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### Counter-interpretation –

(b) Sense of Congress regarding mechanisms for delivering assistance

(1) Findings

Congress finds the following:

(A) Democracy assistance has many different

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auditing functions, and advance security sector reform.

(B) There is a need for

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and delivery mechanisms for United States democracy assistance.

US Code, ’10 (“§ 8262. UNITED STATES DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS” Title 22, Chapter 89, Subchapter VI,

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/usc_sec_22_00008262----000-.html>)

### You’re wrong – governance is democracy assistance

U.S. Democracy Assistance Donor agencies may differ somewhat in their definition of democracy assistance, and some may direct their resources towards one or two sub-categories. The model developed by USAID covers many of the themes addressed by donors. It is divided into four main subcategories. These areas of focus include rule of law, civil society, elections and political processes, and governance.

McMahon, Professor PolSci Binghamton, ‘2 (Edward, September, “The Impact of U.S. Democracy and Governance Assistance in Africa: Benin Case Study” http://cdp.binghamton.edu/papers/benin.pdf)

### We meet – IMET civil-military programming is democracy assistance

Carothers, Director of Democracy at Carnegie, ’99 (Thomas, “Aiding Democracy Abroad: the Learning Curve” p 196-197)

An additional area of democracy aid that merits

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involved in human rights abuses and military dictatorships.

### Prefer our interpretation –

### Grounded literature – Carothers is the most qualified source on the topic

Brookings, ‘4 (“REVIEW: Critical Mission: Essays on Democracy Promotion” http://www.brookings.edu/press/Books/2004/criticalmission.aspx)

Demand for practical knowledge and lessons about how

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-date, comprehensive bibliography on democracy promotion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Thomas Carothers Thomas Carothers is

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expert on U.S. foreign policy.

SELECTED REVIEWS "Carothers's examinations have helped us

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Robert Kagan, author, of PARADISE AND POWER

### Core of the topic – excluding military democracy assistance is arbitrary – turns limits and predictability

Phillips, Director of National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and Mitchell, International Politics Prof at Columbia, ‘8 (David and Lincoln, May, “Enhancing Democracy Assistance” American Foreign Policy Interests, Vol 30 Issue 3, p 156-175, InformaWorld)

Decades of successful democracy assistance as well as

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lest the opportunity to shape outcomes be lost.

## 2AC Neolib

### Permutation – do the plan as a performative analytic – it’s not a mandate of the plan – democracy assistance can still be given without creating ties of economic exploitation

Youngs, Director-General FRIDE, ’11 (Richard- Professor Politics University of Warwick, February 11, “Misunderstanding The Maladies Of Liberal Democracy Promotion” http://www.eurasiareview.com/misunderstanding-the-maladies-of-liberal-democracy-promotion-18022011/)

Third, central to critical perspectives is the

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not to be captured by incumbent autocratic regimes.

### Alt doesn’t solve the K - don’t change democracy assistance practices or IMET – no spillover

Jones, Professor Security Studies Cardiff U, ’99 (Richard Wyn, “Security, Strategy, and Critical Theory” http://library.northsouth.edu/Upload/Security%20Strategy%20and%20Critical%20Theory.pdf)

Critical International Theory and Emancipatory Politics Because emancipatory

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thus that it is a fatally flawed enterprise.

### Foreign policy should be guided by a mix of moral and self-interested motivations – alt can’t solve the aff or US hegemony

George Friedman - founder, chief intelligence officer, and CEO of Stratfor – 12/6/11, Egypt and the Idealist-Realist Debate in U.S. Foreign Policy, http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20111205-egypt-and-idealist-realist-debate-us-foreign-policy?utm\_source=freelist-f&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=20111206&utm\_term=gweekly&utm\_content=readmore&elq=88a5097c3a284763b9202918890c5a91

Western countries, following the principles of the

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and I think you can see the predicament.

### Studies prove conflicts have been decreasing – primacy is THE reason.

Drezner, 2005 [Daniel, Gregg Easterbrook, Associate Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, “War, and the dangers of extrapolation,” may 25]

Daily explosions in Iraq, massacres in Sudan

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.S. intervention would be equally daunting.

