**Tunisia AFF – Plan – 1AC**

**The United States federal government should offer democratic governance assistance to Tunisia.**

**Tunisia 1AC – Credibility**

**Contention One – 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 embrace a long-term …… to remake America in Middle Eastern eyes, and become the country it imagines itself to be.

**Engaging the Ennadha is key**

**McIreney, Executive Director of the project on Middle East Democracy, 11**

[Stephen, November 8, 2011, “Islamist Victory in Tunisia Presents Opportunity for U.S. Engagement”, http://fikraforum.org/2011/11/islamist-victory-in-tunisia-represents-opportunity-for-u-s-engagement/, 11/29/11, atl]

Ahead of the elections, many predicted that electoral success …… empowered across the region, which is an opportunity the U.S. cannot afford to miss.

**Relative power is declining and regaining legitimacy is the only way to ensure that the United States sustains power projection with stable international leverage and cooperation**

**Zakaria, professor of IR and political philosophy at Harvard and Columbia University, 11**

[Fareed, “The Post-American World”, W. W. Norton & Company, 2011, 12/4/11, atl]

Legitimacy is power. The United States has every kind of …… its immense power tolerable to the world for so long.

**Future alt causes don’t apply – establishing moral legitimacy conforms future policies**

**Finnemore, professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University, 09**

[Martha, January 2009, “Legitimacy, Hypocrisy, and the Social Structure of Unipolarity: Why Being a Unipole Isn’t All It’s Cracked Up to Be,” World Politics, Volume 61, Number 1, 2/13/12, atl]

Constructing a social system that legitimates preferred ……from a unipole as building armies or bank accounts.

**The alternative 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 the US is in systemic decline, but it …… be devoid of unrivalled US primacy.

**Heg de-escalates conflict and provides the framing for international cooperation**

**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)

It is worth first examining the larger picture: We live in a time of arguably …… century, setting the stage for the Pacific Century now unfolding.

**U.S. hegemonic decline causes global great-power war, collapses trade and spreads economic nationalism and protectionism**

**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 the US is in systemic decline, but it encompasses a …… will inevitably be devoid of unrivalled US primacy.

**That causes great power war**

**Hillebrand, Kentucky diplomacy professor, 2010**

(Evan, “Deglobalization Scenarios: Who Wins? Who Loses?”, Global Economy Journal, Volume 10, Issue 2, ebsco, ldg)

A long line of writers from Cruce (1623) to Kant (1797) to Angell (1907) to Gartzke (2003) have theorized that economic interdependence …… makes for more fractious relations among states and the probability for interstate war rises.

**War is at its lowest level in history because of US primacy---best statistical studies prove heg solves war because it makes democratic peace resilient globalization sustainable---it’s the deeper cause of proximate checks against war**

**Owen, UVA politics professor, 2011**

(John, “Don’t Discount Hegemony”, 2-11, http://www.cato-unbound.org/2011/02/11/john-owen/dont-discount-hegemony/, DOA: 10-9-11, ldg)

We would still need to explain how this charmed circle of causes …… U.S. material and moral support for liberal democracy remains strong.

**Absolute decline means the US will become uncooperative and desperate---hegemonic wars will ensue**

**Goldstein, Penn IR professor, 2007**

(Avery, “Power transitions, institutions, and China's rise in East Asia: Theoretical expectations and evidence,” Journal of Strategic Studies, Volume 30, Issue 4 & 5 August, ebsco, ldg)

Two closely related, though distinct, theoretical arguments focus explicitly on the consequences …… about the period prior to the possible crossover.19 pg. 647-650

**Every credible measure of study shows violence is down because of everything consistent with the aff---heg, democracy, liberal trade---it’s only a question of sustaining current dynamics and preventing shocks to the system**

**Pinker, Harvard psychology professor, 2011**

(Steven, “Violence Vanquished”, 9-24, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111904106704576583203589408180.html, DOA; 10-9-11, ldg)

Believe it or not, the world of the past was much worse. Violence has been in decline for …… and rights revolutions coincided with the electronic global village.

**Focus on strategic deterrence and democracy are key to adverting crisis escalation—reject the infinite number of root causes that debilitate action**

**Moore, UVA law professor, 2004**

(John, “Beyond the Democratic Peace: Solving the War Puzzle”, 44 Va. J. Int'l L. 341, Winter, lexis, ldg)

If major interstate war is predominantly a ……deterrence are dramatically increased or decreased?

