### U: Price Spikes

#### Their evidence is industry-bias.

J. David Hughes 11 is Fellow in Fossil Fuels – Post Carbon Institute, Geoscientist – Geological Survey of Canada, and Team Leader – Canadian Gas Potential Committee, Abstract by Richard Heinberg, Senior Fellow-in-Residence – Post Carbon Institute, “Will Natural Gas Fuel America in the 21st Century?” Post Carbon Institute, May, <http://www.postcarbon.org/reports/PCI-report-nat-gas-future-plain.pdf>, Accessed date: 11-6-12 y2k

As this report details, all of these assumptions and recommendations need to be re

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future supply, as well as sound assessments of economic and environmental costs.

#### Trends prove.

Larry D. Spears 12 is staff reporter @ Resource Investors. “These Natural Gas Stocks Will Bounce Back,”

July 20, 2012, <http://www.resourceinvestor.com/2012/07/20/these-natural-gas-stocks-will-bounce-back?t=commodities>, Accessed date: 11-7-12 y2k

Now is the perfect time to invest in natural gas stocks. To many investors

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– would also bolster natural gas prices and prospects for natural gas companies.

#### MacDanold article is bad scholarship—doesn’t account for a variety of factors

Grunstein 11 Judah Grunstein, World Politics Review's editor-in-chief, Appeared on World Politics Review, the American Prospect online, French Politics, the Small Wars Journal and Foreign Policy online, “Hegemony vs. Restraint in the Debate Over U.S. Defense Cuts”, <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/10626/hegemony-vs-restraint-in-the-debate-over-u-s-defense-cuts>, 11/10/2011

If there's a weakness to both articles, it's that their arguments depend largely on

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most safely salvage the global stability we have for perhaps too long underwritten.

### 2AC Russia

#### Russian gas monopoly is over---global production kills their econ and influence.

Benjamin Bidder 13 is editor-in-departmental policy @ SPIEGEL ONLINE, “Under Pressure: Once Mighty Gazprom Loses Its Clout,” 2/1/13, <http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/gazprom-gas-giant-is-running-into-trouble-a-881024.html>, Accessed Date: 2-8-13 y2k

Early this week, an invoice was delivered to the Ukrainian government and Naftogaz,

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its customers by linking the price of natural gas to that of oil.

#### No link and non-unique – most nat gas is domestically used and Russia’s industry is screwed

Stratfor 12 “Russia's Natural Gas Dilemma”, 4/9, http://www.stratfor.com/sample/analysis/russias-natural-gas-dilemma

Russia produced approximately 510 billion cubic meters (bcm) of natural gas in 2011

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expansion of Sakhalin, which will also cost tens of billions of dollars.

#### High prices kill Russian diversification—Dutch Disease inevitably kills their economy.

**Buckley ‘12** (Neil, “Economy: Oil Dependence Remains a Fundamental Difference,” 6/20, Financial Times, http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/438712b2-b497-11e1-bb2e-00144feabdc0.html#axzz1ypkFB0pH)

Moscow’s dollar-denominated stock market index is down more than 20 per cent since

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main policy aim: diversifying the economy away from reliance on extractive industries.

#### Economic diversification solves aggression and nationalism

Cohen & Ericson 9 – Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, AND\*\*\* Richard Ericson, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Economics at the East Carolina University and former Director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University, November 2nd, 2009, The Heritage Foundation, “Russia's Economic Crisis and U.S.-Russia Relations: Troubled Times Ahead,” <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2009/11/russias-economic-crisis-and-us-russia-relations-troubled-times-ahead>

An economic model based on natural resources would tend to perpetuate authoritarianism, nationalism,

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is stunted by state corruption and the lack of the rule of law.

#### Plan solves diversification—cooperative EU-Russia framework.

**Van der Hoeven 12**—Maria van der Hoeven is the Executive Director @ International Energy Agency. “Factors shaping energy markets and implications for EU-Russia Relations” February 12, 2012, <http://www.iea.org/newsroomandevents/speec>

hes/zurich\_eu\_russia.pdf Accessed date: 8-29-12 y2k

While the nature of the energy relationship between the EU and Russia may be changing

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energy resources, can be instrumental to achieving European energy and climate goals.

#### U.S. first strike would decapitate Russia

Lieber and Press 6 Keir A., Assistant Professor of Political Science – University of Notre Dame and Daryl G., Professor of Political Science – University of Pennsylvania, “The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy”, Foreign Affairs, March / April, Lexis

Even as the United States' nuclear forces have grown stronger since the end of

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.S. forces, making an attack even more likely to succeed.)

