# Off

PNTR to Russia will pass now

Sanati, 3/19

(Columnist-Fortune Magazine, The biggest winners of a new Russia trade deal, http://finance.fortune.cnn.com/2012/03/19/russia-trade/)

FORTUNE -- On Capitol Hill ….. Only time will tell.

Plan drains PC – even if the money is reappropriated

Richter 11 (Correspondent, LA Times. Debt worries stymieing U.S. financial aid to help Arab nations in transition <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/apr/12/world/la-fg-mideast-aid-20110413>

Reporting from Washington — ….. But the administration has been blocked at almost every turn.

Capital key

Needham, 3/18

(Columnist-The Hill, “Tensions over Syria could slow efforts to normalize Russia, U.S. trade relations,” http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/1005-trade/216549-tensions-over-syria-could-slow-legislation-to-normalize-russia-us-trade-relations)

"In the context of …… **trade bill through** by summer.

NTR key to sustainability of relations---accesses every impact

BPC, 12

(Task Force Report of the Bipartisan Policy Center, January, “A Bull in Bear’s Clothing: Russia, WTO and Jackson-Vanik,” http://www.bipartisanpolicy.org/sites/default/files/Russia%20Staff%20Paper.pdf)

Relations with Russia ….. with a solid economic base.

Extinction

Allison, 11

(10/30, Director- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard’s Kennedy School, “10 reasons why Russia still matters,” http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=161EF282-72F9-4D48-8B9C-C5B3396CA0E6)

That central point is that Russia …preventing U.N. Security Council resolutions.

# Off

Assistance must go to the government

“For” means in support of

**Oxford** Dictionary 20**11**

[Oxford University Press, http://oxforddictionaries.com/definition/for?region=us]

for(for)

Pronunciation:/fôr, fər/

preposition

1 in support of or in favor of (a person or policy):

they voted for independence in a referendum

“Syria” refers to the government

Dictionary.com 2011

http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Syria

**Syr·i·a**   [seer-ee-uh] Show IPA

noun

1. **Official name**, **Syrian Arab Republic**. **a republic in SW Asia** at the E end of the Mediterranean. 16,137,899; 71,227 sq. mi. (184,478 sq. km). Capital: Damascus.

2. a territory mandated to France in 1922, including the present republics of Syria and Lebanon (Latakia and Jebel ed Druz were incorporated into Syria 1942): the French mandatory powers were nominally terminated as of January 1, 1944.

3. an ancient country in W Asia, including the present Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and adjacent areas: a part of the Roman Empire 64 b.c.–a.d. 636.

The plan gives assistance to opposition groups

Prefer it

Limits – thousands of NGOs and other potential recipients. Each one is a potential aff.

Ground – domestic politics is necessary and educational ground. They make aff ground about *who* gets assistance not *why* we give it.

Predictability – defining “democracy assistance” alone is useless. Must read it in the context of the resolution.

# Off

Text: The United States federal government should apply a charitable deduction for private foundations and individuals that

substantially increase political organization and rule of law training for the Syrian National Council

That solves the case

Crimm, 5

(Law Prof-St. John’s, Democratization, Global Grant-Making, and the Internal Revenue Code Lobbying Restrictions, 79 Tul. L. Rev. 587)

The U.S. government is committed …… refraining from cautious experimentation.

# Off

Counterplan text: The United States federal government should quietly encourage Qatar to substantially increase its political organization and rule of law training for the Syrian National Council

CP solves

O’Sullivan 11

(Professor-Harvard Kennedy School of Government & Former National Security Adviser, http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-10-04/tiny-qatar-s-big-plans-may-change-u-s-mideast-policy-meghan-o-sullivan.html)

Qatar, a country of fewer than 2 million people ……Qatar foots more of the bill.

Key to Qatar’s cred

Economist 11

(The rise of Qatar: Pygmy with the punch of a giant, 11/5, http://www.economist.com/node/21536659)

In any event, Qatar punches ……has soared on the back of such a success.

