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## 1NC ALBA

Latin American geopolitics are split for the time being – but an indication of Cuban preeminence unites them

Cave 14

Damien Cave 14, NY Times, (“Response From Latin American Leaders on Venezuelan Unrest Is Muted”, <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/22/world/americas/response-from-latin-american-leaders-on-venezuelan-unrest-is-muted.html?_r=0>, AW)

MEXICO CITY — When President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela arrived in Havana for a regional

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and sustains Cuba. The politics of this are very, very complicated.”

Plan revives Latin American anti-Americanism – surrenders to Castro and lionizes Cuba

Brookes 9

Peter Brookes, senior fellow for National Security Affairs in the Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation, 4/16/09, (“Keep the Embargo, O”, <http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o>, AW)

In another outreach to roguish regimes, the Obama administration on Monday announced the easing

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communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

Leftist militarization causes Russian expansion

Vassallo 10

JoEllen Vassallo 2010, MA in IR, St. John Fisher College, (“The Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas: The Destabilizing Impact on Latin America”, <http://fisherpub.sjfc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=intlstudies_masters>, AW)

Another area of concern is Russia‟s relationship with ALBA. Russia serves as

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political and economic agenda, which has resulted in conflict in the region.

Extinction

Walle 12

(Walter, Research Associate at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “Russia Turns to the South for Military and Economic Alliances,” <http://www.coha.org/russia-turns-to-the-south-for-military-and-economic-alliances/>)

Quite clearly, Russia’s interest in Latin America is escalating. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey

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alone among Latin American countries in recognizing the independence of the new republics.

## 1NC Politics

Obama’s push is making NSA agreement converge now, but current political momentum is key

Darren Samuelsohn, senior policy reporter for POLITICO Pro, and Jake Sherman, congressional reporter for POLITICO, 4/9 [“Dueling dilemmas for national security reform,” http://www.politico.com/story/2014/04/nsa-national-security-reform-105549.html]

In the House, Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and Majority Leader

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of both Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

The plan is a massive congressional fight that infects the legislative future of unrelated initiatives

LeoGrande 12 [William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf]

Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie? Political considerations played

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capital rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action

That’s key to NSA authority—Congress would easily reject all NSA surveillance

Brendan Sasso, National Journal, 3/25/14, Why Obama and His NSA Defenders Changed Their Minds, www.nationaljournal.com/tech/why-obama-and-his-nsa-defenders-changed-their-minds-20140325

It was only months ago that President Obama, with bipartisan backing from the heads

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think that more than anything else, that is galvanizing us into action."

Obama and the House Intelligence Committee leaders believe their proposals are now the NSA's best

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Freedom Act, and outside groups will continue their policy push as well.

NSA intelligence capabilities critical to US leadership, and prevention of terror and cyber attacks

Michelle Van Cleave, Senior fellow, National War College, Jack Kemp Foundation Principal, Nov/Dec 2013, What It Takes: In Defense of the NSA, www.worldaffairsjournal.org/article/what-it-takes-defense-nsa

Highest on the list of “lessons learned” from the September 11th terrorist attack

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very least, a part of the continuing experiment that is our democracy.

Extinction

Owen B. Toon 07, chair of the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at CU-Boulder, et al., April 19, 2007, “Atmospheric effects and societal consequences of regional scale nuclear conflicts and acts of individual nuclear terrorism,” online: http://climate.envsci.rutgers.edu/pdf/acp-7-1973-2007.pdf

To an increasing extent, people are congregating in the world’s great urban centers,

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should be carried out as well for the present scenarios and physical outcomes.

## 1NC China

The plan alone is our link and impact – US competition over oil in Latin America is the most probable scenario for nuclear conflict – China is all in on resources

Leverett 2005 (Flynt, senior fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institute. The Washington Quarterly 29.1 (2005) 187-201. <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/washington_quarterly/v029/29.1leverett.html>.)

 The bid by the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to acquire

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bilateral friction and damage U.S. strategic interests in the region.

