### Contention 1

**Contention 1 is the Carrier Gap**

#### First, Carriers are getting cut now and the Navy is shifting away – the Plan is key to solve political fights

**Scarborough 12** - Hoover Institution Media Fellow, (Rowan, January 15, “New Navy budgets may sink plans for aircraft carriers: Fight is on to save flattop fleet” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jan/15/new-navy-budgets-may-sink-plans-for-carriers/?page=all>)

On the surface, the [Navy](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/navy/)’s cherished … accustomed to operating with only 10 carriers.”

**The NNSA has sole jurisdiction over nuclear engine R&D**

**NNSA 03** - National Nuclear Security Administration

(FY 2003 Congressional Budget. “National Nuclear Security Administration Corporate Context for NNSA (NS) Programs”, 2003. http://www.cfo.doe.gov/budget/03budget/content/nnsaadm/nnsaover.pdf)

Naval Reactors

This program is responsible for … operating nuclear propulsion plants.

### Plan

**Thus the Plan: The United States federal government should substantially increases its investment in its aircraft carriers in the United States, via appropriate agencies**

### Heg

**Advantage 1 Hegemony**

#### First, Failure to shore up the carrier fleet will embolden potential adversaries- that risks great power war

Brookes 08 - Senior Fellow in National Security Affairs at the Heritage Foundation, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs (Peter, May 2nd, “Flattop Follies: Navy Cuts Back on Carriers”, http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2008/05/flattop\_follies\_navy\_cuts\_back.html)

CHECK this: After cutting the number of active aircraft …Even in a high-tech warfare world, quantity has a quality all its own.

#### US naval power guarantees hegemony - prevents attacks on the US mainland and deters potential rivals

Friedman 07 (George, PhD, Chief Executive Officer and founder of STRATFOR, “The Limitations and Necessity of Naval Power,” April 10, http://www.stratfor.com/limitations\_and\_necessity\_naval\_power)

This raises a more fundamental question: What is the value … indispensable role the Navy plays in U.S. national security.

#### And, Naval superiority is the foundation of U.S. geopolitical dominance- It provides the “bandwidth” needed to confront all other threats

**Stratfor 08** - world's leading private intelligence firm, clients range from Fortune 500 companies to international government agencies (August 5th, “U.S. Naval Dominance and the Importance of the Oceans”, <http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/u_s_naval_dominance_and_importance_oceans>)

The geographic position of the United States, … by the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific.

#### Hegemony is sustainable – but we have to maintain it

**Kagan 12** (Robert Kagan, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute, B.A., Yale University, M.P.P., John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Ph.D., American University, January 17, 2012, “Not Fade Away: Against the Myth of American Decline”, Brookings Institute, <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/01/17-us-power-kagan>)

The challenges today are great, and … Americans and to the nature of the world they live in.

#### Loss of hegemony causes global instability

Kagan 12, Senior Fellow at Brookings (Robert, 3/14/12 “America has made the world freer, safer and wealthier” CNN,[http://us.cnn.com/2012/03/14/opinion/kagan-world-america-made/index.html?hpt=hp\_c1](http://us.cnn.com/2012/03/14/opinion/kagan-world-america-made/index.html?hpt=hp_c1" \t "_blank))

We take a lot for granted about the way … looked like right before the American order came into being.

#### Primacy has resulted in the lowest level of war in history – best statistics prove

Owen 11 [John Owen, Associate professor in the University of Virginia's Department of Politics, recipient of fellowships from the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard, and the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford, and the Center of International Studies at Princeton, PhD in international relations from Harvard, February 11, 2011, “Don’t Discount Hegemony, [www.cato-unbound.org/2011/02/11/john-owen/dont-discount-hegemony/](http://www.cato-unbound.org/2011/02/11/john-owen/dont-discount-hegemony/)]

Andrew Mack and his colleagues at the Human … United States as the global hegemon.

#### Even if we don’t win internals to Heg, Carriers still check the terminal impact

**Admiral Johnson and General Krulak 97** (Jay is the Chief of Naval Operations and Charles is the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, “Forward Presence is Essential to American Interests”, <http://www.milnet.com/pentagon/navy/fwdpresn.htm>)

Also this morning, United States Navy amphibious assault ships …these uncertain and sometimes fiery times.