Stabilizes Afghanistan

Hughes, 11

(Foreign Policy Strategist, 11/3, New World Strategies Coalition

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-hughes/qatar-west-relations\_b\_1073374.html)

I came to appreciate …… ethnic, tribal and sectarian mosaic.

Nuclear war

Morgan 7

(Stephen John, former National Executive Officer of the British Labour Party, his responsibilities included international relations, ethnic minority work, women’s issues, finance, local government and organization, he specialised particularly in international crisis situations spending long periods working in Belfast, in efforts to overcome sectarian strife and terrorism, former Director of WIC, a research and publishing company based in London, he went to live in Budapest during the Gorbachov period from where he helped build opposition groups in the underground in Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and East Germany, Stephen left active politics in the early 1990 and came to live in Brussels, where he established and managed his own publishing company, has lived and worked in more than 27 different countries, including underground political work during the troubles in in Northern Ireland and war in Yugoslavia, http://www.electricarticles.com/display.aspx?id=639)

Although disliked and despised ……than a Taliban NUCLEAR Pakistan!

# Influence

Assad Sustainable 1NC

Assad is sustainable—post-Assad transition makes civil war more intense

Husain 2/6

Ed Husain, CFR Middle Eastern Studies Senior Fellow, 2/6/12, Life After Assad Could Be Worse, [www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/02/06/is-assads-time-running-out/syria-after-assad-could-be-even-worse](http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/02/06/is-assads-time-running-out/syria-after-assad-could-be-even-worse)

Syria is unlike any other Arab country…… the current conflict is in everybody’s interests.

Balance of power is decisive—no warrant behind ‘collapse inevitable’

Peterson 3/15

Scott Peterson, Christian Science Monitor, 3/15/12, Why Syria's Assad could hang on for a decade or more (+video), [www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/content/view/print/481419](http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/content/view/print/481419)

As Syrian forces shelled, …… The Syrian opposition is splintered.

Squo makes spillover less likely and solves Iran—transition doesn’t solve

Pipes 12

Daniel Pipes, president of the Middle East Forum and Taube distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, 2/25/12, Syria: Arguing for U.S. Inaction, [www.nationalreview.com/blogs/print/291966](http://www.nationalreview.com/blogs/print/291966)

That said, I favor a U.S. policy …… Sunni Islamist regime.

Syrian civil war escalates across the region only after Assad collapses

Saab 11

Bilal Y. Saab, Visiting Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 4/4/11, Syria Goes to War, nationalinterest.org/commentary/syria-goes-war-5103

Sub-state militancy could no longer be under control…..and more lethal.

Lashout 1NC

Assad allied lashout is guaranteed—causes Israeli war—prefer our evidence

Noe 3/30

Nicholas Noe, editor of "Voice of Hezbollah: The Statements of Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah" and writes a weekly column for Bloomberg View, 3/30/12, Hezbollah's subtle shift on Syria, mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/03/30/hezbollahs\_subtle\_shift\_on\_syria

After one year of doubling down ……. the underlying mechanics of the relationship.

# CBW 1NC

Post-Assad transition causes loose CBWs

Blair 3/1

Charles Blair, Senior Fellow for State and Non-State Threats at the Federation of American Scientists, 3/1/12, Fearful of a nuclear Iran? The real WMD nightmare is Syria, [www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/op-eds/fearful-of-nuclear-iran-the-real-wmd-nightmare-syria](http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/op-eds/fearful-of-nuclear-iran-the-real-wmd-nightmare-syria)

But the Libyan chemical stockpile …..control over the entire country.

Extinction

Singer 1

Clifford Singer, Illinois University Arms Control, Disarm, International Security Program Director, Spring 2001, Will Mankind Survive the Millennium? <http://acdis.illinois.edu/publications/207/publication-WillMankindSurvivetheMillennium.html>

There are, however, two technologies ……when and if this is achieved.

# Iran 1NC

Iran won’t breakout now – if they did, it causes Iran strikes

Clawson 12

Patrick Clawson, director of research at The Washington Institute, where he heads the Iran Security Initiative Jan 2012, An Iranian Nuclear BreakoutIs Not Inevitable, [www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/PolicyNote08.pdf](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/PolicyNote08.pdf)

Some comfort can be taken …..military force to prevent a breakout.

