# Syria AFF – Plan – 1AC

## The United States federal government should offer democratic political organization training to the Syrian National Council.

# Contention 1: Civil War

## Assad is collapsing and will create a failed state-triggers regional war

**Byman, Georgetown's Security Studies Program director, 3-20-12**

(Daniel, “Preparing for Failure in Syria”, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/137339/daniel-byman/preparing-for-failure-in-syria?page=show>, DOA: 3-26-12, ldg)

For a year now, Syrian President Bashar al-… now is essential for avoiding the worst later.

## It will go nuclear.

**Russell, Naval Postgraduate School National Security professor, 2009**

(James, "Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Nuclear War and Escalation in the Middle East", http://www.nps.edu/academics/sigs/ccc/people/biolinks/russell/PP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf, ldg)

Strategic stability in the … risk for the entire world.

## Defense is outdated

**Singh, Washington Institute director, 9-22-11**

(Michael, “What has really changed in the Middle East?”, <http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/09/22/what_has_really_changed_in_the_middle_east>, DOA; 10-14-11, ldg)

Third, and most troubling, the …regional primacy into overdrive.

## Sustained unrest draws in Israel and risks CBW theft

**Sharpe, CRS Middle Eastern Affairs specialist, 2011**

(Jeremy, “Syria: Issues for the 112th Congress and Background on U.S. Sanctions”, 4-28, <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33487.pdf>, DOA: 11-20-11, ldg)

Foreign observers are now debating what could … supply of riot control equipment.” 24

## Syria has bioweapons

**Deckker, European Group for Non-Proliferation Studies director, 2007**

(Jill, Bio-defence consultant for New Defence Agenda, two PhD’s, With a background in veterinary public health regulation for notification of zoonoses and consequence management for agro and biological terrorism, she currently specializes in legal aspects of strategic vaccine stockpiling for national defence in the European Union, “Syria's Bio-Warfare Threat: an interview with Dr. Jill Dekker”, December, <http://www.newenglishreview.org/Jerry_Gordon/Syria's_Bio-Warfare_Threat%3A_an_interview_with_Dr._Jill_Dekker/>, DOA: 3-8-12, ldg)

Dekker: Contrary to how the US State … the United States should be very concerned about that re-designation.

## CBW’s cause extinction

**Singer, Illinois Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering professor, 2001**

(Clifford, “Will Mankind Survive the Millennium?”, <http://acdis.illinois.edu/assets/docs/312/articles/WillMankindSurvivetheMillennium.pdf>, DOA: 8-17-11, ldg)

In recent years the fear of the apocalypse (or religious … and if this is achieved

## Syria spills over to Iraq-causes oil shock.

**Kamel, Eurasia Group's Middle East practice analyst, 2011**

(Ayham, “Guest post: Oil traders should watch for instability in Syria”, 7-7, <http://blogs.ft.com/beyond-brics/2011/07/07/guest-post-oil-traders-should-watch-for-instability-in-syria/#axzz1qB7XQFbG>, DOA: 3-25-12, ldg)

Syria’s president Bashar al Assad once flaunted his … against the political order.

## Iraq instability triggers oil shocks-they are a key buffer

**O’Sullivan, Harvard International Affairs professor, 2011**

(Meghan, “Iraqi Politics and Implications for Oil and Energy”, July, <http://www.bakerinstitute.org/publications/EF-pub-IraqFutureOSullivan-072711.pdf>, DOA: 3-25-12, ldg)

Finally, the international community—…global economic crisis

## Oil shocks would wreck the economy-recent studies prove.

**Erwin, National Defense Magazine, 11-1-11**

(Sandra, “30% Cut in U.S. Oil Imports Would Avert Future Catastrophe, Study Warns”, <http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=577>, DOA: 12-20-11, ldg)

Unless the United States curtails its … impact would be nearly zero.

## Decline causes war

**Royal, director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, 2010**

(Jedediah, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal, and Political Perspectives, pg 213-215, ldg)

Less intuitive is how periods of … here should be considered ancillary to those views.

# Contention 2: Credibility

## Material support to democratic forces is key US credibility.

**Pollack, Saban Center for Middle East Policy director, 12-5-11**

(Kenneth, “America's Second Chance and the Arab Spring”, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/12/05/americas_second_chance?page=0,3>, DOA: 12-8-11, ldg)

To this end, the United States must … the country it imagines itself to be.

