A **Utgoff,** **Deputy Director of Strategy, Forces, and Resources Division of Institute for Defense Analysis,** Summer 20**02**, Survival, p.87-90

In sum, widespread proliferation is likely to lead to an occasional shoot-out

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a hill to bury the bodies of dead cities or even whole nations.

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#### Interpretation- “In” means within --- this is the core meaning

Encarta 7

[Encarta World English Dictionary, 7 (“In (1)”, 2007, <http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/DictionaryResults.aspx?refid=1861620513>]

in [ [in](http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/Pronounce.aspx?search=in) ] CORE MEANING: a grammatical word indicating that something or somebody

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or group has achieved or will achieve power or authority voted in overwhelmingly.

#### “its” – possessive and designates 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 to show possession or ownership.¶ EG. This is your disk and that's mine. (Mine substitutes the word disk and shows that it belongs to me.)

**And, Investment is direct federal spending on infrastructure**

**CBO, 1991** - **Congressional Budgeting Office** (“How Federal Spending for Infrastructure and Other Public Investments Affects the Economy – Trends in Investment,” CBO publication, July 1991, p. ix, available via google, <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=2&ved=0CE8QFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cbo.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fcbofiles%2Fftpdocs%2F76xx%2Fdoc7657%2F91-cbo-011.pdf&ei=nwTqT8eqNYaQ9gTljJ37Dw&usg=AFQjCNEhQ8IMYDjOdyRqjLBI9efsi1vu8g)//RD>

Investment, or capital spending, may be defined broadly as the expenditure of current

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for physical infrastructure, some human resource programs, and research and development.

**Violation - the aff uses private sector capital to ship transportation infrastructure to Afghanistan instead of building it in the united states – which violates all of these words**

**Topicality is a voter for fairness and education because of two reasons -**

1. **Limits – there are over 25o countries EXPLODES the predictable limit on the amount of potential affs opens the floodgates and makes it impossible to be negative**
2. **Ground – also skirts key disads like oil and foodprices which are the core of negative strategies because they create a 2nd topic of disads.**

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#### Text: The President of the United States should issue a Presidential Directive to substantially increase United States investment for private sector transportation infrastructure development for the New Silk Road Initiative. We’ll clarify.

#### The counterplan is distinct and unquestionably competitive – it PIC’s out of the affirmative’s use of “In the United States” – in the context of economic development, the plan means the production of the materials used for the plan must occur in the US

LOM ‘84

[**The Laws of Minnesota**. “Chapter 440-HF No 1939.” [www.revisor.leg.state.mn/laws](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn/laws) 1984//GBS-JV]

"Manufactured in the United States" means manufactured in whole or in substantial part within the United States or that the majority of the component parts thereof were manufactured in whole or in substantial part in the United States.

#### ( ) The plan crowds out regional and international markets – the link turns the case

Sholk ‘12

[Dena. “Private investment key to success of 'New Silk Road' after 2014” 4/25/12 <http://www.universalnewswires.com/centralasia/turkmenistan/viewstory.aspx?id=11883> //GBS-JV]

The emergence of trade and transportation corridors will satisfy the demands of private investors seeking

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Trade is not easy…because of the way they are managing borders.”¶

#### ( ) Devastates the overall health of US trade credibility

Green ‘6

[Andrew. **Prof of Economic Law @ U of Toronto**. “Trade Rules and Climate Change Subsidies” World Trade Review, Vol 5 No 2, 2006 //GBS-JV]

Rent seeking and protection¶ Governments may therefore use subsidies to address market failures in

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addressing market failure or fulfilling a democratic decision of a country or region.

#### ( ) That triggers tit-for-tat retaliation – results in a global trade war

Lincicome 10-9

[Scott. Trade Attorney at White & Case. “Countervailing Calamity: How to Stop the Global Subsidy Race” CATO Policy Analysis #710, 10/9/12 //GBS-JV]

Third, U.S. subsidies also raise serious concerns under international trade rules

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resources on long legal battles and tit-for-tat trade disputes.

#### ( ) Nuclear war

Panzner ‘8

(faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase (Michael, “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” p. 136-138)

Continuing calls for curbs on the flow of finance and trade will inspire the United

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between Muslims and Western societies as the beginnings of a new world war.

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**No investment in the tapi pipeline now**

**Sahu 10/16** (Raj Kumar Sahu, **staff writer for NDTV**, “No international firm ready to take up TAPI pipeline project despite pricing, supply assurance,” October 16, 2012, <http://profit.ndtv.com/news/corporates/article-no-international-firm-ready-to-take-up-tapi-pipeline-project-despite-pricing-supply-assurance-312134>) GANGEEZY

New Delhi: It seems like there are no takers for building the $9

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Kakageldy Abdullaev to discus various issues of cooperation in oil and gas sector.

