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==1ac – relations==

\*\*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

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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 %26 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.

==1ac – spills==

\*\*Contention Two is Oil Spills\*\*

\*\*Absent the plan, oil spills are inevitable\*\*

\*\*Gonzalez %26 Iliff 12\*\* (02/15/12 Editor at Mexico Oil %26 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.

==1ac – pemex==

\*\*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%26\_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, the Outer

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

==1ac – plan text==

\*\*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\*\*

## 2ac t qpq (no qpq cp)

C/I---QPQs are not Engagement

Smith 5 (Karen E, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, London School of Economics, “Engagement and conditionality: incompatible or mutually reinforcing?,” May 2005, Global Europe: New Terms of Engagement, <http://scholar.googleusercontent.com/scholar?q=cache:8-3RqE0TzFMJ:scholar.google.com/+engagement+positive+incentives+bilateral&hl=en&as_sdt=0,14>)

First, a few definitions. ‘Engagement’ is a foreign policy strategy of building

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induce change in another country, conditionality more of a top-down strategy

## 2ac article 20 pic

Permutation do the CP – The CP cannot compete off the normal means – they must be both textually and functionally competitive

A. Predictability – normal means is a POSSIBLE outcome, not a DIRECT mandate---defending all possible outcomes puts a unfair research burden on the aff---that is true in this context---the plan text is the name for the bill in academic literature---the 2ac can specific which version of the bill we pass

Alic 7-2-13 (Jen Alic, a senior journalist at the energy news site Oilprice.com, July 2, 2013, “Transparency Squabble Stalls US-Mexico Oil & Gas Deal”, <http://oilprice.com/Geopolitics/North-America/Transparency-Squabble-Stalls-US-Mexico-Oil-Gas-Deal.html>)

The U.S.-Mexico Hydrocarbon Transboundary Agreement (TBA) sets up a

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anything is implemented, these two versions will have to come together somehow.

B. Should doesn’t imply certainty nor immediatecy

Atlas Collaboration ‘99

“Use of shall, should, may can,” http://rd13doc.cern.ch/Atlas/DaqSoft/sde/inspect/shall.html

'shall' describes something that is mandatory. If a requirement uses 'shall', then that

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to be stated anywhere (to say nothing of defining what  'thoroughly' means).

C. “Toward” doesn’t require certainty

Lofaso 10 – Anne Marie Lofaso, Associate Professor at the West Virginia University College of Law, “Talking is Worthwhile: The Role of Employee Voice in Protecting, Enhancing, and Encouraging Individual Rights to Job Security in a Collective System”, Employee Rights & Employment Policy Journal, 14 Empl. Rts. & Employ. Pol'y J. 55, Lexis

The obligations placed on employers are significant in two ways. First and significantly,

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to come close to agreement but not a duty to close the deal.

D. “Resolved” doesn’t require certainty

Webster’s 9 – Merriam Webster 2009

(http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resolved)

# Main Entry: 1re·solve # Pronunciation: \ri-ˈzälv, -ˈzȯlv also -ˈzäv or -ˈzȯv\ # Function: verb # Inflected Form(s): re·solved; re·solv·ing 1 : to become separated into component parts; also : to become reduced by dissolving or analysis 2 : to form a resolution : determine 3 : consult, deliberate

Or immediacy

PTE 9 – Online Plain Text English Dictionary 2009

(http://www.onelook.com/?other=web1913&w=Resolve)

Resolve: “To form a purpose; to make a decision; especially, to determine after reflection; as, to resolve on a better course of life.”

Multipolarity causes war – history proves hegemony is on balance better for trade and global peace

Gobry 11 [Pascal—Emmanuel Gobry, Paris based entrepreneur with a degree in political science, August 23, 2011, “Hey Ron Paul Fans: hope you know that if America stopped being the world’s leader, America’s economy would collapse”, <http://www.businessinsider.com/america-world-police-2011-8>]

Well, maybe no one country can replace the United States, but maybe everyone

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benefits the global economy and the U.S. directly and tremendously.

CP creates uncertainty and disadvantages American companies-

Simmons 4/24/13 (Daniel Simmons is the Institution for Energy Research State and Regulatory Affairs Director before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in a hearing titled “U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation.”, "IER’s Simmons to Testify on Hydrocarbons Agreement", http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/2013/04/24/testimony-of-daniel-simmons-subcommittee-on-energy-and-mineral-resources/#\_ednref20

While the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement is a good agreement that will aid both the United

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taking proper steps to isolate this unique agreement from the uncertainties surrounding 13q.

CP links to the NB---Democrats backlash to the Dodd-Frank exemption

Mexican certainty is key to investment

Taylor 1-9 [1/9/13, Phil Taylor reporter for the E and E publishing LLC, “E&E: U.S.-Mexico transboundary agreement mired in Congress”, <http://www.bromwichgroup.com/2013/01/ee-offshore-drilling-u-s-mexico-transboundary-agreement-mired-in-congress/>]

The impasse derailed, for now, an agreement that many think could improve bilateral

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the National Ocean Industries Association, which urged Congress to approve the measure.

Permutation do both---each version of the bill appeases one party---that shields the link to politics

Now is key – seriously NOW

Esanaro 3/7/13 (Alberto, he has advised the Chambers of Commerce from an European Country, as well as some US Counties in relation to their affairs in Mexico, During 4-years in a row, he was elected Technical Secretary to the Fixed and Mobile Telephone Operators Committee (Comité del Servicio Local) by all operators of the Mexican Telecom Industry. LL.B. and additional certificates for US Public and Private Law. Thereafter, obtained two Post-Graduate Specialisations from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), one in Energy Regulation and one in Telecom, as well as having coursed Finance on the same Institute. Both, UP and ITAM are top 5 in law schools local rankings. He coursed a LL.M. Program in Telecom and IT Regulation at the University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK and other courses related to business and industries where he practices, QUICK WHITE HOUSE RESPONSE COULD MEAN A FOOT IN THE DOOR IN MEXICO’S HYDROCARBONS SECTOR, April 2013, http://mexicanlawblog.com/quick-white-house-response-could-mean-a-foot-in-the-door-in-mexicos-hydrocarbons-sector/)//moxley

In April of 2012, then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made an agreement with

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Mexico’s oil industry forever if the proposed PEMEX reforms do not go through.¶

PICs are bad and are a voting issue to deter the practice

Interpretation---the negative can read the net benefit to the pic as a DA---solves their offense

Moots the 1AC---changing one function of the aff makes it impossible to weigh our advantages against the net benefit---they only need to win a risk of offense to win their debates

Education---debates become a contrived question of a small detail in the plan text---takes the focus of debate off in depth researched strategies

The SEC sucks and makes drilling inefficient

Milito 4-25 [4/25/13, Erik Milito is a Group Director and Upstream and Industry Operations at the API, “Erik Milito testimony before House Committee on Natural Resources”, <http://www.api.org/news-and-media/testimony-speeches/2013/erik-milito-testimony-house-committee-on-natural-resources>]

Good morning Chairman Lamborn, Ranking Member Holt, and members of the committee.

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be vacated to avoid a competitive disadvantage of US companies around the world.

<<condo bad>>

Links to politics---API hates the CP

Snow 05/06/13 (NICK SNOW has covered oil and gas in Washington for more than 30 years. He worked in several capacities for The Oil Daily and was founding editor of Petroleum Finance Week before joining OGJ as its Washington correspondent in September 2005 "House panel begins US-Mexico Trans-boundary treaty discussions", http://www.ogj.com/articles/print/volume-111/issue-5/general-interest/house-panel-begins-us-mexico-trans.html)

Three witnesses on a second panel also supported HR 1613, while a fourth expressed

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an expensive decision, in turn reducing opportunities for new jobs for Americans."

## 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 lobby loves the plan

Dlouhy 13 [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

The IL is dumb---

**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

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

## 2ac oil da

Oil prices low now—Syria

BN 9/23 [September 23rh 2013, Bloomberg News, Crude Oil Prices Hit 6-Week Low On Syria Thaw”, http://news.investors.com/investing-futures/092313-672201-crude-oil-prices-hit-6-week-low-on-syria-thaw.htm]

West Texas intermediate crude fell to a six-week low on easing concern that

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.57, up from $4.47 on Sept. 20.

US Production rise inevitable- will become net exporter

Arsenault 8-31 [8/31/13, Chris Arsenault is a reporter for Al Jazeera and was a reporter with Inter Press Service news agency. He has also reported for CBC radio, the Halifax Chronicle Herald and dozens of magazines. His work focuses on North and South America, geopolitics, energy markets and social movements. Educated in Canada, he holds a BA in history and economics from Dalhousie University and an MA in history from the University of British Columbia, where he was awarded the 2008/09 Phil Lind Fellowship. In 2012, he held the Wolfson Press Fellowship at Cambridge University. Arsenault has been a guest lecturer the University of Toronto, Queen’s University, York University, Laurentian, Saint Mary's University and the Universidad Anáhuac in Mexico City. His first book is titled Blowback: A Canadian History of Agent Orange and the War at Home. “US could reclaim role as net energy exporter”, http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2013/08/2013831142514713250.html]

In changes that would have been unthinkable just five years ago, the US is

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according to a November 2012 report from the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Other Energy bills Thump

Alario 6-16 [6/16/13, Dick Alario is the Chairman of the National Ocean Industries Association which represents all facets of the domestic offshore energy and related industries, “Time to Remove Roadblocks to Offshore Energy Production”, <http://www.noia.org/time-to-remove-roadblocks-to-offshore-energy-production/>]

A decade ago, it seemed far-fetched that America would be poised to

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 that will provide independent advice to the offshore energy industry.

The aff has no impact on markets

Barnes ‘11

Joe Barnes, the Bonner Means Baker Fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, written extensively on international economics, with a focus on the geopolitics of energy, April 29, 2011, “The Future of Oil in Mexico”, <http://bakerinstitute.org/publications/EF-pub-BarnesBilateral-04292011.pdf>.

In summary. the slow decline of Mexican oil production, in and of itself

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Pemex's development into something like Norway's Statol would mark an important improvement.36

No link—no revolution

Simmons 4-25 [4/25/13, Daniel Simmons is the Institution for Energy Research State and Regulatory Affairs Director before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, “SIMMONS: North America is Energy Rich”, <http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/2013/04/25/simmons-north-america-is-energy-rich/>]

The United States and Mexico are energy rich countries. Total recoverable oil in North

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the border is the potential for cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

Low oil prices don’t escalate into conflict – 2008 price drop proves

Mouawad ’08 [November 11, 2008. Jad Mouawad is the airline correspondent for The New York Times. “Oil Prices Drop to 20-Month Low” <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/12/business/worldbusiness/12oil.html?_r=0>]

Oil prices fell to their lowest level in 20 months on Tuesday, despite efforts

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some point, when the global economy starts to recover,” he said.

Saudi Resilient

Propel 12 (Propel Consult, “Saudi Arabia’s economy healthy enough to sustain low oil prices: Samba,” 7-10-12, http://www.propelconsult.com/saudi-arabias-economy-healthy-enough-to-sustain-low-oil-prices-samba/)

Saudi Arabia’s oil revenues are expected to drop this year. Brent price is likely

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for new orders is coming from domestic clients, the Samba report added.¶

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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.

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.