Losing Assad changes their strategic calculus—they’ll cross the nuclear threshold in an attempt to preserve security

Keck 12

Zachary Keck, assistant editor at e-International Relations, contributes to Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the Diplomat and Small Wars Journal, 1/18/12, Iran's Fading Deterrent Could Increase the Lure of Going Nuclear, [www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/11207/irans-fading-deterrent-could-increase-the-lure-of-going-nuclear](http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/11207/irans-fading-deterrent-could-increase-the-lure-of-going-nuclear)

For all the attention Iran has received ……. developments for Iran’s strategic calculus.

Post-Assad Syria 1NC

US can’t shape a post-Assad Syria—Islamists and AQ will takeover post-Assad

McCarthy 3/10

Andrew McCarthy, National Review, 3/10/12, Let Syria Be, [www.nationalreview.com/articles/293103/let-syria-be-andrew-c-mccarthy](http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/293103/let-syria-be-andrew-c-mccarthy)

Our presidents and diplomats …… become heroic figures.

Causes AQ safe havens

Saab 11

Bilal Y. Saab, Visiting Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 4/4/11, Syria Goes to War, nationalinterest.org/commentary/syria-goes-war-5103

The Muslim Brotherhood might gain control …… set up shop in the country.

Nuclear strike

Bunn 4

Matthew Bunn and Anthony Wier, Harvard Belfer Center Project on Managing the Atom research associates, 2004, Securing the Bomb: An Agenda for Action, <http://www.nti.org/e_research/analysis_cnwmupdate_052404.pdf>

Myth: Before the 9/11 attacks, …… the danger that it could succeed elsewhere still remains.15

Goes global

Speice 6

Patrick Speice, JD Candidate, February 2006, 47 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 1427, Lexis

Terrorist groups could acquire a nuclear weapon …… the use of nuclear weapons.

No impact to cred

**MacDonald and Parent** 20**11** - \*Assistant Professor of Political Science at Williams College, \*\*Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Miami (Paul and Joseph, International Security, 35.4, "Graceful decline? The surprising success of great power retrenchment", http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/ISEC\_a\_00034-MacDonald\_proof2.pdf, WEA)

These arguments have a number of limitations. ….. inviting the hazards of war in the present.

# Energy Wars

Must win that they solve stability to access this

No risk of canal disruptions and no impact

Vicki Vaughan 11, Express News, “Suez Canal skirts unrest in Egypt”, February 4, <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/article/Suez-Canal-skirts-unrest-in-Egypt-997497.php>

But economists say the jitters, …..step in to supply the grain.

Only increase distribution of oil – but if the last oil is in the arctic then we will still fight the Russians for it

No impact – experts agree that oil market and economy are adaptable

Kahn 11 (Jeremy, 2/13, “Crude reality”, <http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2011/02/13/crude_reality/>)

The idea that a sudden ….prices overall than it was in 1973.

No oil shocks – every empiric

Kahn 11 (Jeremy, 2/13, “Crude reality”, <http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2011/02/13/crude_reality/>)

Among those asking this tough question …… costly military operations.”

AT: Oil Wars

Cooperation solves oil conflicts

Hu, 2008

Richard Hu, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies,2008, “Promotoing China-U.S. Energy Cooperation Issues and Prospects,” <http://www.keia.org/Publications/Other/HuFINAL.pdf>

No doubt, China and the United States …. reasonably efficiently.

Oil shortages don’t cause wars – markets check

Jaffe, 8

[ Amy Myers Jaffe is the Wallace S. Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, “ Opportunity, not War,” Survival | vol. 50 no. 4 | August–September 2008 | pp. 61–82 ]

Still, his doomsday scenario ….. fuel on several occasions

No China war – cooperation

**Friedberg 5**, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs and Director of Policy Planning in the Office of the Vice President, International Security, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Fall 2005), pp. 7–45

Fortunately, a number of the …. domestic political reforms.

