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Border infrastructure – New plan text –

The United States federal government should facilitate necessary improvements in efficiency and necessary reductions in congestion at ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border.

## 2AC AT T-Increase

C/I – Increase requires pre-existence

Buckley 6 (Jeremiah, Attorney, Amicus Curiae Brief, Safeco Ins. Co. of America et al v. Charles Burr et al, <http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/briefs/06-84/06-84.mer.ami.mica.pdf>)

First, the court said that the ordinary meaning of the word “increase”

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a phrase gathers meaning from the words around it”) (citation omitted).

## 2AC AT Renewables QPQ

Certainty key – without it, border delays and investment decline are inevitable

Chamber of Commerce 11 (“Steps to a 21st Century U.S.-Mexico Border”

<http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/2011_us_mexico_report.pdf> )

Businesses rely on just-in-time inventory management and depend on predictability and

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face regulators in reforming policy; however, more needs to be done.

Conditions fail – perceived as bullying

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>.

Nonetheless, the ability of the United States to encourage reform is severely limited.

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spluttering about the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.37

Renewables can’t solve warming – they supplement, not replace, dirty energy

Angus 12– ecosocialist advocate, citing an extensive study by Richard York, professor at the University of Oregon with an MS in Environmental Studies from Bemidji State University (Iran, “Green energy won’t save the earth without social change”, 3/21/12; < http://climateandcapitalism.com/2012/03/21/green-energy-alone-wont-save-the-earth/>)

The most popular techno-fix for global warming is green energy. If energy

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ignore the inherent destructiveness of the current system of unsustainable development – capitalism.”

No impact---mitigation and adaptation will solve---no tipping point or “1% risk” args

Robert O. Mendelsohn 9, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

The heart of the debate about climate change comes from a number of warnings from

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economic growth and well‐being may be at risk (Stern 2006).

These statements are largely alarmist and misleading. Although climate change is a serious problem

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range climate risks. What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.

2AC AT Neoliberalism

Neoliberalism is inevitable and sustainable

Peck 2 Canada Research Chair in Urban & Regional Political Economy and Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia. Former Honorary Professorial Fellow, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester. PhD in Geography. AND—Adam Tickell—Professor of Geography, University of Bristol. PhD (Jamie, Neoliberalizing space, Antipode 34 (3): 380-404)

In many respects, it would be tempting to conclude with a Ideological reading of

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the resistance movement may have the capacity to hold a mirror to the process

Neoliberalism is key to maintain the free market, the value of an individual, and free trade

Olssen 5 -- Professor of Political Theory and Education (May 2005, Mark Olssen, Professor of Political Theory and Education, PhD Political Studies, and Michael A. Peters, Ph.D. Philosophy of Education, M.A., Philosophy, Professor Educational Policy Studies, Adjunct Professor School of Foriegn Studies, Journal of Education Policy, Vol. 20, No. 3, pp. 313–345, “Neoliberalism, higher education and the knowledge economy: from the free market to knowledge capitalism,” ebscohost)

 Within higher education neoliberalism has introduced a new mode of regulation or form of

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as well as the maintenance of floating exchange rates and ‘open’ economies.

Growth empirically shields the environment

Norberg 3 Johan Norberg, MA in History Fellow at Timbro, MA with a focus in economics and philosophy, In Defense of Global Capitalism, p. 225-237

All over the world, economic progress and growth are moving hand in hand with

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more investments they get, the better control they gain over air pollution.

Transition wars – causes extinction and guts alt solvency

Barnhizer 6 (Emeritus Professor at Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, David, “Waking from Sustainability's "Impossible Dream": The Decisionmaking Realities of Business and Government,” Georgetown International Environmental Law Review, 18 Geo. Int'l Envtl. L. Rev. 595)

The scale of social needs, including the need for expanded productive activity, has

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social justice while avoiding and mitigating the most destructive consequences of our behavior.

Alt fails in more cooperate further exacerbating neoliberalism

Legrain 2K (Phillipe Legrain, special adviser to the WTO director general Mike Moore, 2000, The WTO: Boon or Bane for the Developing World, p. http://www.focusweb.org/publications/2000/The%20WTOThe%20WTO-Boon%20or%20Bane%20for%20the%20Developing%20World.htm)

A convincing case for the WTO’s abolition must show two things. First, that

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poorest South Koreans today are much richer than their counterparts 30 years ago.

