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Thus the plan – The United States Federal Government should implement the agreement between the United States and United Mexican States concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico

Contention One is US-Mexican Relations

US Mexico relations are at a pivotal point – failure to ratify the Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement erodes trust and collapses relations

Kerry et al. 12 (JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah William C. Danvers, Staff Director Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, “OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT”, December 2012, http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm)

Perhaps the most important U.S.-specific benefits of the TBA are three

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companies could be shut out of certain opportunities until the TBA is ratified.

And, now is key – investment in oil is vital internal link

Rubenstein 3-14

David Rubenstein, Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, March 14, 2013, “U.S. Energy Security: Enhancing Partnerships with Mexico and Canada”

The agreement also comes at a critical time for reform in the Mexican oil industry

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will be noticed, with potentially negative consequences for the broader bilateral relationship.

And, Relations Solve Terrorism

Alden et al, ‘9 [July 2009, Edward Alden, Senior Fellow at CFR, and Director of CFR’s US Immigration Policy Report. Chairs: Jeb Bush, former FL governor, and Thomas McLarty, former Chief of Staff to President Clinton and senior international fellow at the Chamber of Commerce. Task force members included Allen Goodman, president of the Institute of International Education and former Foreign Service professor at Georgetown, Gordon Hanson, professor of economics at UCSD, Robert Putnam, professor of public policy at Harvard, Andrew Selee, director of the Wilson Center’s Mexico Institute and professor of government at Johns Hopkins, Margaret Stock, former professor of law at West Point, and Raul Yzaguirre, professor of practice in community development and civil rights at ASU, “U.S. Immigration Policy”, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBhBbxm4nak>]

Mexico, along with Canada, is also a vitally important part of U.

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efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs that is fueling the cartels.

And, poor border security allows terrorists to smuggle and detonate a WMD on US soil

McCaul 12 – JD @ St. Mary’s, former federal prosecutor

(Michael, “A LINE IN THE SAND: COUNTERING CRIME, VIOLENCE AND TERROR AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER,” UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, Lexis)

Terrorism remains a serious threat to the security of the United States. The Congressional

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assembled on U.S. soil into a weapon of mass destruction.

And, Al-Qaeda has capability and motive to develop a nuclear and biological dirty bomb – America will be targeted

Telegraph, ‘11 [February 2, 2011, Heidi Blake was The Daily Telegraph's Investigative Reporter until November 2011. She was nominated for Young Journalist of the Year and Scoop of the Year in the 2010 British Press Awards having joined the paper in 2008. Christopher Hope writes for The Telegraph. “WikiLeaks: al-Qaeda 'is planning a dirty bomb'” <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/wikileaks/8296956/WikiLeaks-al-Qaeda-is-planning-a-dirty-bomb.html>]

A leading atomic regulator has privately warned that the world stands on the brink of

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to international security with the potential to cause "extraordinary loss of life".

And, retaliation and tension from the terrorist attack would escalate to nuclear war

Ayson 10 - Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington

(Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)

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

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

Contention Two is Oil Spills

Absent the plan, oil spills are inevitable

Gonzalez & Iliff 12 (02/15/12 Editor at Mexico Oil & Gas, Review Mexico correspondent at Dow Jones Newswires, Correspondent at The Wall Street Journal, "Mexico Oil Watchdog Sounds Alarm" http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204136404577209494033278030.html)

Mexico's oil regulator is sounding an alarm over plans by the country's state oil monopoly

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rig scheduled to operate in Cuban waters to assuage concerns by Florida residents.

And, the plan catalyzes necessary environmental protection in the Gulf

House of Representatives 4/25/13 (United States House of Representatives “U.S. – Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation” April 25, 2013

<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/II/II06/20130425/100755/HHRG-113-II06-Wstate-PascualA-20130425.pdf>)

We are pleased that the Agreement would advance safety and environmental protection in the Gulf

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. This is a business friendly arrangement with strong safety and environmental payoffs.