Energy conflicts are inevitable but not by choice

**Klare 8** (Michael T. Klare, 5/1, Nation defense correspondent, is professor of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College, The Nation, “The New Geopolitics of Energy”, http://www.thenation.com/doc/20080519/klare/print)

These and other efforts by Russia and China, ……, sparking a much greater crisis.

No Indo/China war – bilateral relations, nuclear disparity, interdependence

Malone and Mukherjee, 10

[David M. Malone, a former Canadian Ambassador to the UN and High Commissioner to India, is president of Canada's International Development Research Centre. He is completing a survey of Indian foreign policy called Does the Elephant Dance? (forthcoming in 2011 from Oxford University Press). Rohan Mukherjee is a senior research specialist at Princeton University. He has also worked with the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, and the National Knowledge Commission, Government of India. “India and China: Conflict and Cooperation” Survival, Volume 52, Issue 1 February 2010 , pages 137 – 158]

The Sino-Indian border dispute ….. unstable in the heat of negotiation.

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# manpads

We have only internal link to manpads – assad strong solves this

MANPADS are gone

Drwiega, military editor – Rotor & Wing, 12/6/’11

(Andrew, “Libya’s MANPADs Legacy,” <http://www.aviationtoday.com/rw/training/military/Libyas-MANPADs-Legacy_75305.html>)

However, the ability to control …… Afghanistan can be made.

No impact—counter-measures solve

Guhl, writer – Avionics Today, 2/1/’12

(JM, “Countering MANPADS,” Avionics Today)

Intended for short-range air defense……continues to be a very effective defense

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against MANPADS. Luckily, much more advanced electro-optical systems as developed during the past two decades can now detect missile launches automatically from the very distinct emissions of a missile’s rocket motor, both in IR and UV bands.

# A2: add-on

Japan won’t go nuclear – no capability

Matake Kamiya, Winter 2002, W.Q., “Nuclear Japan, p ln

Those who emphasize the potential ……hurdles without international assistance.

# Assad Stable 2NC

Assad is stable now—he dominates the balance of power. Key elites and security officials retain loyalty because of fear of a post-Assad state. Popular support goes neg, not for the opposition. Russia China solidify Assad’s control, and the US and Turkey will not intervene of militarize the opposition.

That's 1NC Husain and Peterson

Military loyalty and the sectarian state makes Assad’s regime durable and opposition ineffective

Landis 12

Joshua Landis, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Spring 2012, The Syrian Uprising of 2011: Why the Asad Regime Is Likely to Survive to 2013, [www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print](http://www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print)

The Asads have been planning ……. **the regime is likely to endure** for some time.

Key framing issue:

Even if the regime has structural weakness, its relative power over the opposition is enduring

Landis 12

Joshua Landis, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Spring 2012, The Syrian Uprising of 2011: Why the Asad Regime Is Likely to Survive to 2013, [www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print](http://www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print)

The strength of Asad's rule …… shooting at the protestors.

# Assad Stable—AT: Defections

Defection doesn’t affect Assad’s sustainability

Hubbard 3/10

Ben Hubbard, AP, 3/10/12, Syrian opposition rejects talks with regime, [www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hF9KB5y7742X6UFIk6Y6iZ4rdqOQ?docId=22997f90dbe345c4a1df76c88f1544f2](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hF9KB5y7742X6UFIk6Y6iZ4rdqOQ?docId=22997f90dbe345c4a1df76c88f1544f2)

Still, U.S. intelligence officials …… armored personnel carriers.

Not going anywhere—no major defections

Arrott 3/15

Elizabeth Arrott, VOA, 3/15/12, Syria's Assad Withstands Pressure That Toppled Other Arab Leaders, [www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Syrias-Assad-Withstands-Pressure-That-Toppled-Other-Arab-Leaders-142786655.html](http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Syrias-Assad-Withstands-Pressure-That-Toppled-Other-Arab-Leaders-142786655.html)

Syria's president, ….. taking on the government.

# Assad Stable—AT: Economy

No Syrian economic collapse AND wouldn’t make Assad unsustainable

Landis 12

Joshua Landis, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Spring 2012, The Syrian Uprising of 2011: Why the Asad Regime Is Likely to Survive to 2013, [www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print](http://www.mepc.org/journal/middle-east-policy-archives/syrian-uprising-2011-why-asad-regime-likely-survive-2013?print)

The economy is not going ….. can stand up to Western sanctions.