**Silk road spurs the tapi pipeline**

Starr, PhD, research professor at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced

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Silk Road Strategy”, ciao, da: 7-19-10)

Afghanistan cannot reap the financial rewards of being a transport pivot without improvements further afield

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Indian trade, as well as Pakistan‘s trade in every direction.

**TAPI destroys Russia’s economy**

**Torbakov 1** - **former Regional Exchange Scholar at the Kennan Institute**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

(Igor, “TALIBAN DEFEAT REVIVES DEBATE ON TRANS-AFGHAN PIPELINE,” <http://www.eurasianet.org/departments/business/articles/eav121201.shtml>)\

The country most likely to suffer from the possible construction of pipelines in Afghanistan is

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in Afghanistan that might "create conditions for the breaking of civil war."

**Nuclear war**

**FILGER 2009** (Sheldon, **author** and blogger **for the Huffington Post**, “Russian Economy Faces Disastrous Free Fall Contraction” http://www.globaleconomiccrisis.com/blog/archives/356)

In Russia historically, economic health and political stability are intertwined to a degree that

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the financial impact of the Global Economic Crisis is its least dangerous consequence.

## Instability

#### Corruption’s an alt cause

Sholk 1ac author in ‘12

[Dena. “Private investment key to success of 'New Silk Road' after 2014” 4/25/12 <http://www.universalnewswires.com/centralasia/turkmenistan/viewstory.aspx?id=11883> //GBS-JV]

Despite improvements in regional infrastructure, the intransigence of authoritarian regimes in resisting regional

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a need to focus on transit corridors rather than on broader policy themes.

#### ( ) Political elites derail the aff

Sholk 1ac author in ‘12

[Dena. “Private investment key to success of 'New Silk Road' after 2014” 4/25/12 <http://www.universalnewswires.com/centralasia/turkmenistan/viewstory.aspx?id=11883> //GBS-JV]

In that vein, the most critical factor to the NDN’s success is the willingness of political elites to “buy in at the top political levels”, former Ambassador Jawad notes. More often than not, delays at the border by ministry officials are caused because there is no clear direction from the top political leaders as to whether shipments are allowed.

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Sholk 1ac author in ‘12

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But the U.S. is encouraged by progress on its NSR policy initiative

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gas from energy-rich Central Asia to energy-hungry South Asia.”

**No impact to afghan collapse – safeguards check**

**Silverman, -** **PhD in international relations** **09 -** government and, as a Ford Foundation Project Specialist (11/19/09, Jerry Mark, The National Interest, “Sturdy Dominoes,” http://www.nationalinterest.org/Article.aspx?id=22512)

Many advocates of continuing or racheting up our presence in Afghanistan are cut from

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the General Staff); and, in The National Interest, Ahmed Rashid.

The fear that Pakistan and central Asian governments are too weak to withstand the Taliban

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envision the nature of today’s global political environment and America’s place in it.

The current worry is that Pakistan will revive support for the Taliban and return to

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group of second-tier officers with access to that country’s nuclear weapons.

Beyond Pakistan, advocates of today’s domino theory point to the Taliban’s links to both

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its own military and political power into the resulting “vacuum” there.

The primary problem with the worst-case scenarios predicted by the domino theorists is

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dreaded consequences will occur only as the result of a decision to stay.

With the benefit of hindsight, we know that the earlier domino theory falsely represented

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, and victims of violence changed, the level of violence eventually declined.

#### No impact to nato– its resilient

**Kupchan in 12 –** **professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University** and Whitney Shepardson Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (Charles A., Apri/May, “A Still Strong Alliance” <http://www.cfr.org/europerussia/still-strong-alliance/p27818>) Jacome

The Atlantic alliance has demonstrated remarkable resilience over the past two decades. Most alliances

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while simultaneously carrying out a successful air campaign to topple the Libyan government.

NATO's surprising longevity and activism notwithstanding, the Atlantic alliance has certainly suffered its fair

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and its inability to muster more coherence and capability on matters of defense.

The Western alliance has, however, admirably weathered these ups and downs, and

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strategic drift that could result "in separation and, ultimately, divorce."

## China

#### Transportation’s not enough to facilitate mining – your author

Burgess 1ac author in ’10

[Zach. Affirmative Author, Minerals Expert for Wealth Daily. 6/28/10, <http://www.wealthdaily.com/articles/afghanistan-mineral-discovery-a-1-trillion-find/2553> //GBS-JV]

But while the mineral potential of Afghanistan may seem very optimistic, there are some

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it's unlikely that any of these minerals will see the light of day.

#### ( ) SMRs Inevitable

McMahon ‘12

(Jeff McMahon, **Market Analyst for Forbes**. 5/23/12, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffmcmahon/2012/05/23/small-modular-reactors-by-2022-but-no-market-for-them/>)

¶ The Department of Energy will spend $452 million—with a match from

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economics don’t work in the favor of SMRs,” according to the summary.