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## Topicality—Energy Production

#### A) In terms of energy production fincancial inctentives must directly increase government expenditures for energy—R&D is support

Financial incentives for energy production directly increase expenditure—R&D doesn;t

Gielecki et al 1 (Mark, an economist with the Department of Energy, Fred Mayes, and Lawrence Prete, “Incentives, Mandates, and ¶ Government Programs for ¶ Promoting Renewable Energy” <http://lobby.la.psu.edu/_107th/128_PURPA/Agency_Activities/EIA/Incentive_Mandates_and_Government.htm>)

Over the years, incentives and mandates for renewable energy have been used to advance

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, thus enhancing the commercial viability of the good(s) provided.

#### FOR is exclusive.

Clegg 95—J.D., 1981 Yale Law School; the author is vice president and general counsel of the National Legal Center for the Public Interest. (Roger, “Reclaiming The Text of The Takings Clause,” 46 S.C. L. Rev. 531, Summer, lexis)

Even if it made no sense to limit the clause to takings "for public

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no doubt that the phrase is narrowing the scope of the Amendment. n20

#### Production refers to primary energy extraction

Energici 12 (provides business intelligence and decision support services to companies and investors active in the wind, solar, hydro, geothermal and bioenergy industries. Specializes in providing robust research, analysis and intelligence coverage of trends and developments) February “PRIMARY ENERGY PRODUCTION (MONTHLY)” http://www.energici.com/energy-profiles/by-country/europe-m-z/sweden/49-countries/north-america/usa/usa-geothermal/449-primary-energy-production

Definition : Primary Energy Production is the amount of energy converted from a primary energy

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and wood-derived fuels consumption; biomass waste consumption and biofuels feedstock.

#### **Specifically They’re target tech, not energy production**

EIA 7 (Energy Information Administration, "Federal Energy Research and Development," http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/servicerpt/subsidy2/pdf/chap5.pdf)

The previous chapters of this report also quantified energy-related tax expenditures, R

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12-month period ending September 30, 2007 (FY2007 MWh).200

#### Violation – Energy production refers to the extraction, conversion, and distribution of energy – excludes R&D

Doug Koplow 4 Founder of Earth Track in Cambridge, MA. He has worked on natural resource subsidy issues for 20 years, primarily in the energy sector "Subsidies to Energy Industries" Encyclopedia of Energy Vol 5, http://www.earthtrack.net/files/Energy%20Encyclopedia,%20wv.pdf

3. SUBSIDIES THROUGH THE FUEL CYCLE Because no two fuel cycles are exactly the

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the energy resource to the point of ﬁnal use, and accident risks.

#### Voter –

#### 1.Limits – Including R&D Aff’s allows the Aff to develop any future energy source and claim unpredictable spin-off advantages not related to changing energy production.

#### 2. Solvency distortion – they avoid the central question of changing energy markets – R&D has at best uncertain effects on energy production.

EIA 7 (Energy Information Administration, "Federal Energy Research and Development," http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/servicerpt/subsidy2/pdf/chap3.pdf)

It is easier to measure energy R&D spending than to characterize it as

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likely to be measurable **only years after the funded research effort is initiated**.

## T-Financial Incentive

#### “Financial incentives” require the expenditure of government money to encourage energy production –Prizes violate this

Kernaghan Webb 93, Law Lecturer – University of Ottawa 31 Alta. L. Rev. 501

In this paper, "financial incentives" are taken to mean disbursements 18 of

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In effect, these programs are assistance, but they are not incentives.

#### Voter – This results in an unlimited topic.

Dyson et al, 3 - International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Megan, Flow: The Essentials of Environmental Flows, p. 67-68)

Understanding of the term ‘incentives’ varies and economists have produced numerous typologies. A

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these incentives within the realm of economic and fiscal policy is practically limitless.

## DA 1

#### Obama is spending all of his political capital on CIR now, the vote will be soon, and it will pass on a razor thin vote.