**Shocks to the system are the ONLY propensity for conflict—globalization and liberal norms have eradicated warfare and structural violence—every field study proves**

**Horgan, Stevens Institute of Technology Center for Science director, 2009**

(John, “The End of the Age of War”, 12-6, http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2009/12/06/the-end-of-the-age-of-war.html, DOA: 10-9-11, ldg)

The economic crisis was supposed to increase ……—or something like it may finally come to pass.

**Tunisia 1AC – Solvency**

**Contention Three – Solvency**

**They’ll say yes**

**Doherty, administrator to Bikyamaster, 11**

[Ryan, November 2, 2011, “Successful elections portend a bright future in Tunisia”, <http://bikyamasr.com/47130/successful-elections-portend-a-bright-future-in-tunisia/>, 11/29/11, atl]

Tunisian political parties have also sought ……, which reinforced Tunisian animosity towards its former colonial master.

**Good governance reinvigorates public faith in the government and provides a solid economic foundation**

**Le Nevez, writer for Tunisia Live, 3/4**(Adam, Post-Doc in Linguistics – University of Luxemburg, March 4, 2012, “[No Quick Fix for the Tunisian Economy](http://www.tunisia-live.net/2012/03/04/no-quick-fix-for-the-tunisian-economy/)”, http://www.tunisia-live.net/2012/03/04/no-quick-fix-for-the-tunisian-economy/, 2/5/12, atl)

For a country that went into revolution on the ….. has suffered from decades of economic neglect.

**Aid now takes out DAs but not the aff**

**Democracy Digest, 3-29**

(March 29, 2012, “US gives $100 million to support Tunisia’s transition”, http://www.demdigest.net/blog/2012/03/us-gives-100-million-to-support-tunisias-transition/, 3/29/12, atl)

The United States will donate $100 million to support …… undergoing transitions or implementing democratic reforms.

**Expanding transparency efforts are key to solve institutional change in Tunisia.**

**Sullivan, Ph.D., the Executive Director of the Center for International Private Enterprise, 2011**

(John D, February 23, “Rethinking Development Assistance in the Middle East,” <http://pomed.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/policy-brief-series_sullivan.pdf>, d/a 2-10-12, ads)

In a section highlighting the need for high-impact …… as well as in dealings between government and business, especially in public procurement.

**The world rocks**

**Pinker, Harvard psychology professor, 2011**

(Steven, “Violence Vanquished”, 9-24, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111904106704576583203589408180.html>, DOA; 10-9-11, ldg)

The decline, to be sure, has not been smooth. ……, that the Long Peace and rights revolutions coincided with the electronic global village.

**The role of the ballot is to simulate enactment of the plan. That’s the most productive way to engage Mid East politics**

**Heydemann, former Columbia political science professor, 2002**

(Steven, “Defending the Discipline,” Journal of Democracy Vol. 13, No. 3, project muse, ldg)

Though Kramer's book is severely flawed, 2 the larger question …… liberalization in the Middle East during the course of the 1990s.

**2AC Round 3**

**Case**

**The role of the ballot is to simulate the action of the plan – research is based and the link between democracy implementation is clear and is largely accurate especially in context of the middle east – that’s Heydemann**

**Moral legitimacy is different from your generic links – Finnemore says that is allows for a global cooperative environment that conforms future policies towards greater human rights standards – solves their interventionism arguments**

**Heg collapse leads to international chaos guaranteeing international self-security – means even if they win full alt solvency we have UQ on international policy reactions to the alt – causes nuclear war and turns the alt – that’s Zhang**

**Heg de-escalates conflict and is responsible for a 99% decrease in deaths – it also provides the framework for the spread of human rights, and freedom – that’s Barnett**

**U.S. hegemonic decline causes global great-power war, collapses trade and spreads economic nationalism and protectionism – Zhang**

**Trade collapse independently goes nuclear – causes nationalism and the collapse of cooperative frameworks – making war inevitable – that’s Hillebrand**

**War is at its lowest level in history because of US primacy---best statistical studies prove heg solves war because it makes democratic peace resilient globalization sustainable---it’s the deeper cause of proximate checks against war**

**Owen, UVA politics professor, 2011**

**Absolute decline means the US will become uncooperative and desperate---means even if they win total alt solvency – policy reactions would inevitably turn violent – that’s Goldstein**

**Every credible measure of study shows violence is down because of heg, democracy, liberal trade – historical trends prove that violence comparatively is 1% of the magnitude it used to be – that’s Pinker**

**There’s an infinite set of moving actors attributed to violence – means human psychological violence is inevitable – there’s only a chance of solving proximate causes of war – democracy and hegemonic deterrence are the only two forces know to be able to provide that security – that’s Moore**