**Syria is key**

**Crowley**, Penn State Omar Bradley chair of strategic leadership, **11**

[P.J. former State Department assistant secretary and spokesman (in the Obama administration), "Obama must tell Assad to go," Washington Post, 6-19-2011, www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/obama-tell-syrias-assad-he-has-to-go/2011/06/17/AGlZB3bH\_story.html, accessed 8-4-11, mss]

Six months ago, almost no one, including … on the right side of history.

## Syria is the litmus test-intervening on the side of protestors transforms the US’s image.

**Hamid, Brookings Doha center research director, 1-26-12**

(Shadi, “Why We Have a Responsibility to Protect Syria”, <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/01/why-we-have-a-responsibility-to-protect-syria/251908/>, DOA: 3-25-12, ldg)

As I argued in a recent article in The New … cannot offer this. Russia and China certainly cannot.

## Cred is key to military cooperation.

**Nakamura et al., CRS Foreign Affairs analyst, 2009**

(Kennon H., “U.S. Public Diplomacy: Background and Current Issues”, 12-18, <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R40989.pdf>, ldg)

The attitudes and perceptions of foreign … diminish and new partnerships will be possible.

## Cred in the Middle East spills over and defines overall hegemony

**Inboden, Texas Austin Public Affairs professor, 11-21-11**

(Will, “The global chessboard”, <http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/11/21/the_global_chess_board>, DOA: 1-6-12, ldg)

China, after all, sees its subtle rivalry with the … players on the same global chessboard.

## Cred is key to make heg sustainable.

**Jervis, Columbia IR professor, 2009**

(Robert, “Unipolarity A Structural Perspective”, World Politics, Volume 61, Number 1, January 2009, Project Muse, ldg)

To say that the system is … its leadership is benign.

## Alternative to heg is nuclear war

**Zhang et al., Carnegie Endowment researcher, 2011**

(Yuhan, “America’s decline: A harbinger of conflict and rivalry”, 1-22, <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2011/01/22/americas-decline-a-harbinger-of-conflict-and-rivalry/>, DOA: 9-21-11, ldg)

This does not necessarily mean that … in a future that will inevitably be devoid of unrivalled US primacy.

## De-escalates conflicts.

**Barnett, Naval War College Warfare Analysis & Research Department professor, 2011**

(Thomas, “The New Rules: Leadership Fatigue Puts U.S., and Globalization, at Crossroads”, 3-7, <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/8099/the-new-rules-leadership-fatigue-puts-u-s-and-globalization-at-crossroads>, DOA: 10-9-11, ldg)

Let me be more blunt: As the …forms, deeply embedded in the geometry to come.

# Contention 3: Solvency

## Bolstering the SNC is the only way to avert civil war-the US is key.

**Torbey et al., Kansas Regional Integration in the Middle East PhD candidate, 12-16-11**

(Khattar, “Breaking the Stalemate in Syria”, <http://pomed.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/POMED-Policy-Brief_Maalouf.pdf>, DOA: 12-28-11, ldg)

Nine months on, the conflict between the … in building the SNC’S organizational capacity.

## Plan solves opposition unity and reassures minorities.

**Palmer et al., Vice Chairman of Freedom House, 3-6-12**

(Mark, “The Case for Arming the Syrian Opposition”, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203986604577257201200177274.html>, DOA: 3-23-12, ldg)

Strengthening the Syrian …already starting to fragment.

## US stance encourages defections

**Al-Humaid, Asharq Al-Awsat Editor in Chief, 3-12-12**

(Tariq, “Obama Is the Problem, Not Only Russia”, <http://watchingamerica.com/News/148678/obama-is-the-problem-not-only-russia/>, DOA: 3-24-12, ldg)

The problem with the current U.S. …firm stance from Washington?

## Plan leads to a soft landing by undermining Assad support groups.

**Hannah, Foundation for defending democracies senior fellow, 2011**

(John, “Obama and Syria: Courting Disaster”, 5-11, <http://www.defenddemocracy.org/about-fdd/team-overview/john-hannah/>, DOA; 10-13-11, ldg)

Instead, the administration needs … the first post-Assad elections.

