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#### A. Interpretation – Government purchases may be an incentive but they aren’t FINANCIAL incentives.

Sam Schoofs, Calvin College, 2004,

[2004, Washington Internships for Students of Engineering Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 6 August 2004 A federal Renewable Portfolio Standard: Policy Analysis and Proposal, http://www.wise-intern.org/journal/2004/WISE2004-SamSchoofsFinalPaper.pdf, accessed 9-20-12, CMM)

D. Renewable Energy Policy Overview¶ … have equipment certification programs in place

#### B. Violation – the plan is procurement – that’s a nonfinancial incentive

#### C. Standards –

1. Limits – expanding the topic outside of financial incentives makes it limitless

Czinkota et al, Georgetown University McDonough school of business professor, 2009

[Michael, Ilkka A. Ronkainen, Georgetown University McDonough school of business professor , and Michael H. Moffett, Thunderbird school of global management continental grain professorship, “Fundamentals of International Business” <http://books.google.com/books?id=_X-l25srIYkC&q=69#v=snippet&q=69&f=false>, google books, p.69, accessed 6-25-12, TAP]

Incentives offered by policymakers to … infrastructure facilities.

2. Ground – we can’t get core offense based off financial incentives or CPs that offer a different type of incentive

D. T is a voter for fairness and education – reasonability is arbitrary and leads to judge intervention

### Coercion

#### The plan extends positive rights, stripping people of their agency – it’s no different from fascism.

Machan, Auburn University Philosophy professor, 3

(Tibor R, Research Fellow at Hoover Institution Stanford University, *Passion for Liberty*, pg. 19-20)

Those who wanted to retain some … abide some modicum of democracy.

#### That kills value to life.

**Raz, Philosophy PhD, 91**

(Joseph, THE MORALITY OF FREEDOM, 1991, p. 359)

One way to test the thesis of the … than that life.

### China

#### Obama’s reelection has stabilized US-Sino trade relations

DAVIS et al, WSJ, 11-7-12

(Bob, YUKA HAYASHI in Tokyo And JAMES HOOKWAY in Bangkok, “Asia Sees Stability in Obama Re-Election,” http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323894704578104141204920404.html, accessed 11-7-12, CMM)

U.S. President Barack Obama's re-election gives …damage the economic relationship."

#### China perceives incentives for renewable energy as unfair competition which sends them over the edge

AP, 8-21-12

(“China says US energy projects violate free trade,” http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/08/21/china-says-us-energy-projects-violate-free-trade/, accessed 8-24-12, CMM)

China’s government has ruled … hurt by the U.S. policies.

#### Protectionism causes war – that escalates

Panzner, Prof. at the New York Institute of Finance, ‘9

(Michael, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase, Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse, 2009, p. 136-138) 

Continuing calls for curbs on the … of a new world war.

### Politics

#### Obama will negotiate a deal on the fiscal cliff BUT political capital is key.

Rowland, Boston Globe, 11-9-12

[Christopher, “Obama, Boehner outline competing plans for fiscal cliff” <http://bostonglobe.com/news/politics/2012/11/09/house-speaker-john-boehner-calling-for-one-year-delay-fiscal-cliff-obama-speak-friday/uUwSXLggbX4DRgKxXtjeqI/story.html>, accessed 11-9-12, TAP]

President Obama Friday called on … wealthy to expire.

#### Energy debates drain capital

Izadi, National Journal, 12

(Elahe, 8-29-12, "Former Sen. Trent Lott, Ex-Rep. Jim Davis Bemoan Partisanship on Energy Issues" http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election/former-members-bemoan-partisanship-on-energy-issues-20120829, accessed 11-8-12, CMM)

In a climate where everything … of who is there.… The middle is gone.”

#### Collapses global economy.

Shaw, Market News International, 10-15-12

[John, “US Fiscal Cliff Watch:Obama,Romney Dance Around Cliff on Trail” <https://mninews.deutsche-boerse.com/content/us-fiscal-cliff-watchobamaromney-dance-around-cliff-trail>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

Washington may not be heeding … of the cliff."