And, regardless of regulations, joint inspections solve

Baker 12 – George is the publisher of Mexico Energy Intelligence. (“Q and A: Is Mexico Prepared for Deepwater Drilling in the Gulf?” Inter-American Dialogue, February 20-24, http://repository.unm.edu/bitstream/handle/1928/20477/Is%20Mexico%20Prepared%20for%20Deepwater%20Drilling%20in%20the%20Gulf.pdf?sequence=1)

"The serious issues of corporate governance and regulation in the shadow of the Macondo

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safety and occupational safety to be carried out separately, by different teams."

And, resiliency does not apply to Gulf Coast ecosystems—another spill will destroy marine biodiversity

Craig 11 (Robin Kundis Craig, Attorneys’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, 12/20/11 “Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell” http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1906839)

Importantly, however, the second aspect of resilience theory acknowledges that ecosystems can exist

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tourism] and the environment on which they depend for future generations.”16

And, the Gulf is a key ocean biodiversity hotspot

Brenner 8 – Jorge Brenner, March 14th, 2008, "Guarding the Gulf of Mexico's valuable resources" www.scidev.net/en/opinions/guarding-the-gulf-of-mexico-s-valuable-resources.html

Rich in biodiversity and habitats The Gulf of Mexico is rich in biodiversity and unique

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in the North Atlantic that helps to regulate the climate of western Europe.

And, ocean biodiversity is the fundamental building block for all life

Craig 3 (Robin Kundis Craig, Associate Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law, 2k3 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155)

Biodiversity and ecosystem function arguments for conserving marine ecosystems also exist, just as they

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- even if a few fishers go out of business as a result.

And, extinction

Clark and Downes 6

Dana Clark, Center for International Environmental Law, and David Downes, US Interior Dept. Policy Analysis Senior Trade Advisor, 2006, What price biodiversity?, http://www.ciel.org/Publications/summary.html

Biodiversity is the diversity of life on earth, on which we depend for our

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we lose the opportunity for mental or spiritual rejuvenation through contact with nature.

Contention Three is PEMEX

Pemex is dying due to decreased production – reforms to spur deep water drilling and private investment is needed to revitalize Pemex

Kerry et al. 12

(JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah William C. Danvers, Staff Director Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, “OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT”, December 2012, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm>)

Progress, but can it last? A snapshot of Mexico’s oil sector Mexico has

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poverty alleviation to the rule of law, let alone broader economic growth.

And, current reforms are insufficient – International oil companies are deterred and privatization is not happening

Otillar 5-1 Steven Otillar, has been representing clients in the development, finance, acquisition and divestiture of domestic and international energy projects for over 15 years, with a particular emphasis on upstream projects in emerging markets, May 1, 2013, “Outlook for Mexico's Oil Industry -- Opportunities and Obstacles”, http://cdn.akingump.com/images/content/2/3/v2/23206/Akin-Otillar.pdf.

The Need for Reform Production from Mexico’s shallow offshore fields, including Cantarell, continues

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the number, type and complexity of projects being pursued in the aggregate.

And, the TBA solves – it allows cooperation that leads to private investment in Mexico, increased production, and broader reforms

Brown and Meacham 6-5 Neil Brown and Carl Meacham, Brown is non-resident fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Meacham is director of the Americas Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, June 6, 2013, “Time for US-Mexico Transboundary Agreement”, <http://thehill.com/opinion/op-ed/303739-time-for-us-mexico-transboundary-agreement>.

The United States-Mexico Transboundary Agreement (TBA) would enable cooperation between our

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partners. That is good for Mexico and for the U.S.

And, only the TBA can lead to sustained Mexican oil production – solves growth

Kerry et al. 12

(JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah William C. Danvers, Staff Director Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, “OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT”, December 2012, http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm)

The centerpiece of the TBA is the mandate to establish so-called ‘‘unitization’’

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and friendly neighbor, Mexican oil imports support U.S. energy security

And, the warrant is reverse casual – oil decline causes Mexican economic collapse

Krauss and Malkin 10 Clifford Kraus and Elisabeth Malkin, Krauss is a national business correspondent based in Houston covering energy for the NYT, Malkin covers environmental and energy news especially for Mexico for the NYT, March 8, 2010, “Mexico Oil Politics Keeps Riches Just Out of Reach”, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/09/business/global/09pemex.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0>.

