## Off 1

#### The aff must specify which branch passes the plan

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#### - Ground- we lose branch-specific counterplans, disads, and case arguments

#### - Condo- not specifying allows 2AC clarification to moot links.

#### - Real World- no such actor as the USFG, only specific branches

## Off 2

#### Text: The President of the United States should issue an executive order to establish a matching funds program to develop and build a Liquid Fluoride Thorium Nuclear Reactor in its national labs

Executive orders are the most effective way to implement policies

**Mayer 1** (Kenneth, Professor of Political Science @ University of Wisconsin – Madison, *With the Stroke of a Pen)*

These chronicles of presidential decisiveness and unilateral action are at odds with the prevailing scholarly

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President’s lawmaking role is substantial, persistent, and in many cases disturbing.”

Executive orders increase presidential power

**Risen 4 (**Clay, Managing editor of *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas,* M.A. from the University of Chicago “The Power of the Pen: The Not-So-Secret Weapon of Congress-wary Presidents” The American Prospect, July 16, <http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=the_power_of_the_pen>)

In the modern era, executive orders have

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labor relations to reproductive health.

**Pres powers key to strong U.S Leadership**

**Mallaby 00 (**Sebastian, Member, Washington Post’s Editorial Board, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb)

Finally, some will object that the weakness of the presidency as an institution is

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on cultural forces that nobody can change, such as isolationism or multiculturalism.

**Heg prevents great power conflict, terrorism, and nuclear war – no alternatives – intervention is inevitable, only a question of effectiveness**

**Kagan 11**

[contributing editor to The Weekly Standard and a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution, Robert, “The Price of Power”, 1-24, Vol. 16, No. 18, http://www.weeklystandard.com/print/articles/price-power\_533696.html]

Today the international situation is also one of high risk. • The terrorists who

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in the kind of international system that American power has built and defended.

## Off 3

#### Prices are teetering at 91 a barrel.

Kumar and Kollmeyer 9/20/12 V. Phani Kumar and Barbara Kollmeyer, “Oil prices straddle $91 after China data,” MarketWatch <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/oil-futures-slide-further-test-91-a-barrel-2012-09-20?link=MW_latest_news>, Accessed 9/20/12, mcmc

Crude-oil futures were straddling the $91-a-barrel mark in

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month crude-oil futures have slumped nearly 8% just this week.

#### Nuclear power decreases oil prices by replacing fuel for public transportation and ships and causes transition to hydrogen and synthetic fuels.

ANS 2012; American Nuclear Society, Top 10 Myths about Nuclear Energy, <http://www.new.ans.org/pi/resources/myths/>, Accessed 9/16/12, mcmc

Myth # 10: Nuclear energy can't reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Nuclear

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oil by producing hydrogen for use in fuel cells and synthetic liquid fuels.

#### High oil prices key to Saudi Arabian social spending – checks broader Middle East instability

Peel and Blas 11 Michael Peel, Javier Blas, writers, “Saudi budget could require high oil price”, 3/31/11, Financial Times, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/87d60044-5bbb-11e0-b8e7-00144feab49a.html#axzz20zLPp2yl>, Accessed 9/16/12, mcmc

Saudi Arabia could need the oil price to average more than $100 a barrel

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to satisfy activists who were angry that the package did not include reforms.

#### Middle Eastern instability causes nuclear, chemical, and biological war.

Blake 11 Hedi Blake, 2/2/11 Telegraph, Wikileaks: tension in the Middle East and Asia has direct potential to lead to nuclear war,” <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/wikileaks/8298427/WikiLeaks-tension-in-the-Middle-East-and-Asia-has-direct-potential-to-lead-to-nuclear-war.html>, Accessed 9/17/12, mcmc

Tension in the Middle East and Asia has given rise to an escalating atomic arms

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nervous system in under a minute if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

## Off 4

#### Investment in nuclear power is a move by capitalist strategists to continue long term control over energy policy. Rejecting capitalist energy policy now is key to forging new socialist democratic practices.

**The Socialist 6** – Socialist Socialist issue 437 (27 April 2006, http://www.socialistparty.org.uk/campaign/NHS/5168 ),

: S.O.S NHS! Stop the cuts and jobs slaughter, mcmc

Faced with massive increases in prices of oil, capitalist leaders like Tony Blair are

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oppose nuclear power and to explain the advantages of a democratic planned economy.

#### Renewable energy makes capitalism WORSE by ignoring limits on exponential growth. The plan simply guarantees that we have the fuel to continue destroying the planet

**Trainer 07** – Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work, University of New South Wales (Ted, *Renewable Energy Cannot Sustain A Consumer Society,* pg. 125-126)

The core “limits to growth” claim is that the huge global problems we

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ways. Few people seem to grasp the magnitude of the required reductions.

#### Resisting capitalism’s reliance on economic evaluation is the ultimate ethical responsibility – the current social order guarantees social exclusion on a global scale

**Zizek and Daly 2k4** (Slavoj and Glyn, Conversations with Zizek page 14-16)

For Zizek it is imperative that we cut through this Gordian knot of postmodern protocol

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abject Other to that of a ‘glitch’ in an otherwise sound matrix.