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global … in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

### States CP

#### Text: The 50 state governments, the District of Colombia, and all relevant territories of the United States should provide financing for a 30 year power purchase agreement to contract the development and implementation of solar technology to provide electricity solely for military facilities in the United States by raising the personal income tax by 1 percent on people with incomes over $500,000. The 50 state governments should also establish clean energy finance banks modeled off of Connecticut’s Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority.

#### State clean energy banks solve tech development

Muro, senior fellow and the director of policy at the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings, 9-12-12

(Mark, “Banking on the States,” http://theenergycollective.com/markmuro1/112326/banking-states?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=The+Energy+Collective+%28all+posts%29, accessed 912-12, CMM)

With Washington embroiled in … American federalism at its best.

#### States can coop with the military on energy

Lederer, co-founder of Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), a national community of business leaders who promote sound environmental policy that builds economic prosperity, 10-16-12

(Nicole, “California and the U.S. Military: A Powerful Partnership for Clean Energy,” http://theenergycollective.com/nicole-lederer/130861/california-and-us-military-powerful-partnership-clean-energy?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=The+Energy+Collective+%28all+posts%29, accessed 10-17-12, CMM)

Recently, California took a bold … a strong partner to our troops.

#### Funding plank solves

McNichol, Senior Fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9

(Elizabeth, Andrew Nicholas and Jon Shure, 11-11-09, “Raising State Income Taxes on High-Income Taxpayers,” http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=2792, accessed 8-29-12, CMM)

As states face increasingly difficult … fraction of a state’s households.

### Solvency

#### Solar fails for military bases

Butler, Lt. Col., 11

(Lt. Col. Glen Butler, Headquarters, North American Air Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command/J594 (Strategy, Policy, and Plans Directorate), Security Cooperation Integration Branch, “Not green enough: Why the Marine Corps should lead the environmental and energy way forward and how to do it,” http://www.mca-marines.org/gazette/not-green-enough, accessed 11-9-12, CMM)

Second, with our well-… are not enough.

#### Renewables fail – intermittency

Kish, senior vice president at the Institute for Energy Research, 8-10-12

(Daniel, “Army's Logic for Developing Wind and Solar Energy Makes No Sense,” http://www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/on-energy/2012/08/10/armys-logic-for-developing-wind-and-solar-energy-makes-no-sense, accessed 9-20-12, CMM)

The Army Corps of Engineers … like wind and solar.

#### AND intermittency drives up the cost – makes it not competitive

Bergeron, president of SunDanzer Development, Inc., a solar energy company located in Tucson, 2011

[David, “Solar Power Cost: Don’t Forget Intermittency (energy economics 101),” MasterResoucrce, <http://www.masterresource.org/2011/10/solar-power-cost-intermittency-too/>, 10-12-11, access date: 9-15-12, MAY]

Intermittency = Backup Required¶ … reduce pollution and CO2 emissions.

#### Unique link – the DOD isn’t committed to microgrids now which is key to utilities

Asmus, senior research analyst contributing to Pike Research’s Smart Grid and Smart Energy practices, 6-14-12

(Peter, “Microgrid Matchup: The Military and The Utilities,” http://www.pikeresearch.com/blog/microgrid-matchup-the-military-and-the-utilities, accessed 9-30-12, CMM)

One of the compelling storylines in the … to special interest infighting.

#### Utilities investment is key to the economy – provides a check against the low interest rates of the squo – value collapse kills investment

Bloomberg Businessweek 9-12-12 [The Speculative Look of Utility Stocks

By Carla Fried on September 12, 2012, http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-09-12/the-speculative-look-of-utility-stocks]

Spurned by the Federal Reserve’s … collect a bond-beating yield.

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global … and Oceania in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

#### Technological innovation hurts long-run competitiveness – other countries steal the tech and mass produce it cheaper than the US could – kills US manufacturing and turns the case

Buchan, senior research fellow at The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, 7-27-12

(David, “Germany's risky green wager,” http://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/5066, accessed 7-29-12, CMM)

China’s solar panel makers are well … can turn into disadvantage.

### Readiness

#### 1. Grid modernization solves

Avila, ABC News, 12

(Jim- staff writer, 7-31-12, “A U.S. Blackout as Large as India’s? ‘Very Unlikely’,” <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/07/a-u-s-blackout-as-large-as-indias-very-unlikely/>, accessed: 9-24-12, LLL)

As India recovers from a blackout … doing that as rapidly as possible.”