## Bolstering the opposition is key to speed up and smooth transition

**Doran et al., Saban Center senior fellow, 2011**

(Michael, “Getting Serious in Syria”, 7-29, <http://www.brookings.edu/articles/2011/0801_syria_doran_shaikh.aspx>, DOA: 10-13-11, ldg)

Consequently, we should … professionalize its efforts

## Defections create a soft landing.

**Seelye, Middle East Institute vice president, 9-1-11**

(Kate, “Why Can't the Syrian Opposition Get Along?”, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/09/01/why_cant_the_syrian_opposition_get_along?page=full>, DOA: 10-13-11, ldg)

The reasons for the Syrian … uprising remains little more than a distant hope.

## Economy dooms Assad

**Moubayed, University of Kalamoon IR professor, 3-27-12**

(Sami, “Syria's suffocating economic reality”, <http://gulfnews.com/opinions/columnists/syria-s-suffocating-economic-reality-1.999999>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

Despite rosy promises of an …yet to the Syrian regime.

## Assad is becoming isolated.

**Gambill, Philadelphia-based political analyst, 3-22-12**

(Gary, “Syria: A Strategic Non-Intervention,” National Interest, <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/strategic-non-intervention-syria-6674>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

But this is not an ordinary situation. The … of their ancestors, but their days of governing Syria will be over.

## High level defections now-more to come

**The National 3-21-12**

(“Assad regime cannot survive its own truths”, <http://www.thenational.ae/thenationalconversation/editorial/assad-regime-cannot-survive-its-own-truths>, DOA: 3-24-12, ldg)

Since the Syrian uprising began a year ago, …from within.

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# Iran – 2AC

## Plan solves Iranian adventurism

**Behravesh, E-International Relation’s Iranian Studies & Research News Editor, 2011**

(Maysam, “Revolt In Syria: An Alternative View From Iran – OpEd,” 10-2, <http://www.eurasiareview.com/02102011-revolt-in-syria-an-alternative-view-from-iran-oped>, DOA: 11-20-11, ldg)

Lastly, and perhaps most significantly, … than ever from outside.

## Nuclear war

**Ben-Meir, NYU IR professor, 2006**

(Alon, “Ending Iranian Defiance” , 2-6, <http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Ending_Iranian_Defiance_999.html>, DOA: 8-17-11, ldg)

That Iran stands today able to … but to warn Iran of the severe consequences of not halting its nuclear program.

# Terrorism – 2AC

## Plan’s signal solves terrorism

**Gordon et al., CSIS transnational threats project program manager, 2011**

(David, “The Battle for Reform with Al-Qaeda”, Washington Quarterly, Summer, <http://www.twq.com/11summer/docs/11summer_Zarate_Gordon.pdf>, DOA: 10-16-11, ldg)

If inadequate reform leads to …change while assisting protesters.

## Nuclear terror inevitable now

**Bunn et al., Harvard public policy professor, 2011**

(Matthew, “The U.S.-Russia Joint Threat Assessment on Nuclear Terrorism”, May, <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Joint-Threat-Assessment%20ENG%2027%20May%202011.pdf>, DOA: 10-16-11, ldg)

The expert community … act of nuclear terrorism occurs.

**Nuclear terrorism risks world war and extinction, even if it doesn’t work**

Mohamed **Sid-Ahmed**, Al-Ahram Weekly political analyst, ‘**04**

[Al-Ahram Weekly, "Extinction!" 8/26, no. 705, http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/2004/705/op5.htm]

What would be the consequences of a …we will all be losers.

# Disease – 2AC

## Credibility builds coalitions-solves disease

**Stanley, Georgetown security studies professor, 2007**

(Elizabeth, “International Perceptions of US Nuclear Policy” Sandia Report,http://www.prod.sandia.gov/cgi-bin/techlib/access-control.pl/2007/070903.pdf, DOA: 10-14-11, ldg)

How important is soft power, anyway? … that will be necessary to address such threats effectively.

**Extinction.**

**Keating**, Foreign Policy Web Editor, 200**9**

[Joshua, “The End of the World”, 11-13, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/11/13/the\_end\_of\_the\_world?page=full, ldg]

How it could happen: Throughout history, … weapons experimentation has added a new and just as troubling complication.

# Turkey – 2AC

## Prolonged instability causes Turkish invasion

**Cagaptay, Washington Institute Turkish Research Program director, 11**

[Soner, Ph.D. from Yale University, visiting professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, "What If Turkey Invaded Syria?" Hurriyet Daily News, 7-10-11, www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC06.php?CID=1672, accessed 8-1-11, mss]

Turkish-Syrian ties are … revolutionize the AKP's regional agenda.

