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## 1NC Topicality QPQ

Interpretation – economic engagement must be conditional

Shinn 96 [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists of a set of objectives, a strategy for

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105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

## 1NC Kritik

The pathological belief in trade as a panacea reifies corporate governance – endless imperialist interventions in the name of the liberal order culminate in the despotism of the global South and environmental destruction – turns the case

Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed is Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRD), an independent think tank focused on the study of violent conflict, he has taught at the Department of International Relations, University of Sussex, 2007, “STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AS A FORM OF GENOCIDE THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER”, PDF

The Impact of Globalization IMF/World Bank stabilization and struc­ tural adjustment programmes

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it must be seen as possessing markedly genocidal or quasi­genocidal characteristics.

The alternative is a process of critique that challenges the ideology of capital by prioritizing human development over production

Lebowitz 07 (Michael A. Lebowitz is author of Beyond Capital: Marx’s Political Economy of the Working Class (Palgrave Macmillan, 2003), Build It Now: Socialism for the Twenty-First Century (Monthly Review Press, 2006), and The Socialist Alternative: Real Human Development (Monthly Review Press, forthcoming in 2008). Portions of this essay were presented as “Going Beyond Survival: Making the Social Economy a Real Alternative” at the Fourth International Meeting of the Solidarity Economy, July 21–23, 2006, at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, “Venezuela: A Good Example of the Bad Left of Latin America”, <http://monthlyreview.org/2007/07/01/venezuela-a-good-example-of-the-bad-left-of-latin-america>)

What constitutes a real alternative to capitalism? I suggest that it is a society

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of capital and also ideologically arming and mobilizing people to build that alternative.

## 1NC Counterplan

Counterplan: The United States federal government should ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

CTBT is key to legitimacy of treaty-based regimes – that’s the vital internal link to binding multilateral cooperation

Jayantha Dhanapala 05, member of the Board of Sponsors of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and a governing board member of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 2005, (“Multilateral Diplomacy and the NPT: An Insider’s Account”, <http://www.unidir.org/files/publications/pdfs/multilateral-diplomacy-and-the-npt-an-insider-s-account-323.pdf>, AW)

INTRODUCTION: UNDERSTANDING THE NPT IN ITS WIDER CONTEXT

Previous chapters have described many events concerning the package of decisions in 1995 that resulted

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conditions can, if ignored, become a seedbed for future global catastrophes.

## 1NC Disadvantage

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

Damien Cave 2/21, 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.

ALBA revival causes Russian expansion

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

Republicans have resumed their push – Obama’s leverage is key to sustain talks and prevent more sanctions

Jennifer Rubin 3/17/14, Washington Post, (“Senate again tries to stiffen Obama’s spine on Iran”, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2014/03/17/senate-again-tries-to-stiffen-obamas-spine-on-iran/>, AW)

Some 82 senators have signed a letter to President Obama laying out the terms of

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this point, especially given the administration’s lack of credibility, is noise.

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

The GOP will exploit this to flip Democratic votes on Iran—causes sanctions

Josh Rogin, Daily Beast, 2/5/14, GOP Will Force Reid to Save Obama’s Iran Policy—Over and Over Again, www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/02/05/gop-will-force-reid-to-save-obama-s-iran-policy-over-and-over-again.html

Dozens of Republican senators joined

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pushing the vote total past a veto-proof two-thirds supermajority.

Sanctions causes Russia China war – extinction

Morgan 9 (Dennis Ray Morgan, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Yongin Campus - South Korea, Futures, Volume 41, Issue 10, December 2009, Pages 683-693)

This scenario has gained even more plausibility since a January 2007 Sunday Times report [

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retaliates with nuclear attacks on Russia and possibly on China as well.11

## 1NC Multilateralism

U.S. won’t lift the embargo – fundamental incompatibility of political views prevent improving relations between the two countries.

Hanson and Lee, April 16, 2013 [Brianna and Stephanie, “U.S.-Cuba Relations”, [http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113](http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

A fundamental incompatibility of political views stands in the way of improving U.S

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Morales, who have challenged U.S. policy in the region.

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.

No escalation – even in a nonpolar world

Haas 8 Richard, President of the Council on Foreign Relations, former director of policy planning for the Department of State, former vice president and director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, the Sol M. Linowitz visiting professor of international studies at Hamilton College, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a lecturer in public policy at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a research associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, April, “Ask the Expert: What Comes After Unipolarity?” http://www.cfr.org/publication/16063/ask\_the\_expert.html

Does a non polar world increase or reduce the chances of another world war?

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highly costly conflicts involving terrorist groups, militias, rogue states, etc.

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.”

No Asia impact

Acharya 13, Amitav, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center, Professor of Global Governance at the University of Bristol, Professor at York University, Fellow of the Harvard University Asia Center, 2/1/13, (“Preventive Diplomacy:

Issues and Institutions in the Asia Pacific Region”, <http://www.amitavacharya.com/sites/default/files/Preventive%20Diplomacy.pdf>, AW)

The regionalisation of preventive diplomacy has important implications for the Asia Pacific region. In

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instrument of preventive diplomacy than of conflict-resolution in the conventional sense.

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.

Plan doesn’t solve perception of multilateralism

Hanson ’09 associate director and coordinating editor at CFR.org 2009 Stephanie “US Cuba Relations” Council on Foreign Relations 4/14 <http://gees.org/documentos/Documen-03412.pdf>

Given the range of issues dividing the two countries, experts say there is a

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process risks falling victim to the politics of the issue," says Sweig.

## 1NC Transition

No impact to bioweapons – tech constraints and structural barriers

Keller 13, Rebecca Keller, Stratfor Analyst, 3/7/13, (“Bioterrorism and the Pandemic Potential”, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/bioterrorism-and-pandemic-potential>, AW)

The risk of an accidental release of