**The value is morality**

**The standard is consequentialism.**

**1.)** Consequentialism is necessary to evaluate foreign policy objectives because politics necessitates consequentialism to achieve political responsibility. A distinction must be made between morality for government and individuals

**Murray 97** (Alastair, Professor of Politics at U. of Wales-Swansea, *Reconstructing Realism*, p. 110)

2.) Reject ethical frameworks that don’t allow an escape clause in a catastrophe

Alexander and Moore 07 (Larry Alexander and Michael Moore, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, “Deontological Ethics,” November 1, 2007 http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ethics-deontological/)

**3.)** When weighing catastrophes, consequentialism is the most moral theory

Kai Nielsen in 72 (prof. emeritus of philosophy @ University of Calgary, Ethics, Volume 82, “Against Moral Conservatism”, p. 229-230)

**My thesis and sole contention** is that the possession of nuclear weapons acts as a deterrent for types of war that have larger systemic implications.

**A)** Nuclear proliferation deters large scale conventional conflicts in the most volatile regions of the world. The systemic nature of conventional war is responsible for the death of millions within the last century. This impact is infinitely more quantifiable than supposed accounts of nuclear war.

**Karl, 97** (David Karl, Ph.D. International Relations at the University of Southern California, “Proliferation Pessimism and Emerging Nuclear Powers,” International Security, Winter, 1996/1997, p. 90-91)

**B)** Nuclear proliferation deters the use of biological and chemical weapons, the use of which would be more devastating than any conflict that has occurred in recorded human history.

**Payne, 98** (Dr. Keith B. Payne, April 1998 “Why We Must Sustain Nuclear Deterrence,” http://www.nipp.org/Adobe/Op%20Ed%203\_20\_98.pdf)

**C)** Nuclear conflict is a fiction. The impacts of the affirmative case are empirically denied.

**Tepperman, 09** (Jonathan Tepperman. “Why Obama Should Learn to Love the Bomb.” Newsweek, Vol. 154, No.10. (Sep., 2009).)