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, Mexico — To the Mexican people, one of the great achievements

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, Pemex is in a key moment in its history,” he said.

Two Impacts –

First, The US Economy:

Mexico’s economy is critical to the US – collapse causes decline of US economy and competitiveness

O’Neal ’13 [2013, Shannon K. O’Neil is a senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization, “Two Nations Indivisible”, it’s a book]

The Binational Road Forward. Mexico has come a long way in the last three

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already seen both sides of the border before hitting the showroom down south.

And, the US is key to the global economy

Caploe 9 David is the Chief Political Economist at Economy Watch and holds a PhD in International Political Economy from Princeton. April 7, 2009, The Straits Times, “Focus still on America to lead global recovery,” http://acalaha.com/STarticle07Apr09.pdf

IN THE aftermath of the G-20 summit, most observers seem to have

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- has cascaded into the worst global economic crisis since the Great Depression.

And, global economic decline leads to miscalculation – that escalates

Harris and Burrows, ‘09 [Mathew, PhD European History at Cambridge, counselor in the National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer, member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” <http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f_0016178_13952.pdf>]

Increased Potential for Global Conflict Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

And, broad studies prove our argument
Royal, ‘10 [2010, Jedediah Royal is the Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, “Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives”, ed. By Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215]

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may increase the likelihood of external conflict

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such, the view presented here should be considered ancillary to those views.

And, it turns every impact

O’Hanlon 12 Kenneth G. Lieberthal, Director of the John L. Thornton China Center and Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution, former Professor at the University of Michigan [“The Real National Security Threat: America's Debt,” Los Angeles Times, July 10th, <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/07/10-economy-foreign-policy-lieberthal-ohanlon>]

Alas, globalization and automation trends of the last generation have increasingly called the American

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really possible if that fundamental prerequisite to effective foreign policy is not reestablished.

And, competitiveness solves Great power war

Baru, ‘9 [March 2009, Sanjaya Barus is visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore Geopolitical Implications of the Current Global Financial Crisis, Strategic Analysis, Volume 33, Issue 2 March 2009, pages 163 – 168]

Hence, economic policies and performance do have strategic consequences. In the modern era

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they will do so once again in today's America remains to be seen.

Second, US Isolationism:

Mexican collapse causes U.S. isolationism

Haddick 8 (Robert, Managing Editor, Small Wars Journal, former U.S. Marine Corps officer, advisor for the State Department and the National Intelligence Council on irregular warfare issues, former Director of Research at the Fremont Group, http://westhawk.blogspot.com/2008/12/now-that-would-change-everything.html, MH)

There is one dynamic in the literature of weak and failing states that has received

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Asia. However, there would be no running from a Mexican collapse.

And, hegemony prevents multiple nuclear conflicts

Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth ’13 (Stephen, Associate Professor of Government at

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. 3 (Winter 2012/13), pp. 7–51)

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

And, US engagement and reintervention are inevitable – it’s only a question of making it effective – the plan prevents failed engagement that triggers their turns

Kagan, ‘11 (Robert, contributing editor to The Weekly Standard and a senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. “The Price of Power”. The Weekly Standard, Jan 24, 2011, Vol. 16, No. 18. http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/price-power\_533696.html?page=3)

In theory, the United States could refrain from intervening abroad. But, in

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

Heg is durable – status quo conditions of accommodation and nuclear peace sustain unipolarity

Montiero ’11 [6/13/11, Nuno P. Montiero is a professor of political science at Yale University. “BALANCING ACT WHY UNIPOLARITY MAY BE DURABLE,” <http://www.nunomonteiro.org/wp-content/uploads/Nuno-Monteiro-Balancing-Act-20110613.pdf>]

What is, then, wrong with the argument that unipolarity is indeed durable?