2AC AT Politics

No impact – patent trolls are hype – best studies on the issue

Merritt, EE Times, 3-12-14 Rick, “Patent Data Missing in Troll Debate” http://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc\_id=1321364and\_mc=MP\_IW\_EDT\_STUB, accessed 3-15-14

While the US Congress debates legislation aimed at addressing a troubling increase in patent infringement

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the litigant -- rather than the type of patent -- may be misplaced.

Patent lobbies are huge – block legislation

William Neilson Jr., Political writer, 4/16 [“Lobbyists continue to cut down any productive patent reform,” http://www.androidauthority.com/patent-reform-368922/]

Last year, mega patent-troll Intellectual Ventures opened up shop in Washington,

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been lobbying them for years with high pay and little work to achieve.

Midterm season is here early – nothing will pass

Tim Mak, Congressional Correspondent, 4/25 [“Congress kicks back as campaign politics takes over,” http://washingtonexaminer.com/congress-kicks-back-as-campaign-politics-takes-over/article/2547687]

Congress has entered an early hibernation period.¶ Between now and Election Day in November

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anticipate happening for the rest of the year? Not a whole lot.”

Sentencing bills are being fought over by Obama and congress right now

Katie Zezima covers the White House for Post Politics and The Fix, 4/24 [“Congress was all for sentencing reform — until Obama got involved,” http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/04/24/congress-was-all-for-sentencing-reform-until-obama-got-involved/]

As we discussed earlier this week, the politics of marijuana make for some strange

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bill, think's the announcement is another example of an administration that overreaches.

Winners win and PC isn’t key

Hirsh 13 (Michael, Chief correspondent for National Journal, Previously served as the senior editor and national economics correspondent for Newsweek, Overseas Press Club award for best magazine reporting from abroad in 2001 and for Newsweek’s coverage of the war on terror which also won a National Magazine Award, There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital, http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207)

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun control issues illustrates how suddenly shifts

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

Obama doesn’t push the plan

Combs 1 Window on State Government - Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts 2001 State Functions at the Texas-Mexico Border and Cross-Border Transportation http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/border/sfatb2.html

II. Responsibilities of Governmental Agencies and Private Entities at the Texas-Mexico Border

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inspections include more detailed reviews of cargo documentation, cargo, and drivers.

PC not real

Edwards 9 Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University, holds the George and Julia Blucher Jordan Chair in Presidential Studies and has served as the Olin Professor of American Government at Oxford [George, “The Strategic President”, Printed by the Princeton University Press, pg. 149-150]

Even presidents who appeared to dominate Congress were actually facilitators rather than directors of change

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to issue, it will almost always be a minority in each chamber.

Improving POE’s has bipartisan agreement

Ramos 13 (Kristian Ramos is New Democracy Network’s Policy Director of the 21st Century Border Initiative, “Realizing the Strategic National Value of our Trade, Tourism and Ports of Entry with Mexico” The New Policy Institute is the educational affiliate of the NDN, a think tank based in Washington, DC. May 2013 http://ndn.org/sites/default/files/blog\_files/NPI%20U%20S%20-Mexico%20Trade%20Tourism%20POE%20Report\_0.pdf)

Key policies and infrastructure can either help or hinder this enormous economic exchange. Forty

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number one or number two trading partner, multiplying jobs in both countries.

Group support

BH 10 (“Senators: U.S. Must Invest in Infrastructure, Personnel at International Bridges” http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=InNews&ContentRecord\_id=8fca6ad8-c12f-4b06-82fe-fad0ccbc76c4)

The state’s members of the U.S. House of Representatives have lobbied unsuccessfully

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we were fine at the ports, but that was a false assumption.”

2AC Agriculture

Plan is key to the agricultural industry and food security

CoC 12 (United States Chamber of Commerce, “ENHANCING THE U.S.–MEXICO ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP” http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/1204EnhancingtheUS-MexicoEconomicPartnership.pdf 4-24-12)

In both markets, consumers and producers alike benefit from access to the other’s agricultural

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more reliable access to safe food at better prices, quality, and reliability

Global nuclear conflict

Xie et al 6(Wenyu, Prof. Phil. @ Shandong U., Zhihe Wang, Prof. @ School of Phil. And Soc. Sci. @ Beijing Normal U., and George E. Derfer, School of Philosophy and the Social Sciences, and George E. Derfer, Prof. Emeritus @ Cal. Poly. Pomona, “Whitehead and China: Relevance and Relationship”)

The threats posed by war, imperialism, nuclear weapons, and terrorism are,

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with hatred of imperialism combined with nuclearism makes for a very volatile mixture.

