## 1AC – Plan

#### Plan: The United States federal government should develop a Medicare insurance program with the Mexican Ministry of Health for American citizens living in Mexico.

## 1AC – Economic Primacy

#### Advantage 1 is Economic Primacy –

#### It’s try or die for U.S. economic crisis – the plan utilizes a *narrow* demographic window to produce high rates of economic growth

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As the baby boom generation begins to hit retirement age, the U.S

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offer pathways to capitalize on Mexico’s favorable demographics that do not involve migration.

#### Three internal links –

#### a. The Juggernaut – the plan is the single most important internal link to U.S. economic primacy – *reverse-causal* evidence that *explicitly* answers any alt causes or advantage counterplans

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Mexico and the United States are no longer distant neighbors whose ¶ economies are engaged

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. policy attention to support Mexico’s efforts to strengthen its ¶ economic future.

#### b. Geographic proximity – *only* Mexico can utilize it – that’s key

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With studies focused at the regional level, some analysts have argued that ¶ U

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for the United States to improve its global competitiveness and defend American industry.

#### c. Comparative advantage – Mexico builds *regional* success

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The long tradition of economic cooperation between the United States and Mexico, exemplified in

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increase regional competitiveness vis-à-vis the rest of the world.

#### **Our impact exists on a scale – declining U.S. economic primacy creates a widening gap which increases the risk of arms races, miscalc and great power war**

Khalilzad, PhD and Former Ambassador, 11 –Former Professor of Political Science @ Columbia, Former ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan

(Zalmay Khalilzad was the United States ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the United Nations during the presidency of George W. Bush and the director of policy planning at the Defense Department from 1990 to 1992. "The Economy and National Security" Feb 8 http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/259024/economy-and-national-security-zalmay-khalilzad)//BB

Today, economic and fiscal trends pose the most severe long-term threat to

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, hostile states would be emboldened to make aggressive moves in their regions.

#### **Krugman is wrong and we control uniqueness – economic primacy is *plummeting* in the status quo – empirics and risk prove**

Atkinson, Former Congressional Tech Office Member, 12– president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, former member of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, Vice President of the Progressive Policy Institute, director of its Technology and New Economy Project (Robert, “Does the U.S. Economy Compete with Other Economies?”, 10/22/12; < <http://www.innovationfiles.org/does-the-u-s-economy-compete-with-other-economies/>>)

As we argue in our book “Innovation Economics: the Race for Global Advantage

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wage growth and higher unemployment rates. Just what America is facing today.

## 1AC – Aging Crisis

#### Advantage 2 is Aging Crisis –

#### Americans can’t access Medicare overseas – there’s a *limited timeframe* – baby boomer retirements mean demand will triple in *less than two decades*

Haims and Dick, RAND Policy Analysts, 12 – \*Marla C. Haims (Former RAND Global Health Initiative Director, Ph.D. and M.S. in industrial and systems engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison; B.A. in psychology, Miami University) and \*\*Andrew W. Dick (Senior RAND Economic analyst, Ph.D. in economics, Stanford University), “Extending U.S. Medicare to Mexico; Why It's Important to Consider and What Can Be Done,” Fall 2012, article 5, <http://www.rand.org/pubs/periodicals/health-quarterly/issues/v2/n3/05.html>. //BR

The U.S. Social Security Medicare Program does not cover health services outside

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the country without the often time-consuming process of obtaining a visa.

#### Reject their defense for two reasons –

#### a. It’s short-sighted – baby boomers are a looming *demographic tsunami* – Medicare expenses will exceed the *entire federal budget*

Haas, Ph.D. and Poli Sci Professor, 7 – Mark, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science at Duquesne University, “A Geriatric Peace? The Future of U.S. Power in a World of Aging Populations,” International Security, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Summer 2007), pp. 112–147. Available online @ Harvard Belfer Center, <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/is3201_pp112-147.pdf>. //BR

Like the other great powers, the United States is an aging society. Consequently

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roughly the size of the current U.S. federal budget.89

#### b. NOTHING in the lit base assumes the aging crisis – it causes offshore balancing and global crises

Haas 7 – Mark, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science at Duquesne University, “A Geriatric Peace? The Future of U.S. Power in a World of Aging Populations,” International Security, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Summer 2007), pp. 112–147. Available online @ Harvard Belfer Center, <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/is3201_pp112-147.pdf>. //BR

Fourth, although the United States is in better demographic shape than the other great

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potential costs for the United States’ international interests created by an aging world.

#### Two impacts –

#### One – Transnational Crisis – aging crisis causes US withdrawal from and *independently* crushes international institutions – it also guarantees conflict escalation

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The effects of aging in the great powers are not all positive for U.

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adequately this problem, potentially to the great detriment of these states’ security.

#### Shifting away from those institutions creates *several* scenarios for extinction

Feffer, OSF Fellow, 9 John, Fellow at Open Society Foundation, co-director of Foreign Policy in Focus, an international affairs online news service and journal. “World Beat,” FPIF, Feb 17. Vol. 4 No. 7. Lexis.

The neoconservative movement thrilled to what it called the "unipolar moment." After the

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an empire. I can hear the adding machine totting up the numbers.

