# T – Minimalist Democracy Assistance – 2AC

## Counter interpretation – democracy assistance is provision of support to democratic agents

**Acuto, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy PhD Researcher, 2008**

(Michele “Wilson Victorious? Understanding Democracy Promotion in the Midst of a Backlash”, Alternatives: Global, Local, Political, October, ebsco, ldg)

Democracy, of course, is a notoriously … organizations like think tanks.

## We meet their definition of substantial and direct – there are four categories of democracy assistance – rule of law is one of these

Carothers, director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Program, 2009

(Thomas, “Revitalizing U.S. Democracy Assistance the challenge of USAID, 10-29, http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/revitalizing\_democracy\_assistance.pdf, ldg)

USAID’s democracy and …democratic consensus building.

## DDR is rule of law

McFate 2010

[Sean, scholar-practioner in international relations with experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. He is currently an Assistant Professor of International Security Studies at the National Defense University, Fort McNair. The Link Between DDR and SSR in Conflict Affected Countries, <http://www.usip.org/files/resources/SR238McFate_DDR_SSR_Conflict.pdf>, AD 8/23/2011]jap

Disarmament, demobilization… apparatus that SSR creates.

## Substantial is the main aspect

**Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary**, 200**9**

["Substantially," http://dictionary.cambridge.org/define.asp?key=79480&dict=CALD, mss]

substantial (GENERAL) Show phonetics

adjective [before noun] FORMAL

relating to the main or most important things being considered:

The committee were in substantial agreement (= agreed about most of the things discussed).

# K – Democracy K – 2AC

## Perm do both – either the alt can overcome the link to the plan or it doesn’t solve other instances in the arab spring – security is the foundation of political communities, working through the state to democratize security apparatuses is key.

**Loader et al., All Souls College criminology professor, 2007**

(Ian, Civilizing Security, pg 7-8, ldg)

Our argument in this book is that … cultivating and sustaining the civilizing effects of security.

## Radical democracy fails- no public follow-through

**Stears, Oxford political theory lecturer, 10**

(Marc, University of Oxford Centre for Political Ideologies director, *Demanding Democracy: American Radicals in Search of New Politics*, 2010, 9-12, mss)

Crucial though this response is, it nonetheless … effectively unanswered by either side.

## The alternative fails and forces undemocratic practices underground- makes them even more dangerous

**Stears, Oxford political theory lecturer, 10**

(Marc, University of Oxford Centre for Political Ideologies director, *Demanding Democracy: American Radicals in Search of New Politics*, 2010, 7-8, mss)

Despite the undeniable attractions of … of our political order instead.'8

Their embrace of anti-politics dooms the movement makes the impacts inevitable

Boggs, professor of social sciences at National University, 1997

(Carl, “The great retreat: Decline of the public sphere in late twentieth-century America”, December, Volume 26, Number 6, http://www.springerlink.com.proxy.library.emory.edu/content/m7254768m63h16r0/fulltext.pdf, ldg)

The decline of the public sphere in late twentieth-century … had vanished from civil society. 75

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## TAA won’t pass now

**The Hill 9-14-2011**

(“Deal to pass trade bills remains elusive”, <http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/1005-trade/181447-deal-to-pass-trade-agreements-remains-elusive>, DOA; 9-14-11, ldg)

Still, despite Reid’s suggestion … the 60-vote threshold for passage set by both Senate leaders.

**There won’t be a war over North Korea and even if there is it won’t escalate**

**Korea Times, 1/3/2003**

Arjun Divecha, who manages the … **to an all-out war** with North Korea.

## Obama can’t get his agenda-nobody buys in anymore

**Hanson, Hoover Institute senior fellow, 9-14-2011**

(Victor, “Obama’s Quiver Is Empty”, http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/277090/obama-s-quiver-empty-victor-davis-hanson, DOA: 9-15-11, ldg)

Ex-president George W. Bush with … fist-pounding malaise speech.

## Obama won’t push- he’s in campaign mode, won’t govern

**Asbury, Legacy Companies chief executive, 9-15**

(Neal, "Obama Must Play ‘Big Ball,” Not ‘Small Ball’," Newsmax, www.newsmax.com/NealAsbury/asbury-Obama-jobs-speech/2011/09/15/id/411097, accessed 9-16-11, mss)

Let’s face facts. President … We could sure use his steadfastness and wisdom in Washington today.

## Panetta takes the blame

Cloud 2011

[David S. Cloud, Los Angeles Times, Pentagon mulls NATO request for more U.S. drones in Libya campaign, [http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jul/21/world/la-fg-drones-libya-20110722]jap](http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jul/21/world/la-fg-drones-libya-20110722%5djap)

The Pentagon's willingness …military was overstretched.

## Congress loves the plan – spun as a counter-terrorist measure

Washington Post 8/22

[Some Republicans calling for U.S. to step up role in Libya after Gaddafi falls, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/2chambers/post/some-republicans-calling-for-us-to-step-up-role-in-libya-after-gaddafi-falls/2011/08/22/gIQA753ZWJ_blog.html>, AD 8/23/11]jap

But Democratic leaders, as … the reconstruction of the country.”

## Turn—winners win—only through bold expenditures of political capital can the president replenish his political clout

**Heineman**, 3-23-**10** (Ben, “No presidential greatness without spending political capital,” <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/03/no-presidential-greatness-without-spending-political-capital/37865/>)

**Only** in recent months, **when … to risk political standing.**