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## 1AC Mexico

Mexico’s rising middle class have revolutionized the role of the state by demanding economic and political reforms that will allow for increased equality and prosperity, but current insecurity and uncertain legal institutions risk combining to reverse that progress – establishing a firmer rule of law is key

Shannon K. O’Neil, senior fellow of Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, 13 [“TWO NATIONS INDIVISIBLE: MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES,

AND THE ROAD AHEAD,” Chapter 1: “MEXICO AT THE CROSSROAD,” Oxford University Press, http://www.cfr.org/mexico/two-nations-indivisible/p29765?excerpt=1]

Overlooked, underreported, and

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repercussions for the United States.

Strong legal institutions ensure long-term economic growth and stability in Mexico—empirics and history prove the squo in insufficient

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In the public’s eyes,

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grow this time.

US-Mexico Cooperative engagement is key to prevent democratic backsliding – reverses current incentives to maintain a legal system of opacity and corruption

Shannon K. O’Neil, senior fellow of Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, 13 [“TWO NATIONS INDIVISIBLE: MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE ROAD AHEAD,” book, April 4, 2013]

The challenge for

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economy for our own.

Rhetoric is cheap, action now is key - US and Mexican engagement is inevitable, it’s a question of whether we change our partnership to jointly focus on democratic consolidation on a local level or maintain our current policy of bigger walls and more boots on the ground

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Even as the United States

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Institutional collapse recreate a wave of violence – US and Mexican cooperative engagement is key to solve

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Along with the economy

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current bloody tide.

That spills over to all of Latin America

ROBERT C. BONNER is Senior Principal of the Sentinel HS Group, 10 [“The New Cocaine Cowboys,” Foreign Affairs, (Jul/Aug 2010): 35-47]

THE RECENT headlines

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and South America.

That Instability generates conflict and war, leads to spirals of governance failure that exacerbates violence of all types

Manwaring ‘5, (General Douglas MacArthur Chair and Prof of Military Strategy @ U.S. Army War College, Ret U.S. Army Colonel, Adjunct Professor of International Politics @ Dickinson College (Max G, October, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare”, Strategic Studies Institute, <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB628.pdf>)

At the same time,

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peace, and prosperity.

Rigorous methodological support for the thesis of our impact

Jedidiah Royal 10, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense, “Economic Integration, Economic Signalling And The Problem Of Economic Crises”, in Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215

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use of force.

Mexican institutionalism sets a model for all of Latin America – that’s the key factor in strengthening security in the region

ICG 13 [“Peña Nieto’s Challenge: Criminal Cartels and Rule of Law in Mexico,” International Crisis Group, Latin American Report 48, March 19, pdf]

Mexico faces a Herculean

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by crime and violence.

Democratic rule of law protects poor, foreigners, women, minorities, and indigenous peoples from being exploited

O’Donnell 04 Guillermo O’Donnell is Helen Kellogg Professor of Government and International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. This essay com- bines new material with a reorganized version of some of the author’s other writings on this subject, especially The Quality of Democracy: Theory and Applications (2004) and “Polyarchies and the (Un)Rule of Law in Latin America” <http://home.comcast.net/~lionelingram/odonnell_WhyRuleOfLawMatters.pdf>.

In relation to the legal

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and protects it.

## 1AC Plan

Thus the plan: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its financial assistance to Mexico for state and local judicial and police reform.

## 1AC Solvency

US aid is key to implementing police and judicial reform—the time is now

O’Neil ’12 (Shannon K. O'Neil, Senior Fellow for Latin America Studies. “Refocusing U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation Policy Innovation Memorandum No. 27.” *Council On Foreign Relations.* http://www.cfr.org/mexico/refocusing-us-mexico-security-cooperation/p29595. December 2012)

U.S.-Mexico security

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crime and violence.

US funding, expertise, and support are vital internal link to Mexican solvency

US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations ’12 (“SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON MEXICO, REDUCING EXTREME VIOLENCE Calls for Increased Support for Institutional Reforms.” US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. July 12, 2012. <http://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/chair/release/senate-foreign-relations-committee-report-on-mexico-reducing-extreme-violence>)

Washington, DC – Senate

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human rights issues.

Not all efforts to address weak states and institutions are part of a neo-imperialist strategy – the US can effectively produce stability and growth through cooperative economic assistance tailored to local needs

Michael j. Mazarr is Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War

College, 14 [“The Rise and Fall of the Failed-State Paradigm,” Foreign Affairs, Vol 93, no 1, Jan/Feb, pp. 120-1]

AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL

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decade of distraction.

## 2AC Impact

Rigorous academic consensus on our impact – legal democratic norms are the foundations for global peace

Kersch 6, Assistant Professor of Politics [2006, Ken I. Kersch, Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University. B.A., Williams; J.D., Northwestern; Ph.D., Cornell. Thanks to the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at Bowling Green State University, where I was a visiting research scholar in the fall of 2005, and to the organizers of, and my fellow participants in, the Albany Law School Symposium, Albany Law School, “The Supreme Court and international relations theory.”, http://www.thefreelibrary.com/The+Supreme+Court+and+international+relations+theory.-a0151714294]

Liberal theories of international

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against contemporary criticism.