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eventually shifting the systemic balance of power and putting an end to unipolarity.

No perception links – house passed the bill but Senate approval still needed

Hastings 6-27

Doc Hastings, chairman of House Committee of Natural Resources, June 27, 2013, “House Votes to Approve Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement with Mexico”, <http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=340794>.

Today, the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 1613](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc113/h1613_ih.xml), the Outer

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transparent framework for future implementation of similar transboundary hydrocarbon agreements with other nations.

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No trade off

Ruiz, 8 – Cuban Democracy Advocate (Hector, “CONSEQUENCES OF U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON CUBAN-AMERICAN TRAVEL”, Congressional Testimony, September 18, 2008, lexis)//eek

Instead, China has chosen to exercise soft power in the region. Two channels

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the region because trade and diplomacy need not be zero-sum games.

US influence in Latin America’s resilient

Duddy & Mora 5-1 [Patrick – US Ambassador to Venezuela until 2010 and Senior Lecturer at Duke. And Frank – Director of Latin American Center at Florida Intl University and former Assistant Secretary of Defense – Western Hemisphere (09-13). “Latin America: Is U.S. influence waning?” 5/1/13 http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/05/01/3375160/latin-america-is-us-influence.html#storylink=cpy]

As Moises Naim notes in his recent book, The End of Power, there

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the region to play a fundamental role and to advance its own interests.

US-Mexico Trade Now

Presidency of the Republic, 7-15 [7/15/13, Staff for the President of Mexico, “Annual Trade between Mexico and the USA Totals US$500 Billion”, http://www.mexidata.info/id3663.html]

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto declared that annual trade between Mexico and the United States

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, noting that Mexico is the only emerging economy currently promoting structural changes.

Chinese influence in Mexico will spur Senkaku conflict

Gertz 13-Bill Gertz is an American editor, columnist and reporter for The Washington Time, (“HOMENEWSSECURITYRADIOLOG INE-MAIL ALERTSSUBSCRIBECLASSIFIEDSE-EDITION Rising Red tide: China encircles U.S. by sailing warships in American waters, arming neighbors”, June 7, 2013, http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/jun/7/china-encircles-us-arming-western-hemisphere-state/?page=all]

A joint Mexico-China statement said Mexico pledged not to interfere in China’s affairs

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disputed islands that are said to contain large underwater gas and oil reserves.

Great power war

Richardson 13- Michael is a visiting senior research fellow at the Institute of South East Asian Studies in Singapore, February 5, 2013, <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2013/02/05/commentary/no-winners-in-a-conflict-over-the-senkaku-islands/#.UdsbTPlvOQg)//sawyer>

The answer should be a resounding “no.” Such a war, with no

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finding ways to counterbalance China’s assertive rise and preserve peace will be illusory.

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We meet---TBA is economic engagement

Jacobson 06/18/13 (U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY ROBERTA S. JACOBSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS BEFORE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUBCOMMITTEE, UNITED STATES SENATE, JUNE 18, 2013, http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2013/06/20130618276661.html#axzz2YSwhF7iA)

We have negotiated and signed the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement.

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to reshape our neighbor’s economic landscape and expand our economic engagement with Mexico.

We meet we are aid

C/I Economic engagement includes energy –

Huang ‘8 [4/2008, Chin-Hao Huang is a Research Associate at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute ("SIPRI") in Stockholm, Sweden. Previously, he worked at the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies ("CSIS"), in Washington, DC, USA. “THE CRISIS IN DARFUR: A STEIN CENTER & LEITNER CENTER COLLOQUIUM: ESSAY: U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND DARFUR,” Fordham International Law Journal, Lexis]

The statistics are familiar to most observers following China's economic interests in Sudan. Since

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at approximately 500,000 barrels per day (bpd)) indefinitely. n10

Prefer

Aff flex---Interpretation limits out economic agreements and other forms of engagement

Ground---Energy is central to economic engagement. Its intrinsically tied to economic prosperity

Substantial and literature checks—no limits explosion when there is a cap on what is written about