Gary Martin 3/28/13, http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Immigration-reform-gaining-support-in-Congress-4393187.php

A Republican Party in desperate search for relevance to Latino voters. An expanded Democratic

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experiences along the way," said Frank Sharry, America's Voice executive director.

#### Plan drains capital and causes an immediate fight

Szondy, ‘12 [David, freelance writer -- Gizmag, 2-16, “Feature: Small modular nuclear reactors - the future of energy?” http://www.gizmag.com/small-modular-nuclear-reactors/20860/]

The problem is that nuclear energy is the proverbial political hot potato - even in

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has caused many governments to take an almost schizophrenic stance regarding the atom.

#### CIR is key to the economy and resolving aging

Krudy 1/29/13. (Edward, Reuters, “Immigration reform seen boosting US economic growth.” Hosted by NBC News Business <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/economywatch/immigration-reform-seen-boosting-us-economic-growth-1C8159298>)

The sluggish U.S. economy could get a lift if President Barack Obama

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estate market. Some large companies have fallen foul of tougher enforcement regulations.

#### Extinction.

Merlini, Senior Fellow – Brookings, 11 [Cesare Merlini, nonresident senior fellow at the Center on the United States and Europe and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Italian Institute for International Affairs (IAI) in Rome. He served as IAI president from 1979 to 2001. Until 2009, he also occupied the position of executive vice chairman of the Council for the United States and Italy, which he co-founded in 1983. His areas of expertise include transatlantic relations, European integration and nuclear non-proliferation, with particular focus on nuclear science and technology. A Post-Secular World? Survival, 53:2, 117 – 130]

Two neatly opposed scenarios for the future of the world order illustrate the range of

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theocratic absolutes, competing or converging with secular absolutes such as unbridled nationalism.

#### **Resolving the US Aging crisis solves global aging—immigration key**

Haas, '7 (Political Science Professor -- Duquesne, International Security, Summer)

The more the United States maintains its enviable demographic position (compared with the other

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the level of global influence and security that the United States enjoys today.

#### Multiple nuclear wars.

Jackson & Howe, 11 (Senior Fellow – CSIS & Senior Associate – CSIS, http://csis.org/files/publication/110104\_gai\_jackson.pdf)

A number of demographic storms are now brewing in different parts of the developing world

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already has nuclear weapons, while the other seems likely to obtain them.

## DA 2

#### Nuclear propulsion would destroy the ecosphere

Gagnon 3 (Bruce, coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, Jan, [www.space4peace.org/articles/npowerexpansion.htm] AD: 7-7-11, jam)

Included in NASA plans are the nuclear rocket to Mars; a new generation of

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previous mistakes. NASA doggedly pursues its fantasy of nuclear power in space.”

#### Multiple space nuclear power accidents in the past prove

Gagnon 3 (Bruce, coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, Jan, [www.space4peace.org/articles/npowerexpansion.htm] AD: 7-7-11, jam)

Since the 1960s there have been eight space nuclear power accidents by the US and

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The time has come for vigorous organizing around the space nuclear power issue.

#### Extinction – it's like Fukushima and Chernobyl happening a hundred times in space Earth Times, 11 [<http://www.earthtimes.org/encyclopaedia/environmental-issues/environmental-disasters/>]

Nuclear accidents can have serious environmental effects. Prior to 2011 the 1986 Chernobyl disaster

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slow the process down, but it will require swift and worldwide action.

## DA 3

#### The world is creating a space cooperation norm—it’s fragile

Michael Krepon 1/17/2012 (Co-founder of Stimson, and director of the South Asia and Space Security Programs, “Space Code of Conduct Advances” <http://krepon.armscontrolwonk.com/archive/3329/space-code-of-conduct-advances)> 

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s announcement that the Obama administration will lend its support to

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politics could foreclose the former and make a powerful case for the latter.

