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## Elections – Meadows

#### Obama is still ahead, the debates didn’t do anything swing state wise

Allen 10/24 (Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, October 24th, 2012, Obama still has map, math edge, http://www.politico.com/playbook/1012/playbook9305.html?hp=l6)

MORNING MINDMELD: As an antidote to the (perhaps) irrational Republican exuberance that

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car, the cool plane. We now resume our regularly scheduled Playbook.

#### Too much new spending would upset independents in swing states

Walter and Gould 2011 Kathleen and Martin, Newsmax writers, July 12, 2011, http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/Gillespie-Obama-economy-leadership/2011/07/12/id/403350

Independents are very concerned about government spending, Gillespie said. “They are not

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for beneficiaries unless you make reforms. They understood it at that point.”¶

#### Swing states key to the election

Cooper 5/5 (Michael, 5/5/12, “9 Swing States, Critical to Presidential Race, Are Mixed Lot”, The New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/06/us/politics/9-swing-states-key-to-election-are-mixed-lot.html?pagewanted=all>) RS

Since the housing bubble burst, Nevada has been plagued with record foreclosures,

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Democrats than Republicans in 2008, now has only 35,000 more.

#### Romney win causes Iran strikes—causes escalating conflict

Hussain 9-12 Murtaza Hussain, Toronto-based writer and analyst focused on issues related to Middle Eastern politics, “Why war with Iran would spell disaster,” Al-Jazeera, 9/12/2012, http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/09/201291194236970294.html

Leading members of the House and Congress from both parties as well as the closest

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already begun to tout the inevitability of this action in a Romney presidency.

#### A strike on Iran would cause a multitude of conflicts

Chossudovsky, ‘6

(Michel Chossudovsky is an award-winning author, Professor of Economics, Founder and Director of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG) “The Next Phase of the Middle East War” http://www.globalresearch.ca/the-next-phase-of-the-middle-east-war)

The Bush Administration has embarked upon a military adventure which threatens the future of humanity

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basin, eventually leading to the destabilization and conquest of the Russian Federation.

## Food Prices

#### Food prices are high now and set to rise

Godoy 10/2/12 (Maria is a columnist for NPR. “Can Riots be predicted? Experts watch food prices” http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2012/09/20/161501075/high-food-prices-forcast-more-global-riots-ahead-researchers-say)

Wheat is now at $9 per bushel – higher than the high of $

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and the conversion of corn to ethanol. (More on that later.)

#### Plan requires investment which lowers food prices

PECC 4 (“The Role of Transportation Infrastructure in a Seamless Food System,” Pacific Food System Outlook 2004-2005, http://www.pecc.org/resources/doc\_view/638-pacific-food-system-outlook-the-role-of-transportation-infrastructure-in-a-seamless-food-system MGE)

From a local perspective, building or enhancing physical infrastructure acts like the removal of

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as improved coordination, performance and scheduling of transportation services to avoid bottlenecks.

#### High food prices keep the Ukrainian economy strong

Hugh 2008(Edward, economist, “Ukraine Inflation April 2008,” Ukraine Economy Watch, May 12, http://ukraineeconomy.blogspot.com/2008/05/ukraine-inflation-april-2008.html)

In the short term the agricultural situation may be about to improve, since economic

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disappointing in January as it reported a rather moderate 14% yoy increase.

#### Ukrainian economic strength is key to prevent nationalism and collapse—the impact is U.S. – Russian nuclear war

Romanenko 12-1**-**2008(Yuriy, Ukranian political scientist, “Ukraine is heading for a civil war,” December 1, http://www.warandpeace.ru/en/article/view/30081/)

Economic crisis will cause that new forces with leftist and nationalist orientation enter the scene

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of an attack arise, Ukraine may blackmail Russia as well as Europe.

## Fiscal Cliff – S&B

#### Insider information says a compromise on the fiscal cliff will happen

Anderson 11-29(Eric Anderson is a columnist for timesunion, His interview was with a man named Johnson who has been appearing consistently and giving excellent economic advice on the fiscal cliff, “Johnson: We’ll avoid fiscal cliff” http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Johnson-We-ll-avoid-fiscal-cliff-4077073.php)

As a result, he said, he expects the economy to continue expanding in

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audience he had said that would happen during his Chamber forecast last year.

#### 2 Links:

#### 1. Transportation spending will be confronted by Republicans, causes backlash against spending that halts further cooperation

Johnson, 2012 (Fawn, correspondent for National Journal, covering a range of issues including immigration, transportation and education, “Conservatives: Senate Bill Is 'Crap Sandwich'” March 19, 2012, http://transportation.nationaljournal.com/2012/03/conservatives-senate-bill-is-c.php#173458)

It took a lot of whining, but the Senate finally passed its two-

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and how Congress acted in previous years using earmarks and other special favors.

#### 2. Aff crowds out progress on solution; because negotiations are time consuming, the time to act on fiscal cliff is now

R. Bruce Josten 9/12, (Director of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 09/12/12 , “On fiscal cliff, the time to act is now” http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-a-budget/249075-on-fiscal-cliff-the-time-to-act-is-now)

There is no more urgent priority facing this Congress than preventing the U.S

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a long term plan to address America’s excessive spending, particularly entitlement spending.

#### Fiscal Cliff cuts defense spending and foreign aid

David W. Barno et.al 11 (Lieutenant General, Usa (Ret.), Nora Bensahel is the Deputy Director of Studies and a Senior Follow at the Center for a New American Security and Travis Sharp, is the Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. “Responsible Defense in an Age of Austerity” October 2011, http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/CNAS\_HardChoices\_BarnoBensahelSharp\_0.pdf)

Based on extensive analysis and interviews with leading defense officials, we judge that the

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the American people and the global priorities they value remain safe and secure.

#### Decrease in foreign aid to Afghanistan would cause instability in the region

Aikins, 10/17/12

(Writer, photographer, and international freelance journalist. “Afghanistan's Fiscal Cliff” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/10/17/afghanistan\_s\_fiscal\_cliff)

KABUL — Afghanistan is awash in foreign aid. In 11 years of war,

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little serious analysis about the way its spending is interlinked with Afghan politics.

#### Afghan stability key to deterring Central Asian conflict

Weinbaum 6 [Marvin, June, Scholar-in-Residence, Middle East Institute http://www.usip.org/resources/afghanistan-and-its-neighbors-ever-dangerous-neighborhood]

The study posits that over much of the last four years Afghanistan's neighbors have assessed

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government have in some cases helped to increase suspicions and tensions with neighbors.