Ground inevitable—generics are all perception based

Default to reasonability---judge intervention is inevitable, competing interpretation leads to race the bottom

## 2ac debt ceiling da

Won’t Pass and Link turn- GOP wants Debt Ceiling Raised in exchange for more drilling

Klein and Soltas, 9/26 [September 26th 2013, Ezra Klein and Evan Soltas, “Wonkbook: The House’s debt-ceiling bill is…wow”, http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/09/26/wonkbook-the-houses-debt-ceiling-bill-is-wow/]

John Boehner isn't even trying to pretend his House of Representatives is a sane place

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, Boehner either can't stop them, or he's too exhausted to try.

DA not intrinsic—a logical policymaker could do the plan and pass the debt ceiling resolution—key to logical opportunity cost

Oil and Obama both loves the plan – solves link

Dlouhy 4-25 [4/25/13, Jennifer Dlouhy covers energy policy and other issues for the Houston Chronicle, “[House bill would codify Gulf of Mexico drilling deal](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/)”, <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/>]

The accord is designed to encourage commercial unitization agreements where oil and gas resources that

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told the House panel that Congress should pass the legislation as quickly as possible

**They’re key to the agenda**

Dan Froomkin 11 is the Senior Washington Correspondent for the Huffington Post "How The Oil Lobby Greases Washington's Wheels" 4/6 www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/06/how-the-oil-lobby-greases\_n\_845720.html?page=4

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

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Action Fund, "that is a 20-to-1 payoff."

Fiat solves the link—no debate about the plan because immediate passage

No link uniqueness---the house already passed the aff---that should have triggered their perception link---that’s Hastings

Chamber of Commerce loves the plan—they are key to the agenda

Josten 6-26 [6/26/13, Bruce Josten, is executive vice president for Government Affairs for the US Chamber of Commerce, “Key Vote letter on H.R. 1613, the "Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act" and H.R. 2231, the "Offshore Energy and Jobs Act" “,<http://www.uschamber.com/issues/letters/2013/key-vote-letter-hr-1613-outer-continental>]

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world’s largest business federation representing

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Leasing Program, more than 86 percent of America’s OCS is off limits.

Obama will pass debt ceiling unilaterally – 2 warrants

Perlberg ‘9/23[9/23/13, Steven Perlberg is a reporter for Business Insider covering markets and finance. “Analyst: Obama Will Raise The Debt Ceiling On His Own And Worry About The Legal Consequences Later” <http://www.businessinsider.com/fearless-forecast-debt-ceiling-2013-9>]

In the summer of 2011, some Democrats urged President Obama to simply raise the

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John Boehner in a phone call last week. We'll see what happens.

Vote no—status quo links to politics, only a risk of a link turn

Winners win

Singer, 9 – Juris Doctorate candidate at Berkeley Law (Jonathon, “By Expending Capital, Obama Grows His Capital,” 3/3/2009, http://www.mydd.com/story/2009/3/3/191825/0428)

From the latest NBC News-Wall Street Journal survey: Despite the country's struggling

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further as a result of their knee-jerked opposition to that agenda,

The 1AC Kerry evidence indicates that hot button issues lead to legislative successes---that leads to political support

PC not key

Dickinson 9 (Matthew, professor of political science at Middlebury College and taught previously at Harvard University where he worked under the supervision of presidential scholar Richard Neustadt, 5/26, Presidential Power: A NonPartisan Analysis of Presidential Politics, “Sotomayor, Obama and Presidential Power,” <http://blogs.middlebury.edu/presidentialpower/2009/05/26/sotamayor-obama-and-presidential-power/>)

What is of more interest to me, however, is what her selection reveals

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influence has already occurred, in the decision to present Sotomayor as his nominee

Energy policy is an olive branch – key to debt ceiling. Polcap is not effective

Grant 1-20 [1/20/13, David Grant is the Christian Science Monitor's congressional correspondent in Washington, D.C. where he covers Capitol Hill, “Obama’s second term: Can he work with Congress?”, http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0120/Obama-s-second-term-Can-he-work-with-Congress-video]

While Mr. Obama came to Washington promising to change it, he spent much

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have plenty of GOP support – but that remains a large “if.”