#### 2. Double bind –

A. The threats to the grid are like EMPs, which shut down all electronics and can’t be stopped regardless of nuclear power.

OR B. Redundancies in the grid can solve now

Hersh, Pulitzer prize winning investigative journalist, 11-1-10

[Seymour, “The Online Threat,” <http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2010/11/01/101101fa_fact_hersh?currentPage=1#ixzz13ce5kOXU>, Accessed 10-27-10, WHS]

The most common cyber-war …can also protect networks.

#### 3. Even if it goes down – they’ll fix it quick enough to prevent the impact

Ghosh, Time, 9

(Bobby Ghosh, 4-15-09, Time, “How Vulnerable is the Power Grid?,” <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1891562,00.html>, access date: 9-16-12, LLL)

•The most critical power users — …, we start it up again."¶

#### 4. Grid is resilient – empirics go neg

Clark, MA candidate at American Military University, 12

(Paul, “[The Risk of Disruption or Destruction of Critical U.S. Infrastructure by an Offensive Cyber Attack](http://americanmilitary.academia.edu/PaulClark/Papers/1600738/The_Risk_of_Disruption_or_Destruction_of_Critical_U.S._Infrastructure_by_an_Offensive_Cyber_Attack),” <http://americanmilitary.academia.edu/PaulClark/Papers/1600738/The_Risk_of_Disruption_or_Destruction_of_Critical_U.S._Infrastructure_by_an_Offensive_Cyber_Attack>, accessed: 9-24-12, LLL)

In 2003, a simple physical breakdown … and Governmental Affairs 2012).

#### 5. DOD microgrids solve

Pike Research, 11

(Pike Research is a market research and consulting firm that provides in-depth analysis of global clean technology markets, 9-16-11, “Military Microgrid Capacity to Experience More than 700% Growth by 2017,” http://www.pikeresearch.com/newsroom/military-microgrid-capacity-to-experience-more-than-700-growth-by-2017, accessed: 9-24-12, LLL)

Military Microgrid Capacity to Experience More than 700% Growth by 2017

September 16, 2011

The United States Department of … Honeywell, Boeing, and Eaton.

#### No North Korean attack – South Korea balancing solves

Bacon, retired army officer, 8

(Don, 8-27-08, “Krazy in Korea Or, the Empire Bulks Up,” LewRockwelll.com, http://www.lewrockwell.com/orig9/bacon8.html, accessed 10-3-11, CMM)

Korea is obviously not a combat … taken control of the New Iraqi Army.)

#### Wouldn’t escalate

Bandow, senior fellow at the Cato Institute, 10-24-11

(Doug, A former special assistant to Ronald Reagan, “Turn the Problem of North Korea Over to Its Neighbors,” http://www.cato.org/pub\_display.php?pub\_id=13794, accessed 10-25-11, CMM)

After nearly two years of a deep freeze … than America.

#### South Korea checks

Adams, Professor in the U.S. Foreign Policy Program at the School of International Service at American University, Research Associate for the Stimson Center’s Budgeting for Foreign Affairs and Defense Program and Leatherman, 1-4-11

(Gordon, Distinguished Fellow at the Stimson Center, and Matthew, The Stimson Center, “A Leaner and Meaner Defense,” http://www.stimson.org/summaries/a-leaner-and-meaner-defense/, accessed 3-6-11, CMM)

The prospect of a major war … Iranian nuclear capabilities is unlikely.

#### Readiness doesn’t solve ethnic conflict – Rwanda and Libya prove we wouldn’t intervene

#### Ethnic conflicts don’t escalate AND intervention in one instance doesn’t spillover

Bosco, assistant professor at American University's School of International Service, 10-20-11

(David, “David Bosco: How Libya made humanitarian intervention less likely,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/10/18/did\_qaddafis\_end\_justify\_the\_means, accessed 10-22-11, CMM)

Imagine this alternate reality: In … have to fight for its life.