Economic decline doesn’t hurt Assad – smuggling, international support, and disproportionate impact on rebels – experts agree

Enders, 3-20

David Enders, staff writer for McClatchy Newspapers, Kansas City Star, “ Sanctions squeeze Syrians, but are unlikely to change Assad's behavior, experts say,” <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/03/20/3502888/sanctions-squeeze-syrians-but.html>

AMMAN, Jordan -- Syrians are losing their jobs ……their fundamental principles."

# Assad Good Overview

D. Its try or die for Assad – power transition guarantees civil war

Bell 11

Michael, 8-12, Former Canadian ambassador to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, is the Paul Martin (Sr.) Scholar in International Diplomacy at the University of Windsor.

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/opinion/theres-no-happy-ending-to-syrias-power-struggle/article2126966/

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Syrians who value freedom ……would be a real possibility. Think Hama, 1982.

# CBW—Link Frontline

Unique Link--Regime shift causes CBW use – stockpiles secure now because the opposition is defeated

Saab 3/13

Bilal Saab, Visiting Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 3/13/12, Assad's toxic assets, mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/03/13/assads\_toxic\_assets

In this potential -- and highly probable …… …… The country is a chemical powder keg ready to explode.

# CBW—AT: Impact Defense

You should frame the impact debate by our Syria specific evidence. Syria has the most advanced CBW program in the world, neg evidence that discuss new advances and enhanced risk apply to our scenario, while their impact d about past failures, or difficulty of acquisition and development don’t apply

New advances make their impact defense irrelevant

Nixdroff 10

Kathryn Nixdroff, Darnstdt university of technology Microbiology and Genetics Professor, Winter 2010, "Advances in Targeted Delivery and the Future of Bioweapons," Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, 66.1, EBSCO

What aerosols tell us about bioweapons. …..weapons in the not too distant future. <

# Muslim Brotherhood—Link

MB will use Assad collapse to revive power

Keath 3/21

Lee Keath, AP, 3/21/12, Islamists seek influence in Syria uprising, [www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gLHmWOljOxrJsYQ4bHTZmQr1l2eA?docId=2a1546879d6f4c45acb7b7f3faffe194](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gLHmWOljOxrJsYQ4bHTZmQr1l2eA?docId=2a1546879d6f4c45acb7b7f3faffe194)

Ex-council member Labwani and others in the ….. reap the fruits of the fight.

Their solvency argument for shaping post-Assad Syria is incoherent

Massie 3/15

Alex Massie, Spectator, 3/15/12, Today in Stupidity: Who Lost Syria?, [www.spectator.co.uk/alexmassie/7717149/today-in-stupidity-who-lost-syria.thtml](http://www.spectator.co.uk/alexmassie/7717149/today-in-stupidity-who-lost-syria.thtml)

Moreover, as Daniel Larison puts it ……need to indulge any more of it.

# Uniqueness—No Strikes Now

No strikes unless Iran breaksout

Cohen 3/22

Roger Cohen, NYTimes, 3/22/12, The False Iran Debate, [www.nytimes.com/2012/03/23/opinion/the-false-iran-debate.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/23/opinion/the-false-iran-debate.html)

I’ve never believed Netanyahu, …….. form of politically driven irrational choices.

No strikes unless Iran nuclearizes

Etzioni 3/12

Amitai Etzioni, served as a senior advisor to the Carter White House; taught at Columbia University, Harvard, and The University of California at Berkeley; and is a university professor and professor of international relations at The George Washington University, 3/12/12, Obama's Iran Bluff,nationalinterest.org/print/commentary/obamas-iran-bluff-6624

Commentators, however, are reading ….. better equipped to strike on its own.

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# Uniqueness—No Strikes—AT: Isreal

No Israel strikes

Kaye 1/12

Dalia Dassa Kaye, senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation and a visiting fellow at UCLA's Burkle Center, 1/12/12, Do Israelis really want to bomb Iran?, mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/01/12/do\_israelis\_really\_want\_to\_bomb\_iran

Nonetheless, important divisions …..not be as great as some suggest.

