Agriculture- Famine

1. Droughts are causing food price increases now – triggers all their impacts

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Global food prices are spiking … caused by the current spike in food prices.

2. High food prices inevitable

Romm 11 [Joe, Dr. Joseph Romm is the editor of Climate Progress and a Senior Fellow at the American Progress. In 2009, Time magazine named him one of the “Heroes of the Environment″ and “The Web’s most influential climate-change blogger.” Romm was Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy during the Clinton Administration where he directed $1 billion in research, development, demonstration, and deployment of clean energy and carbon-mitigating technology. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from MIT. In 2008, Romm was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for “distinguished service toward a sustainable energy future and for persuasive discourse on why citizens, corporations, and governments should adopt sustainable technologies.”Climate Progress, Global food prices hit new record high March 3, 2011]

Global food prices increased for the eighth …, it’s likely to get worse before it gets better.

China

CCP won’t collapse – multiple reasons

CS Monitor, Daniel Bell, 7/11/12, http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Global-Viewpoint/2012/0711/Why-China-won-t-collapse, “Why China won't collapse”; AB

Or so we are told. Such …, including the freedom of political speech.

**Biotechnology solves price fluctuations - China is running on a massive grain surplus - means they won't have to import even if production decreases**

**Wharton 12** (Knowledge @ Wharton, Univ. of Penn, 7/10/12, "Can Biotechnology Solve China's Food Security Problem?," http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/arabic/article.cfm?articleid=2850)

When talking about agriculture in … withstand harsh growing environments.

Economy

Economic decline doesn’t cause war

Morris Miller, economist, adjunct professor in the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Administration, consultant on international development issues, former Executive Director and Senior Economist at the World Bank, Winter 2k, Interdisciplinary Science Reviews, Vol. 25, Iss. 4, “Poverty as a cause of wars?” p. Proquest

The question may be … (thereby using one form of violence to abort another).

Global economy is resilient

Financial Times, 9/27/2006, p. lexis

To doubt the …it is forecast to reach 5.1 per cent this year.\*

Fiscal discipline now – political pressure will lead to debt compromise

Washington Post 7/18

Washington Post 7/18/12, <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/jul/18/coalition-aims-to-head-off-debt-disaster/>

WASHINGTON — A coalition of business leaders, … cuts that are otherwise set to take effect in January.

New infrastructure spending kills fiscal discipline – it undercuts the spirit of “shared sacrifice”

O’Hanlon 10

Michael O’Hanlon, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, 12/22/10, “THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND AMERICAN POWER,” http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/Files/events/2010/1222\_defense\_budget/20101222\_defense\_budget.pdf

So the minute that someone says, … if we don't establish a spirit of shared sacrifice.

Loss of fiscal discipline causes a downgrade

Mark Gongloff, Wall Street Journal, 08/2/’11, [Moody’s Affirms US AAA Rating, <http://blogs.wsj.com/marketbeat/2011/08/02/moodys-affirms-us-aaa-rating/>] VN

Moody’s just came out and said, great job, … rise in the US government’s funding costs over and above what is currently expected.

Further downgrades would create a debt spiral, turns the case

Rowley 12 Charles Rowley, Professor Emeritus of Economics at George Mason University, 10/15/12, “Renewed threats to U.S. credit rating,” Charles Rowley’s blog, http://charlesrowley.wordpress.com/2012/06/15/renewed-threats-to-u-s-credit-rating/

If Moody’s downgrades and if S & P …worsening fiscal situation. Greece here we come.

Specifically, the US economy is resilient

Michael Dawson, US Treasury Deputy Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy, January 8, 2004, Remarks at the Conference on Protecting the Financial Sector and Cyber Security Risk Management, “Protecting the Financial Sector from Terrorism and Other Threats,” http://www.ustreas.gov/press/releases/js1091.htm

Fortunately, we are starting from a …and to the American economy as a whole.

Case- Solvency

Locks will be closed now – costs are estimated to be less than one million a year – solves Asian carp invasion and biodiversity

Stephanie Hemphill, Minnesota Public Radio, “Report adds up economic harm from carp spread”, 7/8/12, http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/06/08/enviroment/invasive-carp/ //bss

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The spread of Asian carp in … $24 million over the next 30 years.

Every new species loss risks extinction

Major David N. Diner , JAG – US Army, MILITARY LAW REVIEW, Winter 1994, http://www.stormingmedia.us/14/1456/A145654.html

By causing widespread extinctions, humans … may be edging closer to the abyss.