**The alternative is to reject the affirmative as an intellectual refusal of capitalist ideology**

**Johnston 2004**, Johnston, interdisciplinary research fellow in psychoanalysis at Emory University, 2004 Adrian, Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society, December v9 i3 p259 page infotrac

Perhaps the absence of a detailed political roadmap in Zizek's recent writings isn't a

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comforting fiction ("Capitalist commodity fetishism or the truth? I choose fetishism").

## Off 5

#### Obama will win – key states

LOBE 9 – 8 – 12 Washington Bureau Chief of the international news agency Inter Press Service (IPS), JD Berkeley [Jim Lobe, U.S.: Advantage Obama As Election Begins in Earnest, <http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/09/u-s-advantage-obama-as-election-begins-in-earnest/>]

Despite persistent high levels

speech in Tampa was widely criticised, even by fellow-Republicans.

#### Plan hurts obamas environmental lobby

Mick 10 6-19-10 [Jason Daily Tech, Obama Fights For Nuclear, Environmentalists Label Him a Shill http://www.dailytech.com/Obama+Fights+For+Nuclear+Environmentalists+Label+Him+a+Shill/article18781.htm]

Despite these small victories, President Obama's nuclear vision faces many impending obstacles.

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factors that will already make President Obama's presidency noteworthy.

#### That will swing the election

Huffington Post 6/11/2012 [Eli Lehrer, President, R Street How Mitt Romney Can Win the Environmental Vote http://www.huffingtonpost.com/eli-lehrer/post\_3484\_b\_1583319.html]

A bit on Romney's great week first and why it probably won't deliver the election

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be enough to put Romney over the top. So how can he do it?

#### Romney will undermine Russia relations

LARISON 6 – 27 – 12 Columnist for the American Conservative [Daniel Larison “U.S.-Russian Relations Would Get Much Worse Under Romney” <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/larison/u-s-russian-relations-would-get-much-worse-under-romney/>]

Putin doesn’t actually want a “hard-line conservative in the White House.”

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Russian relations will deteriorate much more than they have in the last year.

#### Nuclear war – Terrorism, Prolif, multiple hotspots

ALLISON 11 Director @ Belfer Center for Science and Int’l Affairs @ Harvard’s Kennedy School, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Robert D. Blackwill, Senior Fellow – Council on Foreign Relations [Graham Allison, “10 Reasons Why Russia Still Matters”, Politico -- October 31 -- <http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=161EF282-72F9-4D48-8B9C-C5B3396CA0E6>]

That central point is that Russia matters a great deal to a U.S

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to Tehran to joining China in preventing U.N. Security Council resolutions

# Warming

#### Thorium reactors not viable or commercialized

Rees 11 ([Eifion Rees](http://www.guardian.co.uk/profile/eifion-rees)-[Ecologist](http://www.theecologist.org/) and staff writer for the Guardian, “Don't believe the spin on thorium being a greener nuclear option” June 23, 2011 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jun/23/thorium-nuclear-uranium> DATE ACCESSED: 9/19/12) TM

China did announce this year that it intended to develop a thorium MSR, but

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Money for Nuclear (NM4N) and Communities Against Nuclear Expansion (CANE).¶

Means they cant access any short term impact

#### Doomsday warming predictions are false.

**Aikman**, **11**—Amos, the Australian Staff Reporter, “Climate forecasts 'exaggerated': Science journal” 11-15-11 http://www.theaustrali-an.com.au/news/health-science/climate-forecasts-exaggerated-science-journal/story-e6frg8y6-1226205464958 accessed date: 5-15-12 y2k

Dramatic forecasts of global warming resulting from a doubling of atmospheric carbon dioxide have been

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, the results imply less probability of extreme climatic change than previously thought."

#### No impact to warming—you should assign zero risk.

**Lindzen 9**—Richard S. Lindzen is the Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“Resisting climate hysteria” 8-14-09 <http://www.thepeoplesvoice.org/TPV3/Voices.php/2009/08/14/resisting-climate-hysteria> Accessed date: 7-15-12 y2k

Climate alarmists respond that some of the hottest years on record have occurred during the

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history tells us that greater wealth and development can profoundly increase our resilience.

#### Warming inevitable- too late and china prevents

**Mims ’12** (Christopher Mims, 3-26-2012, “Climate scientists: It’s basically too late to stop warming,” Grist, http://grist.org/list/climate-scientists-its-basically-too-late-to-stop-warming/

If you like cool weather and not having to club your neighbors as you battle

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unstable autocratic political system demands growth at all costs. That means coal.

#### Their answers don’t assume the change Romney will create – his rhetoric creates a self-fulfilling prophecy of aggression

BANDOW 12 Senior Fellow at CATO [Doug Bandow, 4/23/12, Romney and Russia: Complicating American Relations, National Interest, p. <http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-skeptics/romney-russia-complicating-american-relationships-6836>]

Mitt Romney has become the inevitable Republican presidential candidate. He’s hoping to paint Barack

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However, Washington should not give Moscow additional reasons to indulge its paranoia.