Israel won’t strike

Goldberg 3/12

Jeffrey Goldberg, 3/12/12, In Iran Standoff, Netanyahu Could Be Bluffing: Jeffrey Goldberg, www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-03-12/in-iran-standoff-netanyahu-may-be-bluffing-commentary-by-jeffrey-goldberg.html

I’m talking about the belief, …..perhaps the more important question.

# at: hormuz

No risk of disruption-multiple warrants

Blair and Liberthal 7

Dennis and Kenneth, “Smooth Sailing: The World’s Shipping Lanes are Safe”, Foreign Affairs. Commander in Chief at PacCom, Senior Director on the National Security Council.

http://www.jstor.org/stable/20032345

The dangers facing oil tankers ……conflict happening in the foreseeable future are remote.

# Impact Overview

Conceded that Jackson Vanik is key to relations means in the world of the aff relations are zero and in the world of the neg relations are perfect – no news answers in the 1AR – they are out of constructives and the 2NR is the hardest speech in debate – also conceded that relations solve inevitable war

Only scenario for extinction

Nick **Bostrom**, 200**2**. Professor of Philosophy and Global Studies at Yale. "Existential Risks: Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards," 38, www.transhumanist.com/volume9/risks.html.

A much greater existential risk …..humankind’s potential permanently.

Extinction destroys all human potential – 1% risk outweighs

Bostrom 5 – Professor of Philosophy @ Oxford

(Nick, <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/44>)

Now if we think ……extinct it should still be a high priority.

# Pounder

Top priority

**Verona 3/29** (Ed, President & CEO of the U.S.-Russia Business Council “The True Cost of Jackson-Vanik,” http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/the-true-cost-jackson-vanik-6702?page=1)

In January, the Obama …… and extending PNTR.

Top of the Docket

Adomanis, 3/16

(Forbes Columnist, “Jon Kyl's Predictable and Distressing Foolishness on Russia” http://www.forbes.com/sites/markadomanis/2012/03/16/jon-kyls-predictable-and-distressing-foolishness-on-russia/)

The No. 2 Republican ….. **Obama administration** this year…

No opposition – rules only apply to future plants. Even past opponents admit that it’s not an issue

**Davenport**, writer for National Journal, **3/27**/2012

[Coral, <http://www.govexec.com/oversight/2012/03/first-major-climate-regs-obama-epa-sure-stir-political-debate/41580/?oref=dropdown>]

As a result, the first power plant ……. won’t hurt the company’s bottom line.

# 2nc uniqueness run

Jackson Vanik will pass momentum and Obama pressure – that’s Sanati – prefer our evidence it cites vote counts which are the only objective measure for politics uniqueness and assumes long term trends and predicts that when a vote happens it will pass – even if they win it won’t pass now PC solves at the finish line.

PC means it will pass

Boles, 2/29

(WSJ Columnist, White House Pushes for Russia Trade Agreement, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203753704577254192095999600.html)

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration ……. that effort was underway.

Top of the docket – Obama’s allies mean it will pass

Butler, 3/27

(AP Columnist, “US trade upgrade may worsen relations with Russia,” http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/politics/2017846556\_apususrussiatrade.html)

The administration first ……. competitive disadvantage.

Overcomes their election warrant

NYT, 2/25

(“U.S.-Russian Trade Ties Face Some Political Snags,” http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/25/world/europe/us-russian-trade-ties-hit-political-snags.html?pagewanted=print)

To highlight the importance ….. create more American jobs.”

# Winners Win

Plan isn’t a win for Obama because he hasn’t been pushing for it for a long time.

Wins dissipate too fast---doesn’t generate sustainable capital---especially on MidEast issues

Farmer 9/25 John Farmer The Star-Ledger "Republican politics in Washington could place Israel at risk" 9/25/11 blog.nj.com/njv\_john\_farmer/2011/09/republican\_politics\_in\_washing.html

In a 2007 Fox News interview, …… water’s up to your knees."

