### 2AC Fiscal Cliff DA

#### 1. GOP opposition on White House tax deal hinders any progress to compromise

Kane, 11/30 (Paul Kane, the Washington Post, “Obama, GOP still far apart on a deal”, November 30 2012, http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2012/11/29/20121129obama-gop-still-far-apart-deal.html. NP)

President Barack Obama offered Republicans a detailed plan Thursday for averting the year-end

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... who support a balanced approach that asks more from the wealthiest Americans."

**2.** Hiring **Rice thumps the link**

**AllVoices.com 11/29** (AllVoices, Breaking News, Current Events, Latest News and World Events at allvoices.com "Obama wastes political capital on Rice”, November 30 2012, http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/13505669-obama-wastes-political-capital-on-rice)

It’s over. UN Ambassador Susan Rice is not likely to become secretary of state

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. It’s time to put forth two other names: Kerry and Lugar.

#### 3. Petraeus thumps the DA

Task, 11-12-12 (Aaron Task is the host of the Daily Ticker and editor-in-chief of Yahoo! Finance, “Sex Trumps Economics: Will Petraeus Scandal Scuttle a Fiscal Cliff Deal?” http://finance.yahoo.com/blogs/daily-ticker/sex-trumps-economics-petraeus-scandal-scuttle-fiscal-cliff-181125111.html)

As a result, the Petraeus scandal could potentially scuttle — or delay — a

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even if just by providing a distraction from this most critical economic issue.

#### 4. The effects of the cuts won’t be felt immediately

Babington and Taylor, 11/14 (Charles Babington, Andrew Taylor, The Associated Press “Effects of Fiscal Cliff Gradual, but Widespread,” 11/14/12, http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20121114/POLITICS03/211140328/Effects-fiscal-cliff-gradual-widespread?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE%7Cs

If the "fiscal cliff" takes effect, congressional Republicans would feel pressure to

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to continue. Liberals note that tax rate increases would be felt gradually.

#### 5. Sequestration cuts don’t affect the plan and wont be felt for 4 years

Corrin, 12 (Amber Corrin, Staff Writer covering defense and national security, “DOD Civilians, Not Contractors, Can Expect Sequestration’s First Punch”, 8/24/12, http://fcw.com/articles/2012/08/24/sequestration-dod-civilian-personnel-job-cuts.aspx)

Because most contract activities for fiscal 2013 are already funded, the 10.3

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years before defense companies feel the full impact of sequestration,” Harrison wrote.

#### 6. No defense or economic impact to cuts

De Rugy, 12 (Veronique De Rugy, senior research fellow of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, "Fears Over Sequestration Are Overblown," September, 17, 2012 The National Review, www.nationalreview.com/corner/321658/fears-over-sequestration-are-overblown-veronique-de-rugy#)

Late last Friday afternoon, the administration finally released [its sequestration report](http://www.scribd.com/doc/105939686/OMB-Report), detailing the

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. Defense sequester cuts simply do not warrant the fears they have prompted.

#### ****7. Even if there is resolution to the fiscal cliff, payroll tax cuts make the impact inevitable****

Goldfarb 10/13 (Zachary, White House correspondent for the Washington Post, Editor on fiscal policy, “Forget the fiscal cliff: U.S. has other possible economic threats looming” http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/forget-the-fiscal-cliff-us-has-other-possible-economic-blows-looming/2012/10/13/7c575ba0-146f-11e2-ba83-a7a396e6b2a7\_story.html)

Even if Washington somehow finds a way to avoid the fiscal cliff — the automatic

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action in the past ­half-century, according to Moody’s Analytics.