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# 1NC Realism

**Realism is true and inevitable – trying to shift away by reducing military presence causes great power war**

**Mearsheimer 1** [professor of political science at University of Chicago, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, pg. 361]

The optimists' claim … region at peace.

**The aff locks in the war system – infinite number of possible ‘root causes’ means that only incentives theory solves**

**Moore 4 –** chaired law prof, UVA. Frm first Chairman of the Board of the US Institute of Peace and as the Counselor on Int Law to the Dept. of State (John, Beyond the Democratic Peace, 44 Va. J. Int'l L. 341, Lexis, AMiles)

If major interstate … increased or decreased?

**Other states will inevitable act realist – trying to shift away collapses hegemony**

**Mearsheimer** **1** [professor of political science at University of Chicago, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, pg. 2]

There are no … China’s power grows.

**Multiple nuclear wars**

**Kagan 7** (Robert, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “End of Dreams, Return of History” *Policy Review,* http://www.hoover.org/publications/policyreview/8552512.html#n10)

This is a good … an easier path.

# 1NC Human Nature

**a) Evolution proves violence is inevitable and explains realism**

Thayer 4 – Thayer has been a Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has taught at Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota [*Darwin and International Relations: On the Evolutionary Origins of War and Ethnic Conflict*, University of Kentucky Press, 2004, pg. 75-76 //adi]

The central issue … or other resources).

**b) They can’t solve – violence is hardwired into our brains**

**Eisner 9** – prof of Comparative & Developmental Criminology, Deputy Director of the Institute, Cambridge. Work revolves around macro-level historical patterns of violence and research on individual development and the causes and prevention of aggressive behavior. PhD in sociology, U Zurich (Manuel, The Uses of Violence: An Examination of Some Cross-Cutting Issues, http://www.ijcv.org/index.php/ijcv/article/viewArticle/47, AMiles)

Research from all … sexual infidelity (jealousy).

**c) All their answers are wrong**

**Wood 10** – researcher in the History Department at the Open U, UK. PhD, history, U Maryland – Anja Müller-Wood – English literature at the University of Mainz. PhD, English lit, Phillips-Universitat Margurg (John, How Is Culture Biological? Violence: Real and Imagined, 29 April 2010, http://www.politicsandculture.org/2010/04/29/symposium-on-the-question-how-is-culture-biological-six-essays-with-discussions-essay-2-by-anja-mueller-wood-and-john-carter-wood-how-is-culture-biological-violence-real-and-imagined/, AMiles)

Our immediate response … their most natural.

**d) Violence is in our genes**

**Thayer 2k** - Assistant Professor of Political Science @ University of Minnesota-Duluth, (Bradley A. “Bringing in Darwin: Evolutionary Theory, Realism, and International Politics” *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 2. Autumn. JSTORp. 132)

Evolutionary theorist Richard … the behavior spreads.

# 1NC Predictions

**Predictions are feasible – they can be made logically from empirical evidence.**

**Chernoff 9** (Fred, Prof. IR and Dir. IR – Colgate U., European Journal of International Relations, “Conventionalism as an Adequate Basis for Policy-Relevant IR Theory”, 15:1, Sage)

For these and … the foregoing discussion.

**Turn – rejecting predictions makes them inevitable – decisionmakers will rely on ideology instead of analysis**

**Fitzsimmons 7** (Michael, “The Problem of Uncertainty in Strategic Planning”, Survival, Winter 06/07)

But handling even … decision-makers themselves.

**Arguments why predictions aren’t 100% accurate aren’t a reason to reject them**

**Chernoff 5 –** IR prof, Colgate. PhD from Yale. (Fred, The Power of International Theory, Ed. Barry Buzan and Richard Little, 157-9, AMiles)

In the social … stability from each scenario.

**Predictions might not be accurate, but that’s a reason they should read specific take-outs**

**Fitzsimmons 7** (Michael, “The Problem of Uncertainty in Strategic Planning”, Survival, Winter 06/07)

Much has been … which strategy depends.

# 1NC AT Structural

**All violence is structural**

**Dekker 98** – Senior Lecturer of Law, Utrecht (Ige, Reflections on International Law from the Low Countries, ed Erik Denters, p 327, AG)

For Galtung structural … of structural violence."

**DA turns structural violence**

**Goldstein, IR prof, 1 –** IR Professor, American U (Joshua, War and Gender, p 412, AG)

The evidence in … be empirically inadequate."