Chinese response to competition causes militarization of current resources on perception of competition over scarce resources

Samrei, 2011 [July 19th, Dr. Fariborz Saremi is a commentator on TV and radio (German ARD/NDR TV,SAT 1,N24, Voice of America and Radio Israel) on Middle East issues and a contributer to FreePressers.com, WorldTribune.com and Defense&Foreign Affairs. <http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/wtarc/2011/ea_china0895_07_19.asp>]

Thus, since China became a net oil importing country in 1993, its consumption

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the foreseeable future while cementing its political, commercial, and military influence.

The impact is nuclear war

Ross 09 [Robert S. Ross. Robert S. Ross is Professor of

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Sources, Prospects, and the U.S. Response", lexis]

China's challenge to the maritime status quo would likely elicit a U.S.

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build the very weapons that the United States "cares most about." 98

## 1NC Kritik

Economic engagement forces Latin America to strait-jacket itself to compete in a rigged imperialistic game – global forces make extinction inevitable vote negative to align yourself against the affirmatives colonial politics

Oscar Guardiola-RIVERA Law @ Birkbeck, University of London ’10 *What if Latin America Ruled the World?* p. 2-9

Uruguayan novelist and journalist Eduardo Galeano once wrote that the part of the world known

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ready to listen. Indeed, Latin America no longer specialises in losing.

## 1NC Counterplan

The United States federal government should lift all non-oil production related economic sanctions on Cuba, including the trade embargo, humanitarian assistance, telecommunications links, and commercial sales.

It competes—the plan says they normalize relations—that requires an end point with no sanctions—the CP keeps ones related to oil on the books.

Pfiser and Jarvis 2k Damien Pfister, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL Jason Jarvis, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL“Normalization Topic Wording Paper” http://debate.uvm.edu/wppfister.html

In the foreign policy literature concerning pariah states, "normalize" is used often

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normal" economic relations. The contextual definitions lend credence to this interpretation.

## 1NC Multilateralism

Multilat is inevitable but fails – 4 warrants

Young et al 13, Kevin Young is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, David Held is Master of University College, and Professor of Politics and International Relations, at the University of Durham. He is also Director of Polity Press and General Editor of Global Policy, Thomas Hale is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, Open Democracy, May 24, 2013, ("Gridlock: the growing breakdown of global cooperation", <http://www.opendemocracy.net/thomas-hale-david-held-kevin-young/gridlock-growing-breakdown-of-global-cooperation>, AW)

The Doha round of trade negotiations is deadlocked, despite eight successful multilateral trade rounds

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they now block and inhibit problem solving and reform at the global level.

Soft power fails - empirics

Drezner 11

Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Foreign Affairs, July/August 2011, "Does Obama Have a Grand Strategy?", <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/print/67869>

What went wrong? The administration, and many others, erred in believing that

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as promoting narrow U.S. interests rather than global public goods.

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Gray ’11 [Colin S, Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the University of Reading, England, and Founder of the National Institute for Public Policy, “Hard Power And Soft Power: The Utility Of Military Force as An Instrument Of Policy In The 21st Century,” April, http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1059]

It bears repeating because it passes unnoticed that culture, and indeed civilization itself,

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it may be, a country cannot easily escape legacies from its past.

No transition wars – institutions check – this answers their asia scenario

Fordham 12—professor of political science at Binghamton University (Ben, International Economic Institutions and Great Power Peace, 8/12/12, http://gt2030.com/2012/08/15/international-economic-institutions-and-great-power-peace/)

I enjoyed Jack Levy’s comments on how the world would have looked to people writing

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the benefits that emerging powers like China receive from upholding the status quo.

Decline of unilateralism causes international destabilization – the impact is nuclear war in every regional hotspot

Kakutani 12 – Michiko, Political scientist, geostrategist, and US National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, 1/29/12, (“Surveying a Global Power Shift”, [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&\_r=0)](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//Beddow)

\*\*\*Cites Zignew Brzezinski\*\*\*

What Mr. Brzezinski does do here — lucidly, and for the most part

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importance to social well-being and ultimately to human survival would stall.”

groups, militias, rogue states, etc.

## 1NC Transition

Their laundry list of vague impacts is academic garbage – conflicts can’t just emerge

Fettweis, 11Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 9/26/11, Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO

Assertions that without the combination of U.S. capabilities, presence and commitments

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their security is all but assured, with or without the United States.