### The Middle East

#### Turkey-Syrian war is likely and will happen

Wright 12 (Robert is a senior editor at The Atlantic and the author, most recently, of [The Evolution of God](http://www.evolutionofgod.net/), a New York Times bestseller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, “Why Turkey and Syria are Heading toward War”,<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/10/why-turkey-and-syria-are-heading-toward-war/263415/>)

But wars are often fought by countries whose … to keep its fire far from the border.

#### Syrian defectors confirm our argument

Sherlock 12 (Ruth has covered the Arab Spring for the Daily Telegraph from Egypt, Libya, and Syria. She was awarded Young Journalist of the Year at the 2012 British Press Awards., November 6, “Former Syrian PM reveals Assad in favour of all-out war”,<http://www.watoday.com.au/world/former-syrian-pm-reveals-assad-in-favour-of-allout-war-20121105-28u3a.html>)

¶ AMMAN: The most senior politician to …, but he is worse than his father.''

#### Turkey-Syrian war goes nuclear—draws in NATO allies

Gatto 12 (July 12,2012, Timothy V., retired Army Sergeant and former Chairman of The Liberal Party of America, “Is Syria Worth World War III?”, <http://www.thepeoplesvoice.org/TPV3/Voices.php/2012/07/16/s-syria-worth-world-war-iii)\>

The question of Syria’s problems resulting … that we would commit to destroying the world?

#### Syria threatened to use bioweapons if war escalates

Associated Press 12 (<http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202_162-57497394/syrian-minister-warns-u-s-against-intervention/>)

The conflict in Syria already … under foreign attack.

#### Those cause extinction

Matheny 07 (Jason G. Matheny, Department of Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg

School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, “Reducing the Risk of Human Extinction”, Risk Analysis, Vol. 27, No. 5, 2007)

Of current extinction risks, …pandemics (Lam, Franco, & Shuler, 2006).

#### Syrian conflict will escalate globally even if Turkey doesn’t go to war

Hamilton 6-13 – writer for the Chicago Tribune, from Reuters! (Douglas, Russia-America tussle over Syria evokes Cold War, June 13, 2012,<http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-06-13/news/sns-rt-us-syria-coldwar-israelbre85c10w-20120613_1_cold-war-syrian-president-bashar-civil-war>)

TEL AVIV (Reuters) - The world could slip back … who will strike the match."

#### Syrian instability spills over to Lebanon

USAT 12 (USA Today, October 22, “Syria's civil war spills over into Lebanon”,<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2012/10/22/lebanon-erupts-in-fighting/1649839/>)

***We do not endorse gendered language in this evidence***

**8:**02PM EDT October 22. 2012 - BEIRUT —Gunmen … way the protest devolved into violence.

#### None of your impact defense applies – it’ll go nuclear

Totten 09(Michael J. is a foreign correspondent and foreign policy analyst who has reported from the Middle East, the Balkans, and the Caucasus, 11-20-09, <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2009/11/20/web-exclusive-a-third-lebanon-war-could-be-much-worse-than-the-second/>)

Thelast Lebanon war caught… public about nuclear war.

#### Tensions are high and it undermines the Middle East even if it doesn’t escalate

Gagnon 12(Michelle, “Will powerful Turkey be dragged into Syria's war?The view from Turkey's border with its embattled neighbour”, <http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/story/2012/11/04/f-vp-gagnon-turkey.html#socialcomments>)

Over the course of almost 20 months, the fighting … rampant for a few days, but it was soon quelled.

#### Both cause extinction

Steinbach 02 (John, Centre for Research on Globalisation, “Israeli Weapons of Mass Destruction: a Threat to Peace, March 3, pg. )

Meanwhile, the existence of … trigger a world conflagration.”

#### The Plan solves—bolsters diplomacy

Vego 08 — professor of operations at the Naval War College, former commanding officer in the former Yugoslav Navy and former West German merchant marine (Milan N., “On Naval Power”, Joint Forces Quarterly, July 2008, <http://www.ndu.edu/press/lib/pdf/jfq-50/JFQ-50.pdf>)

Naval forces can be employed in support … defeat opposing forces quickly and decisively.

#### Carriers are key to neutralize Syria

Trombly 12 (Daniel Trombly, 8/22/12 analyst and writer on international affairs and strategy. Contributor to “Abu Muqawama” and “Slouching Toward Columbia” “The cost of a Syria Intervention” <http://news.usni.org/news-analysis/news/cost-syrian-intervention>)

Discerning the capability of Syria’s …—will not come cheaply.