# 1NC Util

**Maximizing all lives is the only way to affirm equality**

**Cummiskey 90** – Professor of Philosophy, Bates (David, Kantian Consequentialism, Ethics 100.3, p 601-2, p 606, jstor, AG)

We must not … have overriding importance.

**Ethical policymaking requires calculation of consequences**

**Gvosdev 5** – Rhodes scholar, PhD from St. Antony’s College, executive editor of The National Interest (Nikolas, The Value(s) of Realism, SAIS Review 25.1, pmuse, AG)

As the name … on moral grounds.

**Moral tunnel vision is complicit with evil**

**Issac 2** – Professor of Political Science at Indiana-Bloomington, Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life, PhD from Yale (Jeffery C., Dissent Magazine, Vol. 49, Iss. 2, “Ends, Means, and Politics,” p. Proquest)

As a result, the … undermines political effectiveness.

**Ethics can’t guide public policy**

**Posner 99** – highly influential legal theorist; Chicago Law School professor (Richard, The Problematics of Moral and Legal Theory, p vii-x, AG)

The book is … constitutional criminal procedure.

# 1NC Util – Nuclear Absolutism

**Nuclear war causes extinction – it should come first**

**Sandberg 8** – Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University. PhD in computation neuroscience, Stockholm – AND – Jason G. Matheny – PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins. special consultant to the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh – AND – Milan M. Ćirković – senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade. Assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad. (Anders, How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?, 9 September 2008, http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction, AMiles)

The risks from … the survival of the species."

# 1NC Heg/Imperialism K

**We control empirics**

**Wohlforth** **8** – Daniel Webster Professor of Government, Dartmouth. BA in IR, MA in IR and MPhil and PhD in pol sci, Yale (William, Unipolarity, Status Competition, and Great Power War, October 2008, World Politics Vol. 61, Iss. 1; pg. 28, 31 pgs, Proquest, AMiles)

Despite increasingly compelling … theories of hegemonic war.

**Criticizing Western “imperialism” obscures more insidious practices by regional powers**

**Shaw 2 –** Sussex IR Professor (Martin, The Problem of the Quasi-Imperial State, www.martinshaw.org/empire.htm)

Nor have many … enemies closer to.

**A weak military doesn’t prevent US aggression – it encourages miscalculation**

**Feaver, 5** - Professor of Political Science at Duke (Peter, Armed servants: agency, oversight, and civil-military relations, p. 4-5)

The civil-military … military contest.

**Empiricism is adequate to make claims about the world – Jackson’s critique makes interpreting any type of reality impossible**

**Rodwell 5** – PhD candidate, Manchester Met. (Jonathan, Trendy But Empty: A Response to Richard Jackson, http://www.49thparallel.bham.ac.uk/back/issue15/rodwell1.htm, AMiles)

The larger problem … different possible explanations.

**Other states won’t follow your transition – they will just exploit US weakness**

**Murray 97**, - Professor Politics at the University of Wales, 1997 (Alastair Reconstructing Realism: Between Power Politics and Cosmopolitan Ethics, p. 181-2)

This highlights … have overdosed on 'Gorbimania'.

# 1NC K Uniqueness

**We control uniqueness – violence and conflict are decreasing globally as a result of Western modernity**

**Pinker 7** (Steven, Johnstone Family Professor in the Department of Psychology – Harvard University, “A History of Violence”, Edge: The Third Culture, 3-28, http://www.edge.org/3rd\_culture/pinker07/pinker07\_index.html, CAT)

In sixteenth-century Paris … decreased by 90 percent.

# 1NC AT Biopolitics

**Biopolitics inevitable**

**Connolly 4** – Prof PolSci, Johns Hopkins (William, Sovereign Lives, ed Jenny Edkins, p 28, AG)

Agamben contends that … biocultural and biopolitical.

**Sovereignty inevitable**

**Neilson 4** – Prof Cultural and Social Analysis, Sydney (Brett, Potenza Nuda? http://www.usyd.edu.au/contretemps/5december2004/neilson.pdf, AG)

For Negri, the … the modern state.

**Modern-day biopolitics expand freedom and solve totalitarian genocides**

**Dickinson 4 –** Prof History, Cincinnati(Edward, Biopolitics, Fascism, Democracy, Central European History 31.1, AG)

In an important … under National Socialism.

# 1NC AT Epistemology

**Epistemology not first**

**Owen 2** – Reader of Political Theory, U Southampton (David, Millennium Vol 31 No 3 2002 p. 655-7)

Commenting on … vicious circle arises.