No risk of nuclear terrorism---too many obstacles

John J. Mearsheimer 14, R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, “America Unhinged”, January 2, nationalinterest.org/article/america-unhinged-9639?page=show

Am I overlooking the obvious threat that strikes fear into the hearts of so many

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encourage and help other states to place nuclear materials in highly secure custody.

No retaliation—definitely no escalation

Mueller 5 (John, Professor of Political Science – Ohio State University, Reactions and Overreactions to Terrorism, http://polisci.osu.edu/faculty/jmueller/NB.PDF)

However, history clearly demonstrates that overreaction is not necessarily inevitable. Sometimes, in

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after the obligatory (and inexpensive) expressions of outrage are prominently issued.

SQ solves Cuba transition---they are liberalizing without the US—most recent ev

Feinberg 4/1/14-Richard Feinberg Nonresident Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Latin America Initiative, “Richard Feinberg

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Latin America Initiative,” http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2014/04/01-cuba-foreign-direct-investment-feinberg

Dateline Havana: The Cuban legislature has approved a new foreign direct investment law (

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foreign businesses, however, are likely to get a head start soon.

Plan causes rollback of reform – makes instability inevitable

Sanguinetty 13 (Jorge A. Sanguinetty, expert on human capital strategies and the political economy of policy reform in developing and transitional economies, Jorge A. Sanguinetty is a former economic planner in Cuba with first-hand knowledge of centrally planned economies and how they can transition to more open, market-based systems. Born in Cuba in 1937, Sanguinetty worked as an economist in the tourist and sugar industries before emigrating to the United States in 1967 and obtaining a Ph.D. in economics at the City University of New York. One of the founding members of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Sanguinetty is the author of Cuba: Realidad y Destino (Ediciones Universal 2005; English translation forthcoming). Many of Sanguinetty’s works on Cuba are available on www.cubafuturo.net. Sanguinetty is the president, CEO, and founder of DevTech Systems, Inc., a consulting firm which offers government agencies, multilateral institutions, and private-sector entities technical assistance in dealing with development issues such as institutional reform in market economies, the economics of justice administration and legal systems, and transition economics. Sanguinetty has published extensively on education reform in developing countries, especially in Latin America, and has worked on projects in more than twenty countries, including the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Jordan, Russia, and South Africa, “Who benefits and loses if the US-Cuba embargo is lifted?”, April 2013, <http://devresearchcenter.org/2013/04/08/who-benefits-and-loses-if-the-us-cuba-embargo-is-lifted-by-jorge-a-sanguinetty/>)

The answer depends on the conditions under which the embargo is lifted. I focus

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lifting of the US embargo is likely to bring about democracy in Cuba.

America won’t intervene

Dr. Khatchik Der Ghoukassian is a Professor of International Relations at the Universidad de San Andres, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Visiting Professor at the American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, Summer 2008. http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/CRIA\_Caucasus-CentralAsia\_Instability\_NewImperialPeriphery.pdf

Galbraith’s metaphor, for instance, is useful to highlight some features of the current

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with overseeing Latin America) in formulating threat perceptions and making the recommendations.

Past deterioration disproves the impact

Carmelo Mesa-Lago 9, Economist, (“ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BALANCE OF 50 YEARS OF CUBAN REVOLUTION”, <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume19/pdfs/mesolago.pdf>, AW)

Out of a total 84 indicators in Tables 1–3, 29 related to

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- cial services should be made financially sustainable in the long-term.

# 2NC

### Solvency—2NC

This makes the threshold for solving the aff is so low that the counterplan is clearly sufficient

Piccone 14—Ted, Acting Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy @ Brookings, “Reach Out to Cuba” http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2014/01/reach-out-cuba-piccone

Now is the time to double down on this policy and open additional pathways to

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further catalyst for a historic process of reconciliation now underway and long overdue.

### AT: Perm CP—2nc

This includes technology cooperation

Pfiser and Jarvis 2k Damien Pfister, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL Jason Jarvis, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL“Normalization Topic Wording Paper” http://debate.uvm.edu/wppfister.html

Further examples of normalization, as listed by Dick Clark, include "narcotics control

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list should give the community a good idea of exactly what normalization involves.