2AC AT Mexico Politics

No impact to dependence – countries cooperate

Jaffe 8 [Amy Myers Jaffe is the Wallace S. Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, “ Opportunity, not War,” Survival | vol. 50 no. 4 | August–September 2008 | pp. 61–82]

We’ve heard the argument before: scarcity of future oil supplies is a danger to

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in ‘The Impending Oil Shock’ is whether this time will be different.

LNG Boom solves dependence

Meghan Foley, 8/25/13, USA Today, http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2013/08/25/natural-gas-boom-overkill/2692767/

Natural gas was first a boon for domestic energy

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produces more natural gas than it can use.

Won’t pass – tons of thumpers

Reuters 4/26

Reuters, 4/26/14, (“Competition bill passes Mexico's Senate, easing legislative logjam”, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/04/26/mexico-reforms-idUKL2N0NI01F20140426>, AW)

Lawmakers face a legislative logjam that includes

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reform before the oil sector overhaul can pass.

New requirements made means PEMEX won’t sign on – no risk it passes

MSN 14 (Microsoft Network Money, News Center, “Mexico energy reform won't force Pemex into contracts – lawmakers”, <http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=OBR&date=20140219&id=17365619>, ZS)

The keenly awaited fine print that will flesh out a landmark Mexican energy reform will

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private or foreign energy companies, will likely not be considered until September.

Increasing cooperation popular among most Mexican voters

Taylor 12 (Guy Taylor, the Washington Times State Department correspondent, whose work was supported by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting and the Fund For Investigative Journalism, Charismatic front-runner in Mexican presidential race vows shift on drugs, trade, 4/17/12, http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/apr/17/trade-top-priority-for-mexican-front-runner/)

The front-runner in Mexico’s presidential race has attracted throngs of supporters among elite

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States and Canada, but especially with the United States,” he said.

No political capital left to push

Avalos 12(Jorge Ramos Ávalos is a Mexican journalist, anchor for Noticiero Univision and host of the Sunday morning news talk show Al Punto, “A Credibility Crisis for Mexico’s New President,” November 21, 2012, http://jorgeramos.com/en/a-credibility-crisis-for-mexicos-new-president)

Enrique Pena Nieto is facing a credibility problem: Millions of Mexicans remain convinced that

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the evidence, that Mexico had held “a free and authentic election.”

Declining economy kills Nieto’s credibility – plan’s key to solve

AP 12/9 (Associated Press via Huffington Post International News Service, “Enrique Pena Nieto's Approval Ratings Drop In His First Year”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/10/enrique-pena-nieto-approval-ratings_n_4421276.html>, ZS)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A poll in Mexico says approval for President Enrique

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been governing. The error margin was plus or minus three percentage points.

## 1AR Definitions

“Should” is distinct from “must”- it allows exceptions

**Franzel**, GAO Financial Management and Assurance director, **8**

(Jeanette M., US Government Accountability Office, "Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing," 3-31-2008, www.gao.gov/govaud/cl\_iia080331.pdf)

The second sentence of the “must” definition used in the exposure draft instructions

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the procedure; if so, “should” is the appropriate word.

Substantially” means to large extent

**Merriam-Webster, 2002**

(Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition <http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary>)

To a great extent or degree

Resolved means by vote

**Webster’s 1998**

Webster’s Revised Unabridged Dictionary, 1998 (dictionary.com)

Resolved: 5. To express, as an opinion or determination, by resolution and vote

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should be apropriated (or, to appropriate no money).

Counter-interpretation—both conditional and unconditional engagement are topical

Haass 2K (Richard Haass, Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, “Engaging Problem Countries”, June 2000, <http://dspace.cigilibrary.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/18245/1/Engaging%20Problem%20Countries.pdf>, ZS)

Engagement as a policy is not merely the antithesis of isolation. Rather, it

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promoting civil society in hopes of creating an environment more conducive to reform.

## 1AR Warming

Impossible to cut emissions – no modeling or momentum

Mead 10 (Walter Russell, senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, The Death of Global Warming, February 1, <http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/2010/02/01/the-death-of-global-warming/>)

The global warming movement as we have known it is dead. Its health had

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the UN has a comprehensive written collection of promised actions, he says.”

## 1AR Midterms

Their conception of pol cap is false – republican gridlock stops everything from passing

Paul Waldman, senior political analyst, 4/10 [“Why Barack Obama can’t be LBJ,” http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2014/04/10/why-barack-obama-cant-be-lbj/]

By now, Barack Obama is probably fed up with comparisons to Lyndon Johnson.

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but each has to be judged on the realities of his own time.