## Triggers world war 3

**Snyder, DC-based lawyer, 2011**

(Michael, “Could We Actually See A War Between Syria And Turkey?’, 6-28, <http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/could-we-actually-see-a-war-between-syria-and-turkey>, DOA: 12-18-11, ldg)

In recent days, there have been … War III does not erupt as a result.

# Regime Change T – 2AC

## 1. We meet DA can support opposition groups

**Carothers, Carnegie vice president for studies, 2009**

(Thomas, “Democracy Assistance: Political vs. Developmental?”, Journal of Democracy. January, <http://pomed.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/carothers-democracy_assistance-political_vs_developmental.pdf>, DOA: 10-22-11, ldg)

Method of supporting democracy: In this … access to political information.

## Four categories-we are number 4

**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 governance …democratic consensus building.

# Cyber – 2AC

## Private sector solves now- they crush flexibility key to prevent cyber-threats

**Clinton, Internet Security Alliance president, 2-8**

(Larry, ISA’s mission is to integrate advanced technology with economics and public policy to create a sustainable system of cyber security, ISA published its Cyber Security Social Contract which is both the first and last source cited in the Executive Summary of President Obama’s Cyber Space Policy Review, which also cited more than a dozen ISA’s white papers –far more than any other source, "Cybersecurity and Private Sector Responses," CQ Congressional Testimony, l/n, accessed 2-21-12, mss)

This doesn't mean we have no … **government requirement**.

# Cyber – 2AC

## Status quo solves best- operators can only move quick enough to solve without any federal interference

**Clinton, Internet Security Alliance president, 2-8**

(Larry, ISA’s mission is to integrate advanced technology with economics and public policy to create a sustainable system of cyber security, ISA published its Cyber Security Social Contract which is both the first and last source cited in the Executive Summary of President Obama’s Cyber Space Policy Review, which also cited more than a dozen ISA’s white papers –far more than any other source, "Cybersecurity and Private Sector Responses," CQ Congressional Testimony, l/n, accessed 2-21-12, mss)

Although it is well known that neither the … mandate defies common sense.

## Doesn’t solve and creates vulnerabilities- resource misallocation

**Clinton, Internet Security Alliance president, 2-8**

(Larry, "Cybersecurity and Private Sector Responses," CQ Congressional Testimony, l/n, accessed 2-21-12, mss)

5. Do no harm ISA has been lobbying for …urge you to follow that approach.

# Cyber – 2AC

## Crushes innovation and US tech leadership

**Amoroso, Stevens Institute of Technology computer science professor, 11**

(Ed, PhD degrees in computer science, has worked in the area of cybersecurity for the past twenty-six years, "The DHS Cybersecurity Mission: Promoting Innovation and Securing Critical Infrastructure," l/n, accessed 2-22-12, mss)

In the past, cybersecurity …the global information infrastructure.

## Innovation is key to heg

**Beckley, Harvard Belfer Center International Security research fellow, 12**

(Michael, research fellow in the International Security Program at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, he will become an assistant professor of political science at Tufts University in the fall of 2012, "China's Century?" International Security, Winter 11/12, l/n, accessed 2-9-12, mss)

The ability to innovate, …**flexibility, responsiveness and credibility**." n82

# Cyber – 2AC

## New strategy makes us go on the cyber-offensive

**Dreyer, Truman National Security Project media relations director, 12**

(Stephanie, "Cyber Warfare: The War America is Losing," policymic, January 2012, www.policymic.com/articles/3645/cyber-warfare-the-war-america-is-losing, accessed 2-22-12, mss)

Second, the U.S. is only … growing danger of cyber-threats.”

## Causes miscalc and perpetual war

**Clarke, Harvard public policy lecturer, 11**

(Richard, Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International affairs Public Policy adjunct lecturer, served the last three presidents as a senior White House Advisor as Special Assistant to the President for Global Affairs, National Coordinator for Security and Counter-terrorism, and Special Advisor to the President for Cyber Security, prior to the White House, Clarke served for 19 years in the Pentagon, the Intelligence Community, and State Department, "Software Power: Cyber warfare is the risky new frontline," Power and Policy, 2-7-11, www.powerandpolicy.com/2011/02/07/software-power-cyber-warfare-is-the-risky-new-frontline/, accessed 2-22-12, mss)

Given a handful of extremely …**peacetime and wartime**.