**Violence is decreasing now – war and structural conflicts seem to be nonexistent - newest studies show a clear decrease in violence – law resolves the issues of us/them dichotomies – democracy and hegemony are the only causal explanations for these drops in violence – that’s Horgan**

**Violence is decreasing in all facets of life – Pinker takes in depth studies concluding that in every area of life violence is drastically decreasing – a monopoly on force is the greatest pacifying force known – people are not less violent people but are actually prone to violence – hegemony deters people’s willingness to follow through with violence – creates empathy and understanding – solves the mpx**

**Make them prove a link to the plan-we aren’t responsible for past atrocities or what the plan could be used for-just what it does.**

**McKelvey, Newsweek correspondent, 2011**

(Tara, “The Abandonment of Democracy Promotion”, The International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law Volume 13, Issue 3, June 2011, <http://www.icnl.org/knowledge/ijnl/vol13iss3/special_2.html> , DOA: 9-12-11, ldg)

On the far left, where the work of Noam Chomsky is admired, many people believe …… Obama will not be there for them.

**The plan is a pre-req and springboard for the alt- liberal democracy is the only hope for leftist politics- the alternative leads to disastrous violence**

**Mouffe, University of Westminster politics and IR professor, 92**

(Chantal, “Democratic Politics Today,” in *Dimensions of Radical Democracy: Pluralism, Citizenship, Community,* ed. by Chantal Mouffe, 1992, 1-3, mss)

On the eve of the twenty-first century, amid the upheavals the world is witnessing, …… construe modern democracy and define our identity as citizens?

**And, Democratic peace is true – da to the alt**

**Reiter et al., Emory political science professor, 2009**

(Dan, “Another Skirmish in the Battle over Democracies and War" International Security, Volume 34, Number 2, Fall, project muse, ldg)

In previous articles and in our 2002 book Democracies at War, we argued that …… democratic initiators won five interstate wars, and tied or lost none.

**Liberalism can affirm cultural difference and contingency – their critique is a totalizing portrayal of liberalism that destroys progressive change**

**Arslan, Polis Akademisi Güvenlik Bilimleri Fakültesi government professor, 1999**

(Zhutu, “Taking Rights Less Seriously,” <http://www.philosophy.ru/library/pdf/234617.pdf>, DOA: 12-16-11, ldg)

Incredulous of foundational truth claims, the postmodernists reject the idea that ……conceptions of autonomous self and universality. Perhaps they need to begin taking rights more seriously.

**K**

**Interpretation - aff gets the plan, neg gets a competitive policy option or the status quo.**

**Impacts:**

**A). Ground – Infinite number of non-policy arguments that you could run, making it impossible to research.**

**B). Even if we don't go for our interpretation, we should get to weigh our impacts. Mooting the 1AC makes it impossible to be affirmative.**

**c). Vague alts bad - it's a moving target, makes it impossible to debate - this is an independent voting issue. We can’t read arguments that link if we don’t know what the alternative is.**

**Says yes and non-military intervention proves no link**

**Our framework wasn’t in the 1AC – we just specified how the judge should evaluate the round – we didn’t have preemptive frameworks – it’s inevitable on both sides and we should be able to construct best justifications of the aff**

**Not true - Positivist predictions of violence declining have produced valuable results – it reduces the problematic variables in social studies and is based upon precise examination – it’s not utopian but based off of real facts while the K is cut off from reality – that’s Sorensen**

**Rational choice theory produces powerful accounts of problems both social and macro political – it is not undermined by any fault in epistemology and is based of empirically valid ideas – that’s Owen**

**Flawed empiricism is better than giving up all meaning.**

**Sil, assistant professor of Political Science at University of Pennsylvania, 2000**

(Rudra, “Against Epistemological Absolutism”, pg 160-61, ldg)

An even stronger case is made by Paul Feyerabend who …… extreme epistemological positions.

**The 1AC does not presume there is objective or universal knowledge, but empiricism should be used to guide political action in the mean time.**

**Sherry, law professor University of Minnesota, 1996**

(Suzanna, “ARTICLE: THE SLEEP OF REASON”, Georgetown Law Journal, lexis, ldg)

In order to make even such a limited defense, however, I must first …… behave as if there were. It remains only to give that epistemology content.