#### Nuclear propulsion causes space lasers

Maybury 1/31/2012 (Chief Scientist-USAF, “Energy Horizons: United States Air Force Energy S&T Vision 2011-2026,” http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/energy.pdf)

Space is the ―ultimate high ground, providing access to every part of the

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**plants decrease in size, their utility on board space based assets increases.**

2 Impacts—

#### First, break down of the Code of Conduct causes extinction

Hitchens 2008 – president of the Center for Defense Information (Theresa, “Space Wars - Coming to the Sky Near You?”, Scientific American, February, http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=space-wars-coming-to-the-sky-near-you)

Perhaps of even greater concern is that several other nations, including one of China’s

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lasted half a century. The likely alternative would be unacceptable to all.

#### Second, war with Russia—extinction

Bostrom 2002 (PhD Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford University “Existential Risks :Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards” <http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html>)

A much greater existential risk emerged with the build-up of nuclear arsenals in

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preludes to the existential risks that we will encounter in the 21st century.

## CP 1

#### The fifty state governments and all relevant territories should establish a feed-in tariff that funds long term purchase contracts for new qualifying facilities in the United States that use wind and solar power for energy production to ensure a reasonable rate of return. The fifty states should fund a program to cover 4.8% of the surface of the Earth’s oceans in a monolayer of latex particles, bearing a conventional stabilization system

#### Only a feed-in tariff assures clean tech investment enough to solve warming-- best studies prove.

John Lorinc 9, New York Times, 10/27, http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/climate-change-policy-and-safe-investing/

Countries that adopt policies obliging utilities to purchase a percentage of their power from renewable

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The technology, he said, won’t make any substantial inroads by 2020.

**Solves warming, only costs $2 billion, and avoids all solvency deficits associated with traditional ocean albedo modifications.**  
**Morgan 11** – (10/8/11, John, PhD in physical chemistry, runs R&D programmes at a Sydney startup company, research experience in chemical engineering in the US and at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia's national science agency, “Low intensity geoengineering – microbubbles and microspheres,” <http://bravenewclimate.com/2011/10/08/low-intensity-geoengineering-microbubbles-and-microspheres/>

Is there another way to look at this? The Achilles heel of the hydrosol

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reefs as envisaged by Seitz for the microbubble concept, are also possible.

## Counterplan 2

#### The 50 state governments and all relevant territories should create and fully fund a prize to demonstrate a nuclear powered propulsion booster.

#### State action best promotes technological innovation and change – 2 reasons

1. Picks technologies best for their region

2. Technological change best occurs at regional levels (Silicon Valley Example)

David E. Adelman, Associate Professor of Law, University of Arizona, Kirsten H. and Engel ‘8, Professor of Law, University of Arizona (50 Ariz. L. Rev. 835)

[\*851] State-level policies also have certain advantages over their federal counterparts

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establish geographically concentrated centers of innovation that can boost development of new technologies.

## Extinction

#### Not competitive—

#### Artificially low projections distort costs—jack up price as it goes and generates opposition to every project—ensures delays

Mark Cooper 2012 (senior research fellow for economic analysis, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont Law School, "An analysis of market forces that make nuclear reactors risky investments"www.psr.org/nuclear-bailout/resources/market-forces-analysis.pdf)

Factor 1: Nuclear reactors cost much more than the industry projected when it made

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and ratepayers with the inevitably much higher price tag at a later date.

**NASA incentives for private businesses fail – peer reviewed statistical analysis**

**Zervos,** International Space University, **’08,** (peer-reviewed and presented at the 55th International Astronautical Congress)

[Journal of Applied Economics, “Whatever Happened To Competition In Space Agency Procurement? The Case of NASA”, Vol XI, No. 1 (May 2008), 228-231 // Lack]

The econometric tests were initially performed using recursive least squares (RLS), a method

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**driven primarily by industrial consolidation and a diminished “pool” of contractors.**

**No Solvency – tech barriers, no market and little demand**

**Sterner,** former Associate Deputy Administrator for Policy & Planning at NASA, **‘10**

[George C. Marshall Institute, “Worthy of a Great Nation? NASA’s Change of Strategic Direction”, April 2010, http://www.marshall.org/pdf/materials/798.pdf, pg. 7-8 // Lack]

NASA seems to assume that buying human spaceflight services will lead to lower prices.