### 2NC – Add-on

#### No impact to the environment and no solvency

Holly Doremus 2k Professor of Law at UC Davis, "The Rhetoric and Reality of Nature Protection: Toward a New Discourse," Winter 2000 Washington & Lee Law Review 57 Wash & Lee L. Rev. 11, lexis

Reluctant to concede such losses, tellers of the ecological horror story highlight how close

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material benefits of destructive decisions frequently will exceed their identifiable material costs. n221

### 2NC – China O/V

#### China’s intent to drill confirmed by exploratory drilling

Investors.com (Business magazine and advisory), 4-11-12, Investor’s Business Daily, “While We Dither On Oil, It's Drill, Beijing, Drill,” http://news.investors.com/ibd-editorials/041112-607461-china-seeks-canadian-cuban-oil.htm?p=full

Energy Policy: A Chinese oil company is now the world's top producer. While

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$4 billion in industry incentives that President Obama is seeking to end.

### 2NC – Oil Zero-Sum

#### Oil trading is uniquely zero-sum

Luft 06 – (Gal, PhD and Co-Director for the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security “Challenge or Opportunity? China’s Role in Latin America”, United States Government Printing Office, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-109shrg28258/html/CHRG-109shrg28258.htm>)

China's pursuit of Latin American oil will only make matters worse. With half of

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oil, Mr. Chairman, this is a zero-sum game.

### 2NC – Anti-Americanism

#### Anti-Americanism is inevitable – the plan exacerbates its effectiveness

Walser 12

Ray Walser, PhD, is Senior Policy Analyst for Latin America in the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, a division of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, at The Heritage Foundation, 9/24/12, (“Time Is Ripe for U.S. Policy to Address Anti-Americanism in Latin America”, <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/09/us-policy-to-address-anti-americanism-in-latin-america-needed>, AW)

While the murder of American diplomats and violent anti-American riots across the Islamic

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own people and fan the flames of anti-Americanism in the Western Hemisphere

### 2NC – No Legitimacy I/L

Multilateralism doesn’t legitimize US power

Layne 06 Associate Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University¶ (Christopher, “The Peace of Illusions” 141)

Unipolar agnostics claim that by acting multilaterally- and being considerate of other states’ interests

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them did, they know it after the U.S invasion of Iraq

### Congress

#### No risk of spillover – Congress is ideologically anti-multilateral

Kaye 13

David Kaye, Professor at UC Irvine, Council on Foreign Relations, October 2013, (“Stealth Multilateralism”, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139649/david-kaye/stealth-multilateralism)

The U.S. Senate rejects multilateral treaties as if it were sport.

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group of senators can block any given treaty, they essentially control ratification.

### 2NC – Asia

#### Fragmentation is inevitable

Lum ’09 (Thomas, American Report of The Asia Foundation Emerging Leaders Conference, “Current Developments In Southeast Asia: Implications For U.S." Southeast Asia Relations,” http://asiafoundation.org/publications/pdf/641)

Southeast Asia has long been a fragmented region, pulled by centrifugal forces of ethnicity

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the more legalistic and adversarial method of arbitration. Another expert argued that collaborative

### 2NC – A2: Bosco

#### Bosco votes neg – this isn’t WW1, Bosnia 2.0 anymore – deterrence, empirics, and international norms prevent escalation ­– that’s the conclusion of his article

Bosco 06 (David Bosco, 1AC Author, no qualz whatsoever, “Forum: Keeping an eye peeled for World War III,” July 2006, http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06211/709477-109.stm)

It was late June in Sarajevo when

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representatives in a room to hash out developing crises.

### 2NC – No Retal

#### They don’t assume Obama’s nuclear doctrine

Sanger and Baker 10 (David E. and Peter, April, New York Times “Obama Limits When U.S. Would Use Nuclear Arms”. http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/06/world/06arms.html)

WASHINGTON — [President Obama](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/o/barack_obama/index.html?inline=nyt-per) said Monday that he was revamping American nuclear strategy to substantially

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United States with biological or chemical weapons, or launched a crippling cyberattack.