**True self-understanding is only possible through mediating institutions—the foundation of freedom and reflective choice requires ethical engagement with the state. Failure to engage in the state for mutual recognition of self and Other causes a regression to a state of nature characterized by perpetual war and aggression—this is the root cause of all other impacts.**

**Patten, McGill University political Science professor, 2001**

(Alan, “Social Contract Theory and the Politics of Recognition,” in Beyond Liberalism and Communitarianism, ed. Robert Williams, SUNY Press, pg. 175-176) cab

The suggestion seems to be that **the possession of a certain ……** "**Only in the state is the recognition of freedom complete**" (Henrich 74).

**Method focus causes endless paradigm wars**

**Wendt, Ohio State international security professor, 1998**

(Alexander, “On Constitution and Causation in International Relations”, Review of International Studies, 24.5, ebsco, ldg)

As a community, we in the academic study of international politics …….of the Third Debate’s sparring over epistemology is often one-sided, intolerant caricatures of science.

**Zero risk of intervention**

**Youngs et al., FRIDE Democratisation programme coordinator, 2006**

(Richard, “Democracy Promotion and the European Left: Ambivalence Confused?”, December, <http://www.fride.org/publication/19/democracy-promotion-and-the-european-left:-ambivalence-confused>, DOA: 9-23-11, ldg)

**The left needs to get beyond a line of ‘……** towards a Westphalian view of international relations, reversing the evolution in its own internal debates during the 1990s.

**Democracy promotion doesn’t necessitate Western triumphalism- its key to repudiate oppression, violence and extremism**

**Brooks, Georgetown University law professor, 12**

(Rosa, New America Foundation Bernard Schwartz senior fellow, from April 2009 to June 2011 she served in a senior position at the Department of Defense, "Democracy Promotion: Done Right, A Progressive Cause," Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Issue 23, Winter 2012, [www.democracyjournal.org/23/democracy-promotion-done-right-a-progressive-cause.php?page=all](http://www.democracyjournal.org/23/democracy-promotion-done-right-a-progressive-cause.php?page=all), accessed 12-14-11, mss)

The events of the last year make this as good a time as any to ask …… wrong in democracies, but it is hard for them to go badly wrong forever.

**Liberal democracy is statistically more peaceful than any alternative**

**Zakaria, Harvard political science PhD, 1997**

(Fareed, The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad, 114-117, ldg)

Lang's embarrassment highlights two common, and often mistaken, assumptions -- that the forces of democracy are the forces of ethnic harmony and of peace. Neither is necessarily true. Mature liberal democracies can …… peace, it turns out, has little to do with democracy.

**We don’t trade off with self-empowerment – governance is a PR to grass roots movements – they’ve already established their government it’s only a question of making it effective – US governance solves that and allows for political self-determination – that’s Le Nevez**

**Your generalizations of the state are based on faulty scholarship**

**Claude, UVA IR professor, 1988**

(Inis, “Myths about the State”, Review of International Studies, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Jan., 1986), pp. 1-11, JSTOR, ldg)

This notion of the state derives, I think, from two sources. …… of states produces its own batch of difficulties.

**Their orientalism links are essentialist-makes them inevitable. Aff is key to stop atrocities.**

**Ahadi et al., International Commmittees against Execution and Stoning founder, 2011**

(Mina, “The Arab Spring is not a 'Black' Spring: Open Letter to Ayaan Hirsi Ali from Mina Ahadi and Maryam Namazie”, 7-26, <http://maryamnamazie.blogspot.com/2011/07/arab-spring-is-not-black-spring-open.html>, DOA: 11-4-11, ldg)

At the same time, though, today, there are more fundamental …… solidarity for a secular, modern and human Middle East and North Africa.

**Orientalism should be applied on a case by case basis, in which data precedes method.**

**Whitaker, former Guardian Middle East editor, 2008**

(Brian, “Reclaiming orientalism”, 6-19, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/jun/19/middleeast>, DOA: 1-29-12, ldg)

Edward Said changed the way western universities approach ……enlargement of horizons, and the will to dominate for the purposes of control.

**Rejecting orientalism collapses Mideast engagement**

**Vabjorn, Aarhus political science PhD, 2004**

(Morten, “Culture Blind and Culture Blinded: Images of Middle Eastern Conflicts in International Relations,” in Middle East and Palestine: Global Politics and Regional Conflict, pg 67-8, ldg)

As mentioned before, the relational perspective is a critique of ……. and critical questions than at offering attractive answers.

**Alt leads to interventionism-turns the K**

**McCormack, PhD in International Relations from the University of Westminster, 2010**

(Tara, Critique, Security and Power: The political limits to emancipatory approaches, page 127-129, ldg)

The following section will briefly raise some questions about …… critical and emancipatory theoretical approaches.