### Heg

#### Heg is ineffective – multiple warrants

Layne, Associate Professor in the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and Research Fellow with the Center on Peace and Liberty at The Independent Institute, 2006, (Christopher, "America cannot rely on power alone”, Financial Times, August 24th) <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/f7bb5fb2-330c-11db-87ac-0000779e2340.html>

Hegemony, however, is not … between good and evil.

#### Counterbalancing makes heg unsustainable

Christopher Layne, Professor, and Robert M. Gates Chair in Intelligence and National Security, at Texas A&M University’s George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, 2006, "The Unipolar Illussion Revisited," International Security 31.2, Project Muse

To be sure, contrary to the predictions of … America's next grand strategy.

#### Unsustainable – econ and tech diffusion

Christopher Layne, Professor, and Robert M. Gates Chair in Intelligence and National Security, at Texas A&M University’s George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, Summer 2009, "The Waning of U.S. Hegemony—Myth or Reality?," International Security Volume 34, Number 1, Project Muse

Superficially, Brooks and … of multipolarization.45

#### Unipolarity is not peaceful – empirical evidence goes neg.

Monteiro, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University, 11

(Nuno P., Winter 11/12, “**"Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity Is Not Peaceful",” International Security, volume 36, issue 3, pages 9-40, http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/21648/unrest\_assured.html**, accessed 1-23-12, CMM)

How well, then, does the argument … unipolarity is peaceful.48

#### No stats prove heg solves war

Fettweis, Tulane University Associate Political Science Professor, 11

(Christopher, Sept/Oct, “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy,” ebsco, Vol. 30 Issue 4, p316-332, accessed 3-24-12, CMM)

It is perhaps worth noting that … that the two are unrelated.

#### No impact – cognitive bias overestimate the impact of heg

Fettweis, Tulane University Associate Political Science Professor, 11

(Christopher, Sept/Oct, “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy,” ebsco, Vol. 30 Issue 4, p316-332, accessed 3-24-12, CMM)

One of the most basic insights of … or without the United States.

## \*\*\*2NC\*\*\*

### T 2NC Overview

#### \_\_\_ Allowing the affirmative interpretation destroys any and all limits on the meaning of incentives…all action becomes topical.

Grant, Duke political science professor, 02 [Ruth, “THE ETHICS OF INCENTIVES: HISTORICAL ORIGINS AND CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDINGS,” Economics and Philosophy, 18 (2002) 111, proquest]

This history also allows us to define more clearly … is illustrative of this point.

### AT: We Meet – Financial Incentive

#### ­­\_\_\_ There are 2 categories of policies to promote energy development – (1)financial incentives and regulations, & policies. Financial incentives are tax programs, grants, rebates, and loan assistance. Rules are things like purchasing mandates.

DSIRE Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency ’12 [http://www.dsireusa.org/glossary/]

DSIRE organizes incentives and …

show Solar & Wind Permitting Standards

### 2NC States Solvency EXT

#### Clean energy banks solve investment effectively on the state level

Muro et al, senior fellow and the director of policy at the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings, 12

(Mark, Ken Berlin, Reed Hundt, and Devashree Saha, “State Clean Energy Finance Banks: New Investment Facilities for Clean Energy Deployment,” http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2012/9/12%20state%20energy%20investment%20muro/12%20state%20energy%20investment%20muro.pdf, accessed 9-12-12, CMM)

In a word, clean energy solutions are … tax credits,¶ grants, and subsidies.

#### State action spills up when necessary – federal adoption is inevitable if the states don’t solve.

Larsen et al, expert on Federal climate and energy policy World Resources Institute, 7

(John, Andrew Aulisi, Jonathan Pershing, Paul Posner, “Climate Policy in the State Laboratory: How States Influence Federal Regulation and the Implications for U.S. Policy,” World Resources Institute, September, http://pdf.wri.org/climate\_policy\_in\_the\_state\_laboratory.pdf, accessed 8-25-12, CMM)

The second most important factor … federal action.