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been about $3 billion, roughly $120 million a seat.27

#### Statistics prove – you’re an idiot if you think asteroids will kill us.

Everitt ‘8[James Everitt, energy and environment organizer for Pickens Plan; “If an asteroid hit the earth?” published 12/20/2008; <http://push.pickensplan.com/video/2187034:Video:1691581>;]

[A computer video](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/12/27/watch-if-an-asteroid-hit_n_153724.html) circulating the internet has rekindled fears that an asteroid will hit Earth

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person or animal, your chances are even worse if you bring company.

#### Colonization infeasible in short-term

Roger Launius 2010 (PhD, Curator, Planetary Exploration Programs, National Air and Space Museum, expert on Aerospace history, fellow and board member of the American Astronautical Society, “Can we colonize the solar system? Human biology and survival in the extreme space environment,” Endeavour Volume 34, Issue 3, September 2010, Pages 122-129, science direct)

Although microbial life might survive the extreme conditions of space, for Homo sapien sapiens

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– provide serious challenges for humans engaged in space colonization (Figure 4).

**Mars can’t be colonized**

**Minard 7** – [Anne, National Geographic News, “Mars Volcanoes May Re-Erupt, Hawaii Comparison Shows,” October 18, http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/10/071018-mars-volcanoes.html]

The observations also suggest that the three Martian volcanoes might not be extinct. If

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very hostile towards life as we know it to exist," he added.

## Impact Framing

#### Short-term existential risks outweigh and turn the aff

Baum2010 – visiting scholar at Columbia University's Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, PhD candidate in Geography, and focuses on risk analysis (2/12/2010, Seth, “Is Humanity Doomed? Insights from Astrobiology”, Sustainability Journal, http://ideas.repec.org/a/gam/jsusta/v2y2010i2p591-603d7141.html)

The fact that the universe will remain habitable for much longer than Earth will means

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out opportunities to reduce existential risk with an eye towards eventual space colonization.

#### Self-fulfilling prophecy—ignoring Earth makes terrestrial problems worse

Williams2010 – M.S. in Physics and is a physics faculty member at Santa Rose Junior College (1/1/2010, Lynda, “Irrational Dreams of Space Colonization”, Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice, 22:4–8, http://www.scientainment.com/lwilliams\_peacereview.pdf)

According to scientific theory, the destruction of Earth is a certainty. About five

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energies on solving and mitigating the problems that create these threats on Earth?

#### Great power war not obsolete.

Gonsell 12 April, Lieutenant Commander Rachael Gosnell, U,S. Navy and Second Lieutenant Michael Orietti U,S. Marine Corps “Now Hear This - ls Great-Power War Still Possible?” http://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2012-04/now-hear-great-power-war-still-possible

The Center for Naval Analyses recently published Grand Strategy: Contemporary Contending Analyst Views and

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PLA or among the greater masses, could conceivably compel contemporary party leadership toward

a bellicosity it does not desire. How might this happen? The two most likely scenarios deal with Chinese “core interests” in the Pacific: sovereignty in the South China Sea and Taiwan. The South China Sea is no stranger to conflict. Its location and material promise have led to a host of conflicting territorial claims and brought the Chinese and Vietnamese to armed conflict over the Spratly Islands in the late 1980s. After a period of relative calm, tensions have once again begun to flare. American commitment to freedom of the seas in the region, exemplified by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s July 2010 speech in Hanoi, Vietnam, provides ample opportunity for a Sino-American butting of heads. Similarly, the Republic of China remains a perennially sore issue for the Chinese; the furor over the sale of American F-16s provides an ample platform for future, more-polarizing interactions over Taiwan. War between China and the United States is unlikely. Economic interdependence and nuclear weapons are powerful, persuasive deterrents against it. However, Sino-American dealings, particularly in Taiwan or the South China Sea, provide instances in which the powder keg of Chinese nationalism could explode, effectively forcing party leadership into a series of irrational but irreversible actions. As such, the possibility of great-power war, unlimited or otherwise, cannot be ruled out. U.S. policymakers must plan accordingly.