# Cyber – 2AC

## Kills free speech

**Brito, Mercatus Center research fellow, 11**

(Jerry, senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and director of its Technology Policy Program, and Tate Watkins is a research associate at the Mercatus Center, "The Cybersecurity-Industrial Complex," Reason Magazine, August/Sept 11, reason.com/archives/2011/07/25/the-cybersecurity-industrial-c/singlepage, accessed 2-22-12, mss)

A re-engineered, more secure … **type of activity.**

## Free speech outweighs- key to all rights and prevents war- BUT restrictions cause war and genocide

**D'Souza, International Centre Against Censorship executive director, 96**

(Frances, "Free Speech - Free Media: Rights under Threat?," Public Hearing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy Subcommittee on Human Rights, Brussels, 25 April 1996, www.europarl.europa.eu/hearings/19960425/droi/freedom\_en.htm, accessed 2-22-12, mss)

In the absence of freedom of … which can, and do, avert war.

## Cyber-security is a trojan horse for SOPA

**Bowling, WebProNews staff writer, 2-9**

(Drew, "Is Harry Reid Slipping SOPA Into A New Cyber-Security Bill?" WebProNews, 2-9-12, www.webpronews.com/harry-reid-sopa-cybersecurity-2012-02, accessed 3-6-12, mss)

While details about a proposed … seek to muzzle the Internet.

## SOPA destroys the internet and turns cyber-security

**Lemley et al, Stanford law professor, 11**

(Mark, William H. Neukom Professor at Stanford Law School; David Levine, Assistant Professor at Elon University School of Law; and David Post, Professor at Beasley School of Law, Temple University; "Don't Break the Internet," Stanford Law Review, 12-19-11, www.stanfordlawreview.org/online/dont-break-internet, accessed 3-8-12, mss)

Two bills now pending in …the Internet in its history.

## Internet solves extinction

**Eagleman,** **Baylor neuroscientist, 10**

(David, Ph.D. in Neuroscience at Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine neuroscientist, directs the Laboratory for Perception and Action and the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law, Guggenheim Fellow, a council member in the World Economic Forum, Fellow of the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies, "Six ways the internet will save civilisation," Wired, 11-9-10, www.wired.co.uk/magazine/archive/2010/12/start/apocalypse-no, accessed 3-7-12, mss)

Many great civilisations … threats we’ve never imagined before.

# Kiss of Death CP

## Plan is key to dislodge Assad-only way to make pressure work

**Phillips, Heritage senior research fellow, 1-19-12**

(James, “Preparing for a Post-Assad Syria,” <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/01/us-policy-for-a-post-assad-syria>, DOA: 1-29-12, ldg)

Washington should not lecture …than under the current regime.

## SNC wants to get rid of Assad

**Reuters 3-27-12**

(“Walkouts spoil Syrian opposition's bid for unity”, <http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=263678>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

A meeting of Syrian opposition … we are losing five people. So really, time is life."

## Russia can’t reach a settlement

**Dayen, Fire Dog Lake, 1-30-12**

(David, “Civil War Breaks Out in Syria as Russia Tries to Broker Deal”, <http://news.firedoglake.com/2012/01/30/civil-war-breaks-out-in-syria-as-russia-tries-to-broker-deal/>, DOA: 2-4-12, ldg)

You can find the announcement here. But I don’t … the support is crucial.

## No kiss of death.

**Tobin, Commentary magazine senior online editor, 2011**

(Jonathan, “U.S. Support Doesn’t Taint Syrian Protests”, 7-8, <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2011/07/08/american-support-doesn%E2%80%99t-taint-syrian-protests/>, DOA: 10-8-11, ldg)

U.S. Ambassador Robert S. Ford and his …who will now know they are not alone.

## US is popular regardless of public posturing

**Kessler, Jerusalem Post Middle East Affairs correspondent, 2011**

(Oren, “No substitute for US leadership on Syria”, 12-12, <http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=249058>, DOA: 2-9-12, ldg)

Syria is too important a … too with the US,” he said.

## Syrians prioritize opportunity and freedom-no kiss of death.

**Badran, FDD research fellow, 2011**

(Tony, “Syria’s Assad No Longer in Vogue,” Foreign Affairs, 3-25, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67677/tony-badran/syrias-assad-no-longer-in-vogue?page=show>, DOA: 2-9-12, ldg)

The idea that Assad’s anti-Western … political participation has proved wrong.