#### State policies are a better signal for investors

Milford et al, Clean Energy Group, 10

(Lewis Milford, Mark Sinclair, Ken Locklin and Charles Kubert, “Federal Climate and Energy Legislation and the States: Legislative Principles and Recommendations for a New Clean Energy Federalism,” April http://www.cleanegroup.org/assets/Uploads/2011-Files/Reports/CEGCleanEnergyFederalismv3April2010.pdf, accessed 10-2-12, CMM)

1. States should and will remain the … states and regions.

### 50 State Fiat Legit – Incentives

50 States fiat is legit –

1. Its not utopian –– it’s the squo

Carlarne, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law, 8

(Cinnamon, July, “Notes from a Climate Change Pressure-Cooker: Sub-Federal Attempts at Transformation Meet National Resistance in the USA,” 40 Conn. L. Rev. 1351, lexis, accessed 8-26-12, CMM)

On its own, California can exert … political momentum to overcome federal inertia.

Utopian fiat doesn’t apply to energy policy

Carlarne, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law, 8

(Cinnamon, July, “Notes from a Climate Change Pressure-Cooker: Sub-Federal Attempts at Transformation Meet National Resistance in the USA,” 40 Conn. L. Rev. 1351, lexis, accessed 8-26-12, CMM)

States consistently have been … in the absence of a federal mandate.

The States CP is the topic – jurisdictional questions are key to energy production debates

Kay, Senior Extension Associate with the Community & Regional Development Institute-Cornell Dept. of Sociology, 12

(David, “Energy Federalism: Who Decides?,” http://devsoc.cals.cornell.edu/cals/devsoc/outreach/cardi/programs/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=1071714, accessed 10-19-12, CMM)

Questions about energy … dense tangle.

1. Key to in-depth policy education and innovations.

Resknik, Yale Law Prof, 1

(Judith, Arthur Liman Professor of Law-Yale, “Categorical Federalism: Jurisdiction, Gender, and the Globe”, Yale Law Journal, http://yalelawjournal.org/the-yale-law-journal/essay/categorical-federalism:-jurisdiction,-gender,-and-the-globe/, accessed 8-29-12, CMM)

Thus, and second, we ought to pay … against women.

### 2NC Grid Improving

#### And the grid is improving now

Koerth-Baker, science editor – Boing Boing, columnist – NYT Magazine, electric grid expert, 8-3-12

(Maggie, “Blackout: What's wrong with the American grid,” http://boingboing.net/2012/08/03/blackout-whats-wrong-with-t.html, accessed 11-5-12, CMM)

But this is about more than mere bad …. So we have reserve power for emergencies.”

## \*\*\*1NR-Fiscal Cliff\*\*\*

### Overview

#### Turns North Korea

**Business World, 98**

[January 8, “Towards global recession” JCP]

The current regional recession in … destructive wartime use.

#### Fiscal cliff guts power projections – makes conflict escalation and US decline inevitable – it is a faster and bigger internal link than the aff.

Skelton, Husch Blackwell LLP partner, 9-20-12

[Ike, former Armed Services Committee chairmen, “Skelton: Sequestration Means Cuts We Can't Afford” <http://www.rollcall.com/issues/58_23/Ike-Skelton-Sequestration-Means-Cuts-We-Cannot-Afford-217689-1.html>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

Sequestration will also erode … eliminating economies of scale.

### AT: DOD Internal Budget

#### Increase means a net increase from a baseline

Rogers, state of New York judge, 5

(Judge, state of new York, et all, petitioners v. US epa, respondent, nsr manufacturers roundtable, et al, intervenors, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 12378, \*\*; 60 ERC (BNA) 1791, p.LN)

According to government petitioners, the … in perfect condition.

#### They also decrease financial incentives for oil, which is anti topical and independently a reason to vote neg

### AT: Winners Win – Lame Duck Specific

#### Winners win doesn’t apply to energy policy – backlash guaranteed

Silverstein, EnergyBiz, 7-9-12

(Ken, “Utility Lobbyists Steering the Energy and Environmental Debate,”

http://energybiz.com/article/12/07/utility-lobbyists-steering-energy-and-environmental-debate, accessed 7-11-12, CMM)

“It is never just about money and … and energy prices.

\*Bronstein-Moffly = Alex Bronstein-Moffly, an analyst with First Street Research Group, the non-partisan political intelligence unit of CQ Press

#### Obama overreaching threatens to collapse lame-duck – empirics prove

Miniter, investigative journalist, 12

(Richard, NYTimes best selling author, “Leading from Behind: The Reluctant President and the Advisors Who Decide for Him,” google books, 84-5, accessed 11-8-12, CMM)

After the historic defeat, Axelrod went on … more political risks.