### 2AC SEP

#### SEP fails---no enforcement and compliance---revenue isn’t large enough to solve for the NB.

Carol Tombari 3 is the Manager of Stakeholder Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). “A Different Kind of “Deal”: Selling Wind as Environmental Compliance,” May 2003, <http://www.windpoweringamerica.gov/pdfs/seps_33977.pdf>, Accessed date: 1-1-13 y2k

WHY DON’T WE SEE MORE CLEAN ENERGY SEPS? To date, the Colorado SEP

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violation, put it behind them, and move on with their business.

#### That tanks investor confidence---kills gas development.

Kabelitz 6 (Dr. Klaus-Robert, Chief Economist – E.on Ruhrgas, one of the leading European players in natural gas, “Strategy, Economy, and Regulation,” International Gas Union, June, <http://www.igu.org/html/wgc2006/pdf/com/PGC%20B%20final%20report.pdf>)

It goes without saying that abundant gas reserves and favourable pre-tax economics may

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otherwise low risk areas high risk from the point of view of investors.

#### Doesn’t solve the case---**SEP fines are unpredictable and industries won’t comply---doesn’t generate enough revenue for the net-benefit.**

Brown 11 – Mr. Brown holds an MBA from New York University and a BA from Brown University. Matthew Brown is President of InterEnergy Solutions, a consulting firm that focuses on clean energy policy and finance. 2011, "Brief #1: Funding Mechanisms for Energy Efficiency"ase.org/resources/brief-1-funding-mechanisms-energy-efficiency

Funds are not ….amounts of funding.

#### Perm do the cp--- The counterplan is a reduction---if restriction is not enforced, it’s not a restriction anymore.

Berger 1 Justice Opinion, INDUSTRIAL RENTALS, INC., ISAAC BUDOVITCH and FLORENCE BUDOVITCH, Appellants Below, Appellants, v. NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT and NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, Appellees Below, Appellees. No. 233, 2000SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE776 A.2d 528; 2001 Del. LEXIS 300April 10, 2001, Submitted July 17, 2001, Decided lexis

We disagree. Statutes must be read as a whole and all the words must

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projects should not have been included in the scope of the Budovitches' TIS.

#### **The SEP will not be approved---OCS drilling is legal in some parts.**

Bonorris 7 – Steven Bonorris, Editor, The Public Law Research Institute University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2007, [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/enforce/settlements/ABAHastingsSEPreport.pdf](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/enforce/settlements/ABAHastingsSEPreport.pdf-http:/www.ecy.wa.gov/services/enforce/settlements/ABAHastingsSEPreport.pdf)

Legal Principles 1. A SEP will not be approved if the violator is otherwise

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multi-media or facility-wide activity that provides widespread environmental benefit.

#### Natural gas production solves helium production

EIA 6—Energy Information Administration, “Natural Gas Processing: The Crucial Link Between Natural Gas Production and Its Transportation to Market” <http://www.eia.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/feature_articles/2006/ngprocess/ngprocess.pdf>, Accessed date: 11-6-12 y2k

The world’s supply of helium comes exclusively from natural gas production. The single largest

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helium in the United Statesfor the most part, come from the FHR.

#### Helium is key to nuclear detection—solves terrorism.

HSNW 11—Homeland Security News Wire, “Helium-3 shortage endangers nuclear detection capabilities,” 2-28-11, <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/helium-3-shortage-endangers-nuclear-detection-capabilities>, Accessed date: 11-6-12 y2k

Demand for radiation detectors has surged as a result of increased efforts to stop nuclear

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of detection equipment have been diversifying their helium-3 sources and turning to

recycling old helium-3 canisters.

#### Nuclear terrorism ensures great power conflict

Ayson 10 (Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington (Robert, July. “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects.” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 33, Issue 7. InformaWorld.)

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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consultation from Washington that the latter found itself unable or unwilling to provide.

### 2AC Politics

#### Won’t pass – Republicans blocking on gay rights

Kelly, USA Washington Bureau Reporter, 2-8, 2013,

(Erin, "Gay rights becoming controversy in immigration reform", USA Today, PAS) [www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/02/08/gay-rights-immigration-reform/1903119/](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/02/08/gay-rights-immigration-reform/1903119/) 2-10-13

WASHINGTON -- Gay rights has emerged as an unexpected point of controversy in the congressional

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" to become legal U.S. residents -- and eventually citizens.

#### Immigration won’t be voted on until March

Sanchez, Roll Call Staff Writer, 2-8, 2013,

(Humberto, "Immigration Advocates Bullish on Obama's State of the Union", Roll Call, PAS) [www.rollcall.com/news/immigration\_advocates\_bullish\_on\_obamas\_state\_of\_the\_union-222283-1.html](http://www.rollcall.com/news/immigration_advocates_bullish_on_obamas_state_of_the_union-222283-1.html) 2-8-13

Assured and galvanized by his speech last week in Las Vegas, immigration overhaul advocates

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for next week. The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing this week.