#### Even if they win the world is getting better—war is still increasingly possible—multiple reasons

Ferguson 8—Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, William Ziegler Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, senior fellow at the Hoover Institute, graduated from Magdalen College in Oxford, named as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time Magazine, writer of many bestselling books, including The War of the World, generally a badass british historian, with a specialty in financial and economic history [9/26, Niall, interviewed by Joanne Myers, “The War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West”, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, <https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/resources/transcripts/5396.html/:pf_printable>, AL]

So The War of the World, singular, is an attempt to explain why

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**killing fields** conceivably of Palestine, of Lebanon, of the Persian Gulf.

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### 2NC Limits

#### Allowing indirect incentives means the aff doesn’t even have to target the energy sector

Enters et al, 4 - Food and Agricultural Organization (Thomas, “What does it take? The role of incentives in forest plantation development in Asia and the Pacific”, http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/ad524e/ad524e05.htm)

While there is no dearth of definitions for incentives, a single agreed definition does

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and transport costs within - as well as outside - the plantation sector.

#### Indirect sanctions interp allows disincentives to other fuels – makes the topic bidirectional

Beddor et al, ’09 [Christopher, Securing America’s Future Enhancing Our National Security by Reducing Oil Dependence and Environmental Damage, Aug, <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/08/pdf/energy_security.pdf>]

Electricity is responsible for about 30 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas

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moving electricity onto the grid to prioritize natural gas and other clean electricity.

#### Tech development is distinct from energy production

EIA 7 (Energy Information Administration, "Federal Energy Research and Development," http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/servicerpt/subsidy2/pdf/chap3.pdf)

Finally, much of what is defined as energy R&D in the Federal government's budget accounts is not directly expended on energy research or development. Rather, a portion of the funds are expended on environmental restoration and waste management associated with the byproducts of energy-related research facilities, e.g., nuclear waste disposal.

## Accidents

### Impact

**This has multiple impacts –**

**First, extend the Carey evidence and Earth Times evidence – an accident causes the vessel to catch fire, spiraling over the earth and spraying it with nuclear ash – this decimates the environment and causes planetary extinction – it's highly probable – no agent who has ever launched anything into space has done so without some accidents**

**Multiple reasons this turns the aff**

**CISAC – payloads returning to earth are even MORE vulnerable to terrorist exploitation then the status quo – turns the advantage**

**Additionally, nuclear accidents in space end the space program – public will demand it – no space program means no colonization**

Grossman, 2002 (Karl Grossman, “Covert Action Quarterly Plutonium in Space Again

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**tolerate a Chernobyl in the sky. That would doom the space program."**

**And, radiation causes satellite failure**

**Krepon, 3** – president of the Henry Stimson Center (Michael, Space Assurance

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until the radiation levels dropped to the point where satellite electronics could survive.

**Debris makes space unusable – turns the colonization advantage**

**Forden, 8** - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Geoffrey, Astropolitics, 6:

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chain of collisions that renders space unusable from hundreds to thousands of years.

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**Meteor collisions and launch failures increase risks of accidents and radiation**Hewitt, ‘

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investigating space disposal schemes indicates how desperate the radioactive waste problem has become.

**And—Launch and orbit failures could easily send waste packages back to Earth.**

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separation would be required, as in the case for P&T.

**Orbits likely to intersect the Earth**  
Eder, ‘84 [Dani Eder,

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velocity around the Sun.  This becomes a very difficult container design problem.

