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# Topic Education

#### Observation One: Topic Education –

#### First, transportation infrastructure is financed in one of two ways – through the general fund, or through increased revenue – Stimulus Programs finance through the general fund while failing to repair the Highway Trust Fund

**ARTBA 2k10** (American Road and Transportation Builders Association to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform “The Contribution of the Federal Transportation Investment Programs to Fiscal Responsibility and Deficit Reduction,” pg online @ <http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/ARTBA.pdf> //um-ef)

Transportation Investment and User ….. a federal motor fuels excise increase to finance an expanded transportation improvements.

#### Second, Congress just passed a MASSIVE transportation bill – it should have triggered your disads, but didn’t fix the Highway Trust Fund

**Snyder 6/26** (Tanya Snyder became Streetsblog's Capitol Hill editor in September 2010 after covering Congress for Pacifica and public radio. She lives car-free in a transit-oriented and bike-friendly neighborhood of Washington, DC., pg online @ <http://dc.streetsblog.org/2012/06/26/where-did-the-senate-get-the-extra-money-to-pay-for-its-bill/> //um-ef)

Congressional leaders announced opaquely last week ….. lot of complicated math just to avoid raising the gas tax.

#### The plan solves – raising the gas tax establishes a price floor that sends a signal for renewable energy development, while increasing revenue for transportation infrastructure

**Abelkop 2k9**

(Adam, J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 2010; B.A., Wake Forest University, PHd Student @ Univ of Indiana, “Why the Government Should Drink Your Milkshake: The Case for Restructuring the Federal Gas Tax,” The Journal of Corporation Law Winter, 2009, 35 Iowa J. Corp. L. 393 pg lexis//um-ef)

Congress should enact legislation to restructure the federal ..… be distributed to any single use, but should be allocated as the government deems appropriate.

#### Thus the Plan:

The United States federal government should substantially increase federal gasoline tax financed surface transportation infrastructure.

# Energy

#### Advantage 1: U.S. Energy Policy

#### First, current Federal Energy Strategies fail – they impose market distortions, and ineffective constraints on private industry

**Turgeon 2k10** (Evan N. Turgeon, Legal Associate at the Cato Institute; J.D.University of Virginia School of Law 2009; B.A. Tufts University 2004, “Triple-Dividends: Toward Pigovian Gasoline Taxation,” Journal of Land, Resources, & Envir onmental Law 2010, pg lexis//um-ef)

The United States' current energy policies take ….. as they impoverish society as a whole." n44

#### And, these Energy strategies gut U.S. Foreign Policy strategy – they ensure ineffective diplomatic leverage and lack of U.S. legitimacy

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C. Foreign Policy Detriment In 1828, ….. interests may result.

That lack of legitimacy ensures Nuclear and CBW War

Dr. Barlow 2k2

(Jeffrey, March, Director of the Berglund Center for Internet Studies, holds the Matsushita Chair of Asian Studies at Pacific University, Ph.D. in history from UC Berkeley, 2K2, “American Power, Globalism, and the Internet: Editorial Essay”, The Journal of Education, Community and Values, <http://bcis.pacificu.edu/journal/2002/03/editorial.php#6>)

Much of Nye’s analysis is intended to make a relatively simple point: ..… The uproar, both domestic and international

But effective Multilateralism – led by the United States Solves – prevents multiple triggers for conflict and destruction

Dr. Zakaria 2k8

(Fareed, Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University, & editor of Foreign Affairs magazine & Newsweek Internationa & professor of IR and political philosophy at Harvard and Columbia University, “Wanted: A New Grand Strategy”, 12/8/08, <http://www.newsweek.com/id/171249> )

The "Global Trends" report identifies several ….. He should seize it.

#### And, specifically new CAFE regulations are coming –

**Greene 6/28** (Michael, “34.1 MPG CAFE Standards for 2016 Upheld by U.S. Court of Appeals” <http://www.treehugger.com/cars/341-mpg-cafe-standards-2016-upheld-us-court-appeals.html//HH>)

The 2012-2016 Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, …..just by how much. The can then figure out what solution works best.

#### They’ll collapse job growth and the Auto Sector

**Brownfield 11** (Mike, “How Will Obama’s EPA Regulations Affect the Auto Industry?”, <http://www.askheritage.org/how-will-obamas-epa-regulations-affect-the-auto-industry//HH>)

Say goodbye to cars and trucks as you know ….. representative year, and to 10 times that many serious injuries.”

**And, Auto Recovery is essential to U.S. Economic recovery – the auto industry will drive other sectors and ensure job growth**

**U.S. News 2k12** (“Is the U.S. Auto Industry on Track for a Comeback?,” pg online @ <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2012/01/09/is-the-us-auto-industry-on-track-for-a-comeback> //um-ef)

More than three years after bad management….. and now they've got people actually interested in what they're selling. That's going to be hard for the Japanese."

#### And, a weak economy causes conflict – all empirical analysis goes our way

**Royal 10** – Jedediah Royal, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, (Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215)

Second, on a dyadic level. Copeland's (1996. 2000….. an increase in the use of force.

#### Finally, an increased gas tax is the transition method – it transforms U.S. foreign policy and re-energizes U.S. Diplomacy

**Turgeon 2k10** (Evan N. Turgeon, Legal Associate at the Cato Institute; J.D.University of Virginia School of Law 2009; B.A. Tufts University 2004, “Triple-Dividends: Toward Pigovian Gasoline Taxation,” Journal of Land, Resources, & Envir onmental Law 2010, pg lexis//um-ef)

Significantly increasing federal taxes on gasoline would generate ..… Not only is the pen mightier than the sword; it is cheaper to use.