#### PC low

Cilizza, Washington Post Politics Reporter, 2-6, 2013,

(Chris, "President Obama is enjoying a second political honeymoon. But how long will it last?", Washington Post, PAS) [www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/02/06/president-obama-is-enjoying-a-second-political-honeymoon-but-how-long-will-it-last/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/02/06/president-obama-is-enjoying-a-second-political-honeymoon-but-how-long-will-it-last/) 2-7-13

President Obama is enjoying a sort of second political honeymoon in the wake of his

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the time Congress recesses for its month-long August break this summer.

#### Plan popular---trumps ideology.

Barry Russell 12 is President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, “Energy Must Transcend Politics”, 8-15-12, <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php#2238176>, Accessed date: 12-10-12 y2k

There have been glimpses of great leadership, examples when legislators have reached across the

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) is another Democratic leader who consistently votes to promote responsible energy development.

#### Logical policymaker can do both

#### No link – doesn’t require congressional approval

Janofsky 6 (Michael, Veteran Journalist, “Offshore Drilling Plan Widens Rifts Over Energy Policy,” New York Times, 4-9, <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/09/washington/09drill.html>)

A Bush administration proposal to open an energy-rich tract of the Gulf of

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the administration's final plan would lead to bidding on new leases in 2007.

#### No spillover between policies---negotiations on fiscal cliff inevitable.

#### PC doesn’t exist and Winner’s Win.

Michael Hirsh 2/7 is Chief Correspondent @ National Journal, “There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207>, Accessed Date: 2-7-13 y2k

On Tuesday, in his State of the Union address, President Obama will do

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how much “political capital” Obama possesses to push his program through.

Most of this talk will have no bearing on what actually happens over the next four years.

Consider this: Three months ago, just before the November election, if someone

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or “political capital”—chances are fair that both will now happen.

What changed? In the case of gun control, of course, it wasn’t

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and poignant testimony to the Senate, challenging lawmakers: “Be bold.”

As a result, momentum has appeared to build around some kind of a plan

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time. Whole new possibilities exist now that didn’t a few weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the Republican members of the Senate’s so-called Gang of Eight are

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to do with Obama’s political capital or, indeed, Obama at all.

The point is not that “political capital” is a meaningless term. Often

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that matters, if you have popularity and some momentum on your side.”

The real problem is that the idea of political capital—or mandates, or

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his account determines what he can do at any given moment in history.

Naturally, any president has practical and electoral limits. Does he have a majority

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increasingly avoid any concessions that make him (and the Democrats) stronger.

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun-control issues illustrates how suddenly

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suddenly woke up in panic to the huge disparity in the Hispanic vote.

Some political scientists who study the elusive calculus of how to pass legislation and run

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

#### Natural gas lobby key to agenda.

Dan Froomkin 11 is senior Washington correspondent for the Huffington Post. “How The Oil Lobby Greases Washington's Wheels,”

04/06/11, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/06/how-the-oil-lobby-greases_n_845720.html?view=print&comm_ref=false>, Accessed date: 12-31-12 y2k

Clout in Washington isn't about winning legislative battles -- it's about making sure that they

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to defund the Environmental Protection Agency and roll back regulations across the board.

#### Manufacturing solves agriculture.

Michael Lind 12 is policy director of New America’s Economic Growth Program and a co-founder of the New America Foundation, Joshua Freedman, program associate in New America’s Economic Growth Program, “Value Added: America’s Manufacturing Future,” New America Foundation, April 2012, <http://growth.newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/licydocs/Lind,%20Michael%20and%20Freedman,%20Joshua%20-%20NAF%20-%20Value%20Added%20America%27s%20Manufacturing%20Future.pdf>, Accessed date: 11-22-12 y2k

Advanced manufacturing is not limited to new, emerging sectors; even manufacturing tied to

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24-hour availability for support services for its Advanced Farming Systems products.

#### -- No famine – the poorest are insulated from global markets

Paarlberg 8 (Robert, Professor of Political Science – Wellesley College, “It's Not the Price that Causes Hunger”, The International Herald Tribune, 4-23, Lexis)

International prices of rice, wheat and corn have risen sharply, setting off violent

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of Asia, and her average income is only $1 a day.

#### -- Food wars are a myth – there’s zero empirical evidence

Salehyan 7 (Idean, Professor of Political Science – University of North Texas, “The New Myth About Climate Change”, Foreign Policy, Summer, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story\_id=3922)

First, aside from a few anecdotes, there is little systematic empirical evidence that

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global warming causes conflict, we should not be witnessing this downward trend.

Furthermore, if famine and drought led to the crisis in Darfur, why have

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there is much more to armed conflict than resource scarcity and natural disasters.