Even if relations have been low in the past decades doesnt take into account Romney

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# Prolif

#### \*\* Prolif leadership high now

Bigongiari 12 (U.S. assumes leadership of G8′s non-proliferation bodies Published on [January 25, 2012](http://www.bioprepwatch.com/us_bioterror_policy/u-s-assumes-leadership-of-g8s-non-proliferation-bodies/322874/) by [Jeffrey Bigongiari](http://www.bioprepwatch.com/author/jeffrey_bigongiari/) <http://www.bioprepwatch.com/us_bioterror_policy/u-s-assumes-leadership-of-g8s-non-proliferation-bodies/322874/>)

As the head of the G8 in 2012, the United States has assumed leadership

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and radiological security, scientific engagement and U.N. nonproliferation efforts.

#### \*\*\* No scenario for attack—only theoretical

#### \*\* Prolif slow- their impact are inflated

Yusuf 9 (Moeed, Fellow and Ph.D. Candidate in the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range

Future – Boston University, “Predicting Proliferation: The History of the Future of Nuclear Weapons”, Brookings Policy Paper 11, January, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/Files/rc/papers/2009/01\_nuclear\_proliferation\_ yusuf/01\_nuclear\_proliferation\_yusuf.pdf)

It is a paradox that few aspects of international security have been as closely scrutinized

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chain reaction will break out than was the case during the Cold War.

#### Thorium produces uranium- leads to proliferation

Makhijani 09 (Arjun Makhijani and Michele Boyd- Physicans for Social Responsibility, US affiliate of International Physicians for the prevention of nuclear war, “Thorium Fuel: No Panacea for Nuclear Power” July 2009 <http://ieer.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/thorium2009factsheet.pdf> DATE ACCESSED: 9/19/12) TM

Thorium is not actually a “fuel” because it is not fissile and therefore

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bomb-useable plutonium is created and can be separated out by reprocessing.

#### \*\* Empirically denied – North Korea, India, Pakistan went nuclear – no war

#### -- No nuclear terrorism – acquisition impossible – prefer recent evidence

Krepon 9 (Michael, Co-Founder – Henry L. Stimson Center and Diplomat Scholar – University of Virginia, “The Mushroom Cloud That Wasn’t”, Foreign Affairs, May / June, Lexis)

At the height of the Cold War, almost no one was bold enough or

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cooperate in preventing worst-case scenarios from occurring -- than ever before.

#### -- No motive for nuclear terror

Maerli 00 (Morten Bremer, Science Program Fellow in the Center for International Security and Cooperation – Stanford University, “Relearning the ABCs: Terrorists and “Weapons of Mass Destruction”, The Nonproliferation Review, Summer)

Furthermore, a group’s interest in ABC weaponry is not the same as obtaining such

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new means and methods of violence with unknown outcomes would be less appealing.

#### -- No extinction

Easterbrook 3 (Gregg, Senior Fellow – New Republic, “We’re All Gonna Die!”, Wired Magazine, July, http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.07/doomsday.html?pg=1&topic=&topic\_set=)

If we're talking about doomsday - the end of human civilization - many scenarios simply

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as he was, wrote Remembrance of Things Past while lying in bed.

#### Prolif inevitable

Gerson and Boyars 7 (Michael Gerson, Member – CNA’s Center for Strategic Studies, MA in International Relations – University of Chicago, and Jacob, Intern – CNA’s Center for Strategic Studies, MA in Security Studies – Georgetown University,   
“The Mix of New Subjects” and “Deterrent Against US Power”, 9-18, http://www.cna.org/documents/D0017171.A2.pdf)

The mix of new subjects of U.S. deterrence, such as emerging

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nuclear weapons as the only possible deterrent against U.S. power.

#### \*\* No war

Waltz 7 (Kenneth, Professor – UC Berkeley, “A Nuclear Iran”, Journal of International Affairs, 3-22, Lexis)

First, nuclear proliferation is not a problem because nuclear weapons have not proliferated.

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exception, over a period of more than fifty years. Pretty impressive.

#### No wildfire prolif – most recent studies

Potter 10 (William, Director – James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies“The NPT and Sources of Nuclear Restraint” Daedalus, Winter 2010)

One of the difficulties in making accurate prognoses about the future of nonproliferation is the

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part of their credentials as members of the international community in good standing.

#### Proliferators wont be aggressive

Gartzke and Jo 9 (Erik, Professor of Political Science – UC San Diego, + Dong Joon, Professor of International Relations – University of Seoul, South Korea, “Bargaining, Nuclear Proliferation, and Interstate Disputes” Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol 53 No 2)

Even if only some of the substantial increase in lethality from “going nuclear”

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nuclear status probably overstates the empirical effect of proliferation in propagating interstate disputes.

#### \*\* States don’t have feelings—also proven by CX example of Iran/Pakistan/Saudi.

**Fan ‘7** (Ying, Senior Lecturer in Marketing at Brunel Business School, Brunel University in London, “Soft power: Power of attraction or confusion?”, November 14)

The whole concept of soft power — power of attraction — is based on the

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adopt, adapt, and reject American culture ’ ( Opelz, 2004 ).