#### PC finite – Obama perceives it as finite.

Sprung, political consultant, 9-21-12

[Adam, guest writer for The Atlantic, Rochester political science phd, “Ezra Klein's unconvincing theory that Obama misunderstands (or misrepresents) "change"” <http://xpostfactoid.blogspot.com/2012/09/ezra-kleins-unconvincing-theory-that.html>, accessed 10-25-12, TAP]

Update: Jonathan Bernstein … battles he did win.

#### Last lame duck proves no winners win on fiscal policy – Obama had to give up on fiscal reform in order to get wins – proves the tradeoff between the plan and solving fiscal cliff is huge.

Robison, University of Vermont Middle East politics professor, 12-29-10

[Gordon“Obama returns to winning ways” <http://gulfnews.com/opinions/columnists/obama-returns-to-winning-ways-1.737442>, accessed 12-29-10, TP]

If you spend time watching Washington from the outside, it is often hard to shake the feeling that the city's political pundits suffer from a collective … dynamics unlikely to be recreated any time soon.

#### Wins don’t overwhelm the link

Porter, Slant staff writer, 2009

[Ethan, 9-22, "Obama’s political capital problem," http://trueslant.com/ethanporter/2009/09/22/obamas-political-capital-problem/, 9/25]

I had assumed that, following … easy to get back.

#### Political capital is not renewable – missteps like the plan will undermine Obama

Ryan, 2009 – Former Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies

(Selwyn, “Obama and Political Capital,” 1/18/2009, www.trinidadexpress.com/index.pl/article\_opinion?id=161426968)

Obama will, however, begin his … inscribed with the plaintive words, "I Trust You."

#### Obama has capital and he has to use it – finite time to forge a deal.

Sullivan, Daily Beast, 11-9-12

[Andrew, “Now, Govern” <http://andrewsullivan.thedailybeast.com/2012/11/now-govern.html>, accessed 11-9-12, TAP]

But it would be a huge error, it …magnanimous. And fast.

#### Reject their link turns because they don’t assume the lame duck.

Miniter, NY Times best-selling author and investigative journalist, 2012

[Richard, “Leading from Behind: The Reluctant President and the Advisors Who Decide for Him” <http://books.google.com/books?id=s7yRnJUIFNEC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q=passing%20new%20programs&f=false>, p.85-6, google books, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

After the historic defeat, … take any more political risks.

#### AND framing issue – some groups may like the plan but others don’t – link outweighs the turn.

Whitman, CASEnergy Co-Chair, Former EPA Administrator and New Jersey Governor, 2012

[Christine, 8-13-12, “Nuclear Power Garners Bipartisan Support” <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php?rss=1&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+njgroup-energy+%28Energy+%26+Environment+Experts--Q+with+Answer+Previews%29#2237728>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

It’s clear from the debate … energy policy particularly challenging.

1nc evidence disproves – Obama gets drawn in – controversial energy policy will only happen if he pushes it and musters the political will

#### AND the president gets dragged in – he is critical to movement on energy.

Izadi, National Journal, 8-29-12

[Elahe, “Former Sen. Trent Lott, Ex-Rep. Jim Davis Bemoan Partisanship on Energy Issues” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election/former-members-bemoan-partisanship-on-energy-issues-20120829>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

In a climate where everything from … The middle is gone.”

#### DoD energy purchasing gets dragged into the broader partisan energy debate.

Deans, OnEarth, 2012

[Bob, 5-1-12, “The Right Wing vs. The Pentagon” <http://www.onearth.org/article/the-right-wing-vs-the-pentagon>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

But as budget constraints cause … House Armed Services Committee.

#### DOD energy purchasing is controversial – seen as wasteful.

Cardwell, New York Times, 8-27-12

[Diane, “Military Spending on Biofuels Draws Fire” <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/28/business/military-spending-on-biofuels-draws-fire.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0>, accessed 10-26-12, TAP]

And that has made them … considering cutting salaries.