# Deficits

#### Advantage Two: Deficits –

#### First, the deficit is on an unsustainable path – now is the CRITICAL time to re-orient policies to stave-off a new debt tragedy

**Council on Foreign Relations 3/2/12**

(“U.S. Deficits and the National Debt,” pg online @ <http://www.cfr.org/united-states/us-deficits-national-debt/p27400> //um-ef)

At some point in the not-too-distant future….."broad implications for the sustainability of an active U.S. foreign policy," he says.

#### And, Congress has two options for the future – increased revenue generation, or deficit spending – only NEW REVENUE ensures Fiscal Responsibility

**ARTBA 2k10**

(American Road and Transportation Builders Association to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform “The Contribution of the Federal Transportation Investment Programs to Fiscal Responsibility and Deficit Reduction,” pg online @ <http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/sites/fiscalcommission.gov/files/documents/ARTBA.pdf> //um-ef)

For more than 50 years, the federal highway, ..…responsible and budget-neutral user taxes and levies.

#### And, Failure to Reign-In Deficits and Establish Fiscal Discipline Guts U.S.-China Relations they’ll be over-aggressive, gutting cooperation

**Prasad 2/25**

(Eswar, Eswar Prasad holds the New Century Chair in International Economics. He is the Tolani Senior Professor of Trade Policy at Cornell University and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He was previously head of the Financial Studies Division and the China Division at the IMF, “The U.S.-China Economic Relationship: Shifts and Twists in the Balance of Power,” pg online @ <http://www.brookings.edu/testimony/2010/0225_us_china_debt_prasad.aspx> //um-ef)

The lopsided nature of trade and financial ….. reform of the international monetary system and tackling climate change.

#### Multiple Scenarios for Extinction

**Wenzhong**, PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2-7-**4** (Zhou, “Vigorously Pushing Forward the Constructive and Cooperative Relationship Between China and the United States,” <http://china-japan21.org/eng/zxxx/t64286.htm>)

China's development needs a peaceful ….. accomplishments in China-US relations.

# Manufacturing

#### Advantage Three: Deficits –

First, U.S. Manufacturing is contracting – lack of sales and demand

Reuters 7/3

(“U.S. manufacturing shrinks, 1st time in nearly 3 yrs,” pg online @ <http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/07/02/usa-economy-idINDEE8610EU20120702> //um-ef)

(Reuters) - U.S. manufacturing shrank in June for the first time in nearly three years….. which showed the sector still grew in June, albeit at its slowest rate in 18 months.

And, surface transportation investment is CRITICAL to U.S. Manufacturing – props up dependent industries

Hermann 2k11

(Andrew Herrmann, P.E. SECB, F.ASCE President American Society of Civil Engineers, Impact Of Infrastructure Investment On The Manufacturing Sector, pg lexis//um-ef)

ASCE commends the Joint Economic Committee for holding a hearing today on how ….. Increase federal leadership in infrastructure;

And, investment in HIGHWAY transportation infrastructure is particularly critical – ensures long-term growth of Steel and the Manufacturing base

AISI 2k12

(American Iron and Steel Institute, “AISI Public Policy Priorities – Promoting a Pro-Manufacturing Agenda,” pg online @ <http://www.steel.org/en/Public%20Policy/~/media/Files/AISI/Public%20Policy/Agenda/AISI2012PublicPolicyAgenda%20_%20Final%20020212.ashx> //um-ef)

Transportation and Water Infrastructure Background. **…..** Research funding with regard to the durability of continuously reinforced concrete pavement (CRCP) and research on improved gas mileage;

And, manufacturing capabilities key to technology necessary for U.S. deterrence

O’Hanlon et al 2k12

(Mackenzie Eaglen, American Enterprise Institute Rebecca Grant, IRIS Research Robert P. Haffa, Haffa Defense Consulting Michael O'Hanlon, The Brookings Institution Peter W. Singer, The Brookings Institution Martin Sullivan, Commonwealth Consulting Barry Watts, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments “The Arsenal of Democracy and How to Preserve It: Key Issues in Defense Industrial Policy January 2012,” pg online @ <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2012/1/26%20defense%20industrial%20base/0126_defense_industrial_base_ohanlon> //um-ef)

The current wave of defense cuts is also different than past defense …..United States in a globalized marketplace.

Defense industrial base deters war with Russia

Watts 2k8

(Senior Fellow @ The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (Barry D, “The US Defense Industrial Base, Past, Present and Future,” CBA, \_\_http://www.csbaonline.org/4Publications/PubLibrary/R.20081015.\_The\_US\_Defense\_In/R.20081015.\_The\_US\_Defense\_In.pdf\_\_)

Since the 1950s, the US defense industrial.....ahead as it has been since the 1950s.

Extinction

Bostrum ‘02

[Dr. Nick, Dept. Phil @ yale, “Existential Risks: Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards,” www.transhumanist.com/volume9/risks.html/]

A much greater existential risk emerged ….. risks that we will encounter in the 21st century.

# Solvency

#### Solvency

#### The plan kills damaging CAFÉ Standards and transitions away from government interventions into the market

**Krauthammer 2k9** (Charles, American Pulitzer Prize–winning syndicated columnist, political commentator, and physician, McGill University degree in political science and economics, Commonwealth Scholar in politics at Balliol College, Oxford, Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School “The Net-Zero Gas Tax; A once-in-a-generation chance,” pg lexis//um-ef)

So why even think about it? Because …..fuel-efficiency regulations.