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Turns multilateralism – absent NSA reforms EU collaboration is impossible – they are key to multilat

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(Managing Editor-Reason, 11/1, “NSA Spying Torpedoes American Business Dealings in Europe”, http://reason.com/blog/2013/11/01/nsa-spying-torpedoes-american-business-d)

From the beginning of the NSA mass-surveillance scandal, revelations that the U

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of a justification for other countries to torpedo those companies and favor their own

## AT No Push Till June

Hawkings is cut out of context – bill is coming up this week

Hawkings, 3/25**/14** – Washington politics reporter for Roll Call(David, Roll Call, “Hill’s Bipartisan Deadlock on Phone Records May Be Easing” http://blogs.rollcall.com/hawkings/obama-nsa-reform-plan-could-ease-congressional-deadlock-on-spying/)

Until now, maybe. Senior members with jurisdiction over the surveillance efforts, in both parties and on both sides of the Hill, are signaling generalized and tentative but nonetheless clear support for the central elements of a proposed compromise that President Barack Obama previewed Tuesday and will formally unveil by week’s end.¶

**[their card begins]¶**

The president, in other words, may be close to finding the congressional sweet

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improbability of bipartisan agreement on hot-button issues in an election season.¶

**[their card ends]¶**

June is just the date the current authorization expires – lawmakers will act well before then

Julian Hattern, The Hill, 3/30/14, No clear path to NSA reform on Hill, thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/202080-contentious-congress-to-take-up-obamas-nsa-reform

Despite the opposing viewpoints, Congress has a deadline on the horizon.¶ The phone record program is set to expire in June without congressional reauthorization, a deadline analysts say could compel lawmakers to get to work sooner rather than later.¶ Critics are pledging to move quickly.¶ "Every day that you have bulk collection in America means there's a little less liberty for law-abiding Americans," Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) said.

## AT Not Spending PC

Obama has shifted his attention to NSA reform

Ellen Nakashima, WaPo, 3/27/14, White House pushes Congress to quickly pass changes to NSA surveillance program, www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/white-house-pushes-congress-to-quickly-pass-changes-to-nsa-surveillance-program/2014/03/27/1a2c4052-b5b9-11e3-8cb6-284052554d74\_story.html?wprss=rss\_politics

The Obama administration has called on Congress to move quickly to pass legislation that would

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White House’s. But Obama’s proposal has become the baseline, analysts said.

## AT Backdoor

The uncut portion of their brown evidence concedes that backdoor reauthorization can’t effectively reorganize the program with carriers – legislation is key

Brown, 3/27**/14** (Hayes, “Privacy Advocates Skeptical Of Obama’s New NSA Reforms” Think Progress, <http://thinkprogress.org/world/2014/03/27/3419777/nsa-reform-schiff/>)

Other groups focused on the fact that today’s announcement only applies to what’s known as

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right to privacy in the U.S. and around the world.”

There’s also the legislative component to the proposal that has the privacy community concerned.

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. So I would encourage the administration to begin the process of transitioning.”¶

**[their card starts here]**

 With the glacial pace at which Congress has operated lately, there’s reason to

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the renewals of the program in its current state could continue on indefinitely.

## AT U/Q Overwhelms

Political capital is the litmus test – they conceded the link – it controls the direction of uniqueness because it’s always 50/50 but only the plan could lead to derail

Siobhan Gorman, WSJ, 3/25/14, Consensus Nears to Overhaul NSA Phone Surveillance, online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304679404579461293671732298?mg=reno64-wsj&url=http%3A%2F%2Fonline.wsj.com%2Farticle%2FSB10001424052702304679404579461293671732298.html

The White House and congressional leaders have settled on comparable proposals for ending the government's mass collection of telephone records, signaling the eventual end of a practice that critics said had come to epitomize U.S. surveillance overreach in the post-9/11 era.

The proposals, offered in separate announcements on Tuesday, signified a rapidly expanding consensus among lawmakers, intelligence agencies and civil-liberties groups on how to overhaul the National Security Agency program.

But the developments didn't offer assurance of quick congressional passage, which would require support from lawmakers who favor more limitations on surveillance. Moving any legislation through Congress in an election year will be challenging, particularly highly sensitive bills.

Yet, the clock is ticking. If Congress doesn't approve a revamped version of the program, the current one is likely to end when the law that authorizes it expires next year, lawmakers say.