## 2AC Epistemology Not First

Our epistemology is accurate and shouldn’t be prioritized

Wendt 98 (professor of international security – Ohio State University, Alexander, “On Constitution and Causation in International Relations,” British International Studies Association)

As a community,

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caricatures of science.

## 2AC Framework

Policy discussion is requisite to effective public dialogue

Julia Sweig, Nelson and David Rockefeller Senior Fellow for Latin America Studies and Director for Latin America Studies, and Shannon O'Neil Senior Fellow for Latin America Studies, 13 [“Latin America Studies Program,” 2013, http://www.cfr.org/projects/south-africa/latin-america-studies-program/pr1039]

The first decade

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Democracy, and Cuba.

Prioritization framing doesn’t accurately describe their authors’ claims nor is it politically productive – considering a plurality of methods is key

Andrew Bennett 13, government prof at Georgetown, The mother of all isms: Causal mechanisms and structured pluralism in International Relations theory, European Journal of International Relations 2013 19:459

The political science

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of IR's ingrown 'isms.'

Util is the only moral framework

Murray 97 (Alastair, Professor of Politics at U. of Wales-Swansea, Reconstructing Realism, p. 110) THIS EVIDENE IS GENDER EDITED

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ethical judgements altogether'.13

## 2AC Mexico Optimism

We control specific uniqueness – macroeconomic stability has benefited Mexico’s poor and middle class by all measures

Shannon K. O’Neil, senior fellow of Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, 13 [“TWO NATIONS INDIVISIBLE: MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE ROAD AHEAD,” book, April 4, 2013]

The magnitude of

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of Mexico’s independents.38

## 2AC A2 Bare Life

The state of exception can be contained---no impact

Jennifer Mitzen 11, PhD, University of Chicago, Associate Professor of Political Science at Ohio State University, Michael E. Newell, “Crisis Authority, the War on Terror and the Future of Constitutional Democracy,” PDF

But what Agamben

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sovereignty remained intact.

## 2AC Legalism

Just because we have an existential threat doesn’t mean we promote securitization – we use it to challenge concentration of power. This is a more effective challenge to security.

Michael WILLIAMS Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa ’11 “Securitization and the liberalism of fear” *Security Dialogue* 42 p. 457-459

These dynamics point

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attempted to mobilize it.

## 2AC Alternative

Economic integration can work, but proactive policies are the only way to effectuate change – proves the alt fails

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and Caribbean Studies at New York University. He served as Mexico’s Foreign Minister from

2000 to 2003, 14 [“NAFTA’s Mixed Record,” Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb, Vol 93, no 1, pp. 140-1]

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nafta, not less.

## 2AC Alt V2

But the alt alone fails—re-narrate American identity concerns towards inclusion

Vibeke Schou PEDERSENCopenhagen ‘3“In Search of Monsters to Destroy?” *International Relations* 17 (2) p. 30-32

This forces us

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with as we please.

That’s the aff – we foster a new strategic partnership with mexico by recognizing the dependent security relationship we have we each other – that’s key to fostering constructive dialogue

Shannon K. O’Neil, senior fellow of Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, 13 [“TWO NATIONS INDIVISIBLE: MEXICO, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE ROAD AHEAD,” book, April 4, 2013]

Finally, the United States

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U.S.-Mexico relations.

That’s more effective than pure critique.  Condemning all legal engagement only drives those invested in it to condemn and demonize others

Vibeke Schou PEDERSENCopenhagen ‘3“In Search of Monsters to Destroy?” *International Relations* 17 (2) p.

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Returning to McDougall’s

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beyond our reach.”122

## 2AC Agamben

Their kritik doesn’t take out solvency – we are capable of restraining ourselves from absolute sovereignty

Ernesto LACLAU Political Theory @ Essex ‘7 in Giorgio Agamben: Sovereignty and Life eds. Matthew Calarco and Steven DeCaroli p. 12-17

Let us start by considering

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formation becomes possible.

## 1AR No Intervention

No endless intervention

David Mathieson and, Associate Fellow at FRIDE. He holds a doctorate from the University of London, Richard Youngs 6, Co-ordinator of the Democratisation programme at FRIDE, and lecturer at the University of Warwick, “Democracy Promotion and the European Left: Ambivalence Confused?”, December, working paper 29 at FRIDE

Equally important, leftist

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during the 1990s.

## 1AR Impact Defense

No impact – democratic norms and civil society check totalitarianism and genocide – there’s no movement b/c there’s no soveirgn

Dickinson, associate professor of history – UC Davis, ‘4

(Edward, Central European History, 37.1)

In short, the

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radically differing potentials.91

## 1AR Bare Life

No impact – people can assert agency in the face of state control – ignoring this disempowers the alt

Cesare Casarino, professor of cultural studies and comparative literature at the University of Minnesota AND Antonio Negri, author of numerous volumes of philosophy and political theory. “It’s a Powerful Life: A Conversation on Contemporary Philosophy” Cultural Critique 57. 2004

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neutralize our resistance.

Imperfect knowledge means you have to weigh Consequences

Cowen 4 (Tyler, Professor of Economics – George Mason University, “The Epistemic Problem Does Not Refute Consequentialism”, 11-2, http://www.gmu.edu/jbc/Tyler/Epistemic2.pdf, p. 14-15)

The epistemic critique

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benefits of obvious importance.