Obama’s Velcro---only blame stick to him---means winners lose---healthcare proves

Nicholas & Hook 10 Peter and Janet, Staff Writers – LA Times, “Obama the Velcro president”, LA Times, 7-30, http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/30/nation/la-na-velcro-presidency-20100730/3

If Ronald Reagan was ….. translated into dinner table conversations."

# 2NC Link

The link outweighs the turns

a) Backlash is ideological

Nowels, U.S. Policy Director – ONE, 2/10/’11

(Larry, “Let's be smart about foreign aid in the debates ahead,” The Hill Congress Blog)

Over the next seven days ….. foreign aid receives.

Rogin evidence just says a small group of senators thought about introducing a resolution once – not that they like the plan

b) The link goes one way – new foreign initiatives necessarily lose

**Miller 9/22**/11 http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/09/22/the\_do\_nothing\_strategy?page=0,2 Aaron David Miller is a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a former U.S. Middle East negotiator. His new book, Can America Have Another Great President?, will be published in 2012.

Still, amid all the fog …… issues like Israel.

# PC Not Key

Trade with Russia requires political capital—Obama focus key to success

Stokes, 11

(Political Columnist-National Journal, 1/26, An Agenda, If You Can Keep It, National Journal, http://www2.nationaljournal.com/member/daily/balance-of-payments)

After years of relative quiescence, …..could be an uphill slog.

Leadership matters

**Jacobs and King 10**, University of Minnesota, Nuffield College, (Lawrence and Desmond, “Varieties of Obamaism: Structure, Agency, and the Obama Presidency,” Perspectives on Politics (2010), 8: 793-802)

Yet if presidential personality …… for our future”.12

He concludes Neg

**Dickinson 9** (Matthew, professor of political science at Middlebury College. He taught previously at Harvard University, where he also received his Ph.D., working under the supervision of presidential scholar Richard Neustadt, We All Want a Revolution: Neustadt, New Institutionalism, and the Future of Presidency Research, Presidential Studies Quarterly 39 no4 736-70 D 2009)

Small wonder, then, that initial efforts ……will come to a vote (Beckmann 2008, n.d.).

# AT: Aid Now

MENA fund won’t get approved

Ravelo, 2/29

(Research Specialist-Devex, WILL CONGRESS 'STARVE' THE 2013 FOREIGN AID BUDGET?

http://www.devex.com/en/blogs/development-assistance-under-obama/will-congress-starve-the-2013-foreign-aid-budget-2)

There is notice from Capitol Hill ……The Foreign Policy Initiative.

New budget proposals make no meaningful policy shifts

Norris, 2/9

(Exec. Director-Center for American Progress’ Sustainable Security and Peacebuilding Initiative, What should we expect from the President’s 2013 assistance budget?, http://www.modernizeaid.net/2012/02/09/what-should-we-expect-from-the-presidents-2013-assistance-budget/)

It is a reasonable negotiating strategy, ….. hoping for the best.

Aid not implemented

**PressTV, 3/7/**12, Obama Admin. decides to aid Syrian opposition, [www.presstv.ir/usdetail/230507.html](http://www.presstv.ir/usdetail/230507.html)

The new plan has ….. because of it. Antiwar.com

**Haven’t provided it yet – no way to get it there.**

US News, 3-28-12

[“Source: U.S. Would Funnel Syrian Aid Through Regional Allies” <http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/dotmil/2012/03/28/source-us-would-funnel-syrian-aid-through-regional-allies>, accessed 3-29-12,]

**The United States would not …..** had not yet replied to a request for comment.

Still needs to be approved by congress and isn’t democracy assistance

WSJ, 3/30

Helping Arab Democrats, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303404704577307762822570758.html?mod=googlenews\_wsj

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton ……. But this is an easy call.

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It requires Congressional approval and would be opposed

Rogin 11

Josh Rogin, Foreign Policy, 5/6/11, Lugar holding up State Department funds for Tunisian democracy, thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/04/06/lugar\_holding\_up\_state\_department\_funds\_for\_tunisian\_democracy

The State Department wants to shift ……the money could be found.