The emerging agreement, coming nine months after revelations by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden last year stoked international anger over U.S. spying practices, represents the most significant development in the debate to date. The proposals from the White House and House intelligence committee both would replace a system reliant on daily data feeds to the NSA with one that directs phone companies to conduct individual searches of their data on the NSA's behalf.

Obama is commanding support – only the plan could derail it

David Segal, a former Rhode Island state representative, is executive director of Demand Progress, is a 1.5 million member advocacy organization, 4/10 [“Waiting for Goodlatte,” http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/203115-waiting-for-goodlatte]

The President recently announced his intention to reform telephone metadata collection under Section 215 of

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Demand Progress indicates that the bill would pass in a full House vote.

## AT Cyber War

It’s key to the foundational capabilities

Aid 13 [Matthew Aid (leading intelligence historian and expert on the NSA, frequent commentator on intelligence matters for the New York Times, the Financial Times, the National Journal, the Associated Press, CBS News, National Public Radio (NPR) and many others);

“Inside the NSA's Ultra-Secret China Hacking Group: Deep within the National Security Agency, an elite, rarely discussed team of hackers and spies is targeting America's enemies abroad.”; JUNE 10, 2013; http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/06/10/inside\_the\_nsa\_s\_ultra\_secret\_china\_hacking\_group]

TAO's work would not be possible without the team of gifted computer scientists and software

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retired NSA official, TAO "is the place to be right now."

## AT Terror

Absent NSA phone collection authority, terrorists can easily evade the US—ensures major attacks

Stewart Baker, Foreign Policy, June 2013, Why the NSA Needs Your Phone Calls..., www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/06/06/why\_the\_nsa\_needs\_your\_phone\_calls

But why, you ask, would the government collect all these records, even subject to minimization, especially when Wyden was kicking up such a fuss about it? And, really, what's the justification for turning the data over to the government, no matter how strong the post-collection rules are?

To understand why that might seem necessary, consider this entirely hypothetical example. Imagine

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and call him back on the second number at 2 p.m."

Now, this is pretty good improvised tradecraft, and it would leave the government

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could only identify the suspect by his calling patterns, not by name.

So how would the NSA go about finding the one person in the United States

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throwaway phone from one carrier and his second phone from a different carrier.

The only way to make the system work, and the only way to identify and monitor the one American who was plotting with al Qaeda's operatives in Yemen, would be to pool all the carriers' data on U.S. calls to and from Yemen and to search it all together -- and for the costs to be borne by all of us, not by the carriers.

In short, the government would have to do it.

To repeat, this really is hypothetical; while I've had clearances both as the

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may only monitors those whom it legitimately suspects of being terrorists or spies.

The technique that squares that circle is minimization. As long as the minimization rules

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has enough evidence to identify terror suspects based on their patterns of behavior.

That's a real difference. Plenty of people will say that they don't trust the government with such a large amount of data -- that there's too much risk that it will break the rules -- even rules enforced by a two-party, three-branch system of checks and balances. When I first read the order, even I had a moment of chagrin and disbelief at its sweep.

But for those who don't like the alternative model, the real question is "

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should do so even if it means more acts of terrorism at home.

## AT NO PC

Issue specific uniqueness trumps this – Obama has enough PC to pass NSA reform – it’s key to congresstional action

Ellen Nakashima, WaPo, 3/27/14, White House pushes Congress to quickly pass changes to NSA surveillance program, www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/white-house-pushes-congress-to-quickly-pass-changes-to-nsa-surveillance-program/2014/03/27/1a2c4052-b5b9-11e3-8cb6-284052554d74\_story.html?wprss=rss\_politics

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White House’s. But Obama’s proposal has become the baseline, analysts said.

Obama has the hold now – which proves he has PC – only the plan could derail it

The Courier 4/4 [“Congress takes steps to curb NSA overreach,” http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/courier/opinion/congress-takes-steps-to-curb-nsa-overreach/article\_a78c5a09-b0de-5eab-8994-57ea38663d6d.html]

The White House and a bipartisan Congress finally appear to moving in the right direction

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reach of Section 215, such as the alleged mass surveillance of emails.