No focus link---link uq argument proves the focus happened in the past---the aff is just the ratification which doesn’t tradeoff with focus

Cyber war is massively exaggerated

**Valeriano 13** BRANDON VALERIANO is Lecturer in Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow, RYAN MANESS is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago, The Ducks of Minerva, January 29, 2013, " Perceptions and Opinions of the Cyber Threat", http://www.whiteoliphaunt.com/duckofminerva/2013/01/perceptions-and-opinions-of-the-cyber-threat.html

Cyberwar is a pressing international security problem. The news media breathlessly covers any potential

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, but it is nowhere near the top threat facing the United States.

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Only the US can use the Mexican loophole

U.S. House 4-25 [4/25/13, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. “H.R. 1613: To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs STATEMENT OF TOMMY P. BEAUDREAU ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES”, http://www.doi.gov/ocl/hearings/113/hr1613\_042513.cfm?renderforprint=1&]

The Mexican market has long been closed to participation by U.S. companies

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environmental risks that would result from unilateral exploration and development along the boundary.

Relations solves Disease Spread

Hataley et al 10[March 2010, Todd S. Hataley is a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Abelardo Rodríguez Sumano is Professor of International Relations at the University of Guadalajara and a member and researcher at the National Council on Science and Technology in Mexico, Richard J. Kilroy, Jr., is Professor of International Studies and Political Science at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA, “Toward a New Trilateral Strategic Security Relationship: United States, Canada, and Mexico”, http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1022&context=jss]

Three areas that have witnessed an increase in security cooperation among the three countries involve

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three governments to reach a level of cooperation and convergence toward a common threat

Extinction

Yu 9 (5/22, Victoria, Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science, "Human extinction: the uncertainty of our fate", <http://dujs.dartmouth.edu/spring-2009/human-extinction-the-uncertainty-of-our-fate>)

A pandemic will kill off all humans. In the past, humans have indeed

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could only infect birds — into a human-viable strain (10).

Relations solves Trade Deficit with China and boosts overall Latin American Relations

Montealegre, 1-24 [1/24/13, Oscar Montealegre is Diplomatic Courier Contributor and a freelancer specializing in Latin American markets, finance, economics, and geopolitics, MA in International Relations from the University of Westminster-London and a Certificate in International Trade and Commerce from UCLA, “U.S.-Mexico Relations: Love Thy Neighbor”, http://www.diplomaticourier.com/news/regions/latin-america/1331]

It is not common knowledge that Mexico is the United States’ third largest trading partner

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political corruption. But don’t India and China have corruption problems as well?

Extinction

Panzner 8 – faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 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 [Michael, “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” p. 136-138]

Continuing calls for curbs on the flow of finance and trade will inspire the United

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between Muslims and Western societies as the beginnings of a new world war.

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No risk of Chinese political or economic disintegration – Many reasons.

William T. Pendley 01, China scholar, review of “Is China Unstable,” The Journal of Asian Studies, Vol. 60, No. 1. Feb., 2001

One of the major strengths of this book is its balance. It does not

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Chinese leadership, though untested, has available both incentives and repressive measures.

**No US-Sino war**

Rosecrance et al 10 (Richard, Political Science Professor @ Cal and Senior Fellow @ Harvard’s Belfer Center and Former Director @ Burkle Center of IR @ UCLA, and Jia Qingguo, PhD Cornell, Professor and Associate Dean of School of International Studies @ Peking University, “Delicately Poised: Are China and the US Heading for Conflict?” Global Asia 4.4, <http://www.globalasia.org/l.php?c=e251>)

Will China and the US Go to War? If one accepts the previous analysis

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to territorial expansion and war with the US? The answer is no.

Increased relations is key to stop the spread of drug trafficking

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It is time to strengthen the U.S. relationship with Mexico. There

AND

develop a comprehensive and bilateral approach ¶ that limits the reach of organized crime