## Case- Extinction

#### Laundry list of barriers

Egan and Kreso 2011 – (2011, Michael Egan and John Kreso, thesis paper submitted in fulfillment of a BS degree at WPI, advised by Professor Mayer Humi, Mathematical Sciences, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, “Expediting Factors in Developing a Successful Space Colony,” <http://www.wpi.edu/Pubs/E-project/Available/E-project-041911-134845/unrestricted/IQP_Final.pdf> DH)

Currently, it is still not technologically feasible to colonize space. Although many countries

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humans the first colonies still would not be able to sustain human life.

**Tech doesn’t solve**

**Rapp 6 –** [Donald, former senior research scientist and division technologist at JPL, “The challenges of manned Mars exploration,” http://www.thespacereview.com/article/602/2]

The requirements for life support consumables and technology for providing them have been discussed extensively

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that several launches will be required merely to supply life-support consumables.

**Zubrin’s an idiot – mars is too cold**

**Bell 5 –** (Jeffery, former space scientist, 11/24/05, “The Dream Palace of the Space Cadets”, <http://www.spacedaily.com/news/oped-05zzb.html>)

Unfortunately, the new generation of organizations like the Space Frontier Foundation and the Mars

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to colonize Mars. Instead you find - a MARS COLONIZATION SONG CONTEST!!

## Case- Impact Framing

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#### Second, trade-off—aff is a self-fulfilling prophecy—ignoring Earth makes terrestrial problems worse

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energies on solving and mitigating the problems that create these threats on Earth?

#### There’s also no unique offense because gamma rays make colony extinction inevitable, too.

### A2- Bostrom Says!

#### Bostrom agrees there are terrestrial alternatives to space colonization

Bostrom 2011 **–** Director of the Future of Humanity Institute, Professor, Faculty of Philosophy & Oxford Martin School (Nick, “Existential Risks FAQ”, http://www.existentialrisk.com/faq.html#\_Toc295939364)

A possibly somewhat more cost-effective project might be to operate a bunker or

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emerging from the shelter in the aftermath of a civilization-destroying catastrophe.

#### Comparatively as effective as colonization

Baum 2009 (visiting scholar at Columbia University's Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, PhD candidate in Geography, and focuses on risk analysis (May 2009, Seth, “Cost–benefit analysis of space exploration: Some ethical considerations”, Space Policy, Vol. 25, Is. 2, accessed on Science Direct)

While space colonization would provide a hedge against these very long-term astronomical threats

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-effective means of increasing the probability of long-term human survival.

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## Politics

### Overview

Economic collapse coming now—Immigrants add 1.5 trillion dollars in taxes—our economy will collapse inevitably do to poor structure

Aging causes turn in

This economic collapse would inevitably turn back the affirmative.

#### Highly skilled immigration key solve nuclear workforce shortages – plan can’t solve without CIR and CIR solves the case.

COC 9 [COMPETE – Council on Competitiveness, “Mobilizing a World-Class Energy Workforce,” Dec., http://www.compete.org/images/uploads/File/PDF%20Files/CoC\_-\_Pillar\_6\_Handout\_-\_Mobilizing\_a\_World-Class\_Energy\_Workforce,\_Dec09.pdf]

America currently lacks an energy workforce of sufficient size and capabilities to meet the needs

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by working closely with educational institutions as well as within their own organizations.

### A2: Dickinson

#### Prefer issue specific evidence—Political capital is necessary for policy passage

Schier 9, Professor of Poliitcal Science at Carleton, (Steven, "Understanding the Obama Presidency," The Forum: Vol. 7: Iss. 1, Berkely Electronic Press, <http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol7/iss1/art10>)

In additional to formal powers, a president’s informal power is situationally derived and

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Barack Obama – to engage in major ongoing battles to impose his preferences.

#### Capital determines the agenda

Light 99 – Senior Fellow at the Center for Public Service (Paul, the President’s Agenda, p. 34)

In chapter 2, I will consider just how capital affects the basic parameters of

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he will be restricted to a series of limited initiatives and vetoes. Capital

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#### Pass now – momentum.