## No kiss of death

**Rosen, former New American foundation fellow, 2-12-12**

(Nir, “Nir Rosen on Syria's protest movement ,” Al Jazeera, <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2012/02/20122157654659323.html>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

On the issue of intervention, as on most … helping an oppressed country."

## Comprehensive empirics

**Haas, American Foreign Policy council senior fellow, 2011**

(Lawrence, “The stakes are far too high”, 9-8, <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/09/08/v-print/123482/the-stakes-are-far-too-high-for.html>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

America cannot dictate the … sake and the world’s, it surely should try.

# Russia DA – 2AC

## Anti-American rhetoric tanks relations – difficult to undo

Lally, Washington Post writer, 2-18

(Kathy, "Putin remarks may hurt US-Russia ties," Boston Globe, 2-18-12, http://bostonglobe.com/news/world/2012/02/18/russia-putin-allies-sharpen-anti-american-attacks-ahead-elections/7c4X7aixMIMmXno0aAAkTO/story.html, accessed 2-25-12, mtf)

A nasty spate of anti-Americanism … of the Dec. 4 parliamentary elections.

## Cooperation inevitable.

Trifkovic, Lord Byron Foundation for Balkan Studies executive director, 2-20-12

(Srdja, Foreign Affairs Editor of Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture, "US, Europe and Russia Face Similar Challenges in the Years to Come," The Sacremento Bee, PR Newswire, 2-20-12, http://www.sacbee.com/2012/02/20/4276777/us-europe-and-russia-face-similar.html, accessed 2-26-12, mtf)

Srdja Trifkovic, has said that the US … challenges in the years to come."

## Relations resilient-no war.

AP, 2-17-12

(Associated Press, "Anti-U.S. rhetoric heats up Putin campaign," CBS News, 2-17-12, http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202\_162-57380262/anti-u.s-rhetoric-heats-up-putin-campaign/, accessed 2-26-12, mtf)

Anti-U.S. rhetoric works … any serious rift with the U.S."

## Alt cause- US won’t engage Russia

**Trenin, Carnegie Moscow Center director, 2-28**

(Dmitri, Ph.D., chairs the Carnegie Research Council and the Foreign and Security Policy Program, former NATO Defense College in Rome senior research fellow, "Putin the Peacemaker?" Foreign Policy, 2-28-12, www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/02/28/putin\_the\_peacemaker?page=full, accessed 3-3-12, mss)

Russia's once and future president, … in the world. It is hardly affordable now.

## No backlash to the plan

**Mead, Bard Foreign affaris professor, 1-2-12**

(Walter, “Bad News for Assad: Putin Too Busy To Take His Calls”, <http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/2012/01/02/bad-news-for-assad-putin-too-busy-to-take-his-calls/>, DOA: 1-25-12, ldg)

The increasingly gore-spattered Syrian tyrant Bashar Assad is watching Russia closely. As Via Meadia has previously noted, Assad has relied on the Kremlin running interference for his conduct while he proceeds to murder his own people with impunity. These days, Putin has many more things to think about than Russia’s stake in the survival of its unsavory Syrian ally. Russia isn’t going to endorse UN Security Council resolutions calling for humanitarian intervention and NATO bombing missions to take out Assad’s army, but it isn’t going to go out of its way to pick fights over the issue, either. Assad and Putin wish each other well, and both cordially detest the insolence of populations who refuse to go on doing as they are told, but the more trouble they are in, the less they can do for each other. The Russia-Syrian alliance was never very helpful to either country, but its emptiness has never been more obvious than now, when Assad desperately needs all the help he can get.

## All their cards are posturing

**Kelemen, former NPR Moscow bureau chief, 2011**

(Michelle, “U.S. 'Reset' With Russia On Edge After Syria Vote”, 10-9, http://www.npr.org/2011/10/09/141187527/u-s-reset-with-russia-on-edge-after-u-n-vote, DOA: 1-25-12, ldg)

There's another reason why the … we really don't toward them."

**Give a Russia war impact zero probability – politics, military superiority, economic concerns, and nuclear security all check war**

**Thomas Graham , senior advisor on Russia in the US National Security Council staff 2002-2007, September 2007** , ("Russia in Global Affairs” July - September 2007, The Dialectics of Strength and Weakness An astute historian of Russia, AND long-term relations with Russia. )jwa

An astute historian of Russia, Martin … long-term relations with Russia.