### Anti-interventionism resorts to orientalist narratives seeing Arabs as needing protection from outside influence – historically this has justified dictatorship

Sadiki, 2011 (Larbi, Jun 6, Senior Lecturer in Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter, “The mathematics of the Arab Spring,”

<http://aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2011/05/2011531132934920499.html>)

On the Arab side, return to autarchy

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inferiority, and an incapacity to speak back.

### We solve Koopman better – blaming the US is collusion with the Egyptian military – saying we should take our hands off mean those in power in the region take control

Halliday, Professor – IR – London School of Economics, 93 (Orientalism and its Critics, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies 20 (2) p. 159-16)

This brings me to the fourth, and

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one social, cultural or even ethnic group.

### Role of the ballot is to determine the course of action of the affirmative should be offered – makes the merits of the plan irrelevant making it impossible to be aff – turns education by incentivizing dodginess – second, tying ourselves to links about the plan creates better decision-making about whether the resolution should be done – they make debate less useful

David Owen, Reader of Political Theory at the Univ. of Southampton,  Millennium Vol 31 No 3 2002 p. 655-7

Commenting on the ‘philosophical turn’ in IR

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, and so a potentially vicious circle arises.

### Liberal democracy is best – rejection of sovereignty guarantees people can be seen as without value

Dean ‘1 (Mitchell-, Finn-, States of Imagination: Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State, ed. by Thomas Blom Hansen & Finn Stepputat , P. 61-63)

There is no necessity that … position of the good despot.

### Their critique of sovereign biopower creates an erroneous distinction between biological and political life that destroys value to life – it’s a more complicated picture than they depict

Fassin, Professor Social Science Princeton, ’10 (Didier, Fall, “Ethics of Survival: A Democratic Approach to the Politics of Life” Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development, Vol 1 No 1, Project Muse)

Conclusion Survival, in the sense Jacques Derrida

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also in its everyday expression of the human.

### Survival guarantees value to life – it is only devalued when we assume biopower can devalue it

Fassin, Professor Social Science Princeton, ’10 (Didier, Fall, “Ethics of Survival: A Democratic Approach to the Politics of Life” Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development, Vol 1 No 1, Project Muse)

“Long before the experience of survival

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the biopolitical rather than biological reading of life.

### Empirically, officers who have participated in IMET have not been involved in violent protestor crackdowns – expanding IMET is key to solve

McKelvey, Senior editor at The American Prospect, 10/13 (U.S.-Funded Democracy Crushers?, http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/10/13/egyptian-military-u-s-funded-democracy-crushers.html)

The transformation of the Egyptian soldier’s image,

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to show restraint during the Arab Spring uprising.

### Kritik doesn’t turn the case – corporate interests don’t have enough sway to undermine the effectiveness of democracy assistance

Youngs, Director-General FRIDE, ’11 (Richard- Professor Politics University of Warwick, February 11, “Misunderstanding The Maladies Of Liberal Democracy Promotion” http://www.eurasiareview.com/misunderstanding-the-maladies-of-liberal-democracy-promotion-18022011/)

A fourth contention is that approaches to democracy

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of a particular conceptualistion of democracy support policies.

### US economic collapse causes the rise of transnational MNC’s – bigger internal link to biopolitical exploitation

McCoy, History Prof at Wisconsin-Madison, ’10 (Alfred, December 6, “The Decline and Fall of the American Empire Four Scenarios for the End of the American Century by 2025” TomDispatch, http://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/12/06-1)

Complicating matters even more, … bombers and eloquent explosions.”

### Democracy must be reinfused with liberal ideals – attempts to redefine or reimplement democracy assistance towards different ends cause more intrusion and paralysis

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Reflections on liberalism’s future

Current international political trends are complex and still

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time sharpen the West’s defence of core liberalism.

### No mindless intervention

Mandelbaum 11 (Michael Mandelbaum, A. Herter Professor of American Foreign Policy, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC; and Director, Project on East-West Relations, Council on Foreign Relations, “CFR 90th Anniversary Series on Renewing America: American Power and Profligacy,” Jan 2011)

MANDELBAUM:  I think it is, Richard

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, unwanted and expensive task of nation building.

Nation building has never been popular.  The

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And that unit has come to an end.