Sunshine State News 3/28/13, http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/blog/obama-promises-immigration-reform-soon-hispanics-telemundo-univision

President Barack Obama, the ever-present campaigner, took his push for immigration

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Hispanic electorate, this could be the year the heavy lift gets done.

#### Strong public support.

Jon Terbush 3/28, is a staff writer for TheWeek.com covering politics, sports and other things he finds interesting. He's previously written for Talking Points Memo, Raw Story, and Business Insider. http://theweek.com/article/index/242064/even-a-majority-of-republicans-support-legalizing-undocumented-workers

A broad majority of Americans believe the government should allow undocumented immigrants to legally remain

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that a slightly smaller 53 percent majority of Americans supported a citizenship path.

Reform will pass – Senates close to a consensus and other issues won’t crowd it out

Dann 3-12

Carrie Dann, NBC News, “Napolitano: Obama 'urgently awaiting' bipartisan immigration draft” http://firstread.nbcnews.com/\_news/2013/03/12/17283744-napolitano-obama-urgently-awaiting-bipartisan-immigration-draft?lite

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday that the Obama administration is “

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“But now is the time when this issue rises to the top.”

Legislators are close to a deal—GOP is onboard

Fox 3-18

Lauren Fox, US News & World Report, March 18, 2013, “Poll Shows Republican Involvement With Immigration Reform Won't Cause Latinos to Vote GOP” http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2013/03/18/poll-shows-republican-involvement-with-immigration-reform-wont-cause-latinos-to-vote-gop

Legislators appear closer to achieving comprehensive immigration reform than they have in years. And

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rhetoric and fighting hard for immigration reform could help it expand its tent.

### Guns

#### Obama won’t use political capital on gun control

Stirewalt 3/25 [Chris, “Gun Laws Highlight Deepening Democratic Disarray,” 3/25/13,

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/03/25/gun-laws-highlight-deepening-democratic-disarray/#ixzz2OxNhCHjB]

Obama seems unlikely to do what is required to win Senate passage of such a

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own political capital on behalf of this cherished liberal cause will only deepen.

### Budget

#### Obama’s pushing immigration – and backing away from budget

Weil 3-28 (Dan, “Obama a ‘Minor Actor’ in DC as His Power Wanes,” Newsmax, 2013, <http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/karl-rove-obama/2013/03/28/id/496756>)

The former White House aide adds, “Bipartisan groups of senators and congressmen are

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to understand that progress is more likely with the president on the sideline.”

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#### NASA action is a political lightning rod

David 4 (Leonard, Writer – Space.com, “Robotic Missions to Save Hubble Proposed”, CNN, 4-5, Lexis)

Lightning rod decisions The look at how best to extend Hubble's useful scientific life has

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for an uncontrolled reentry into Earth's atmosphere no earlier than the year 2013.

**Increased discretionary spending is politically unpopular – space exploration is far from a political priority.**

Handberg 11 - professor and chair of the department of political science at the university of central florida (rodger, “small ball or home runs: the changing ethos of us human spaceflight policy,” the space review, 1/17, http://www.thespacereview.com/article/1759/1)

The us space program remained focused, not on duplicating apollo, but on achieving

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least for a time; now the small ball approach becomes your mantra.

### Political capital key

#### Obama has leverage – quotes internal White House staff.

Amie Parnes and Justin Sink 3/20/13, The Hill, http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/289179-obama-honeymoon-may-be-over

The White House disputes any notion that Obama has lost any political capital in recent

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It looks like immigration is closer [to passage] than ever before.”

#### Statements from Republicans prove Obama’s support is crucial.

FirstRead 2-28

[NBC News’ Politics Analysis Blog, “First Thoughts: Sequester fight already taking a toll” <http://firstread.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/02/27/17117063-first-thoughts-sequester-fight-already-taking-a-toll?lite>]

\*\*\* John & Lindsey’s Excellent Meeting: Why does immigration reform still look like the

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immigration, because we also have learned the sequester standoff also came up.