# Lashout DA – 2AC

## Keeping Assad makes sectarian regional war inevitable.

**Doran et al., Saban Center senior fellow, 2011**

(Michael, “Getting Serious in Syria”, 7-29, <http://www.brookings.edu/articles/2011/0801_syria_doran_shaikh.aspx>, DOA: 2-28-12, ldg)

Similar worries beset other … egregiously, Israel (with the Nakba and Naksa day protests in the Golan).

## Assad wouldn’t lash out—leaves him vulnerable

**Zisser, Tel Aviv University Middle Eastern and African Studies director, 2011**

(Eyal, “The Syrian Uprising: Implications for Israel”, 8-9, <http://www.jcpa.org/JCPA/Templates/ShowPage.asp>, DOA: 2-28-12, ldg)

The Syrian regime has no …against this uprising.

## Hezbollah won’t lash out

**IRIN 2011**

(a service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, “Briefing: Six months into the Syrian uprising”, 9-28, <http://www.irinnews.org/printreport.aspx?reportid=93842>, DOA: 3-8-12, ldg)

Weakened by the …be the “biggest loser”.

## No assad lashout

**Eiran, Haifa University postdoctoral fellow, 2011**

(Ehud, “Watching from the Sidelines: Israel and the Syrian Uprising”, 11-7, <http://www.usip.org/files/resources/PB111.pdf>, DOA: 3-8-12, ldg)

On the ground, Israel …Israel in dramatic ways.

## Assad is teetering-political alternative is key.

**The National 3-21-12**

(“Assad's apologists cling to the lies of a crumbling regime”, <http://www.thenational.ae/thenationalconversation/comment/assads-apologists-cling-to-the-lies-of-a-crumbling-regime>, DOA: 3-24-12, ldg)

And yet, the Syrian ministry's absurd … watch the murders.

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# Kiss of Death CP – 1AR

## No kiss of death

**Rosen, former New American foundation fellow, 2-12-12**

(Nir, “Nir Rosen on Syria's protest movement ,” Al Jazeera, <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2012/02/20122157654659323.html>, DOA: 3-28-12, ldg)

On the issue of intervention, as on … and occupation and helping an oppressed country."

## Syrians prioritize opportunity and freedom-no kiss of death.

**Badran, FDD research fellow, 2011**

(Tony, “Syria’s Assad No Longer in Vogue,” Foreign Affairs, 3-25, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67677/tony-badran/syrias-assad-no-longer-in-vogue?page=show>, DOA: 2-9-12, ldg)

The idea that Assad’s anti-Western …and political participation has proved wrong.

# A2: Russia DA Solves

## Russia can’t reach a settlement

**Dayen, Fire Dog Lake, 1-30-12**

(David, “Civil War Breaks Out in Syria as Russia Tries to Broker Deal”, <http://news.firedoglake.com/2012/01/30/civil-war-breaks-out-in-syria-as-russia-tries-to-broker-deal/>, DOA: 2-4-12, ldg)

You can find the announcement here. But I … Syria militarily, so the support is crucial.

# Russia DA – No Link

## All their cards are posturing

**Kelemen, former NPR Moscow bureau chief, 2011**

(Michelle, “U.S. 'Reset' With Russia On Edge After Syria Vote”, 10-9, http://www.npr.org/2011/10/09/141187527/u-s-reset-with-russia-on-edge-after-u-n-vote, DOA: 1-25-12, ldg)

There's another reason why the … we really don't toward them."

# Cyber – 1AR – UNQ

## More evidence- the market solves

**Clinton, Internet Security Alliance president, 2-8**

(Larry, "Cybersecurity and Private Sector Responses," CQ Congressional Testimony, l/n, accessed 2-21-12, mss)

WHAT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOING? … to counter the cyber threat.

# Cyber – 1AR – Internal Link Turn

## Slippery slope- even a light touch snowballs- strangles industries

**Ridge, former DHS secretary, 2-16**

(Tom, former Department of Homeland Security secretary, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Hearing on Cybersecurity Act of 2012, CQ Transcriptions, 2-16-12, l/n, accessed 2-21-12, mss)

But I'll take you at your word that … a chance to articulate it before the committee.