#### Effective international institutions solve disease spread- also puts a cap of warfare

Deudney and Ikenberry 9 (Daniel and John, Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University and Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton, "The Myth of Autocratic Revivial: Why Liberal Democracy Will PRevail," Foreign AFfairs, Jan/Feb, Vol. 88, Issue 1, EBSCO))

TWO decades of post-Cold War liberal triumph, U.S. foreign

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Emerging global problems will create common interests across states regardless of regime type.

#### Disease causes extinction – outweighs their DAs because intervening actors fail

Zakaria 5 Fareed, “A Threat Worse than Terror,” 10-31, Newsweek, <http://www.fareedzakaria.com/ARTICLES/newsweek/103105.html>.

A flu pandemic is the most dangerous threat the United States faces today," says

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for the first time. No such expertise exists for today's deadliest threat.

#### Two – Conflict Escalation – there are no “turns” because the U.S. will always *try* to retain primacy, but offshore balancing is *uniquely* dangerous

Thayer, former Harvard Fellow and Dartmouth Professor, 7 – Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has taught at Dartmouth College. [Bradley A. American Empire: A Debate. Routledge Press: Taylor and Francis Group, NY. P. 116-117]//BR

There is no viable alternative grand strategy for the United States than primacy. Primacy

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. The United States would be far less secure in such a world.

#### **We control *speed* and *size* – offshore balancing triggers conflict by crushing the *perception* of security with other *great powers***

Schaefer and Poffenbarger 9 – Mark Schaefer\* (Department of History Philosophy Political Science and Religion Marietta College) and John Poffenbarger (Department of Social Sciences Wheeling Jesuit University)\*\*, February 17, Searching for Acceptance: The United States and South America, Page 6-7, [http://www.allacademic.com//meta/p\_mla\_apa\_research\_citation/3/1/0/5/4/pages310549/p310549-1.php](http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p_mla_apa_research_citation/3/1/0/5/4/pages310549/p310549-1.php))

It is our contention that a strategy of hegemony is preferable to one of offshore

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taking steps to mitigate the motivations for balancing while seeking to attract bandwagoners.

#### We control timeframe – aging crisis is coming now and will be *full-blown* by 2017 – the plan stops it

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Medicare is facing very severe financial difficulties—worse than the more publicized financial woes

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practitioners, and access to a wide range of medical tests and equipment.

#### Internal Link Framing – the length of delay directly correlates to the risk of the aging crisis

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The world is entering an unprecedented demographic era. Never before has social aging been

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

#### The plan *slashes* Medicare costs in *half* for each patient and 22% on the whole

Healthbase 9 – “Medicare coverage for elderly Americans in Mexico: How feasible is it?” Healthbase is a medical tourism blog, <http://healthbase.wordpress.com/2009/09/24/medicare-coverage-for-elderly-americans-in-mexico-how-feasible-is-it/.//BR>

The rising cost of health care in the United States is forcing an increasing number

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their homes, cutting Medicare overall costs by a minimum of 22 percent.

## 1AC – Solvency

#### Next is Solvency –

#### The plan’s model is the most *effective* way to spur cooperation and coordination

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A second policy option would be for Medicare to develop a traditional indemnity insurance plan

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and working relationships between the U.S. and Mexican health bureaucracies.

#### Even modest success is contagious – the plan builds close government-to-government cooperation, solves the Mexican economy and saves Medicare

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Ultimately, extending Medicare to eligible beneficiaries in Mexico could be a mutually beneficial endeavor

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Medicare to Mexico not only feasible but also desirable across all relevant parties.

#### We control link uniqueness – economic engagement in tons of other areas is inevitable

Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of State, 13 – Roberta S., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, “TESTIMONY OF ROBERTA S. JACOBSON BEFORE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUBCOMMITTEE, UNITED STATES SENATE, JUNE 18, 2013 <http://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Jacobson_Testimony1.pdf>

In Mexico, the Peña Nieto administration is pursuing a broad reform agenda ¶ with

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

#### We also control uniqueness for solvency – demand and savings are inelastic because of large-scale demographic trends

**Kiy and McEnany 13** Richard Kiy: President & CEO of the ICF, MA @ Harvard, AB @ Stanford, Anne McEnany: Senior Advisor at the ICF, MS @ Tulane, BA @ UVA, “Health Care and Americans Retiring in Mexico,” May, International Community Foundation, <http://www.icfdn.org/publications/healthcare/RRA-2-FINAL.pdf.//BR>

With the looming economic pressures on America’s baby boom generation brought on by rising healthcare

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recognized U.S.- based medical service providers south of the border.

#### There’s no risk of a turn on competitiveness – China’s only economic risk is *overheating*, not collapse

Brown and Solman 13 – PBS Newshour correspondents, “Is China's Fast-Growing Economy Headed for a Crash?” PBS Newshour, Jan 24, <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/business/jan-june13/makingsense_01-24.html>

JEFFREY BROWN: Next: trying to make sense of China's economy.¶ A top

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hand, newly built ghost towns and empty housing developments throughout the country.

The status quo triggers their DAs but doesn’t solve the Aff – *rhetoric* trumpeting economic engagement is inevitable, but *follow-up* is key

Fernandez 13 – Jose, “U.S.-Mexico Dialogue Expands Economic Cooperation,” US State Department’s official blog, Apr 30, <http://blogs.state.gov/stories/2013/04/30/us-mexico-dialogue-expands-economic-cooperation.//BR>

The United States and Mexico share many similar interests and concerns. We are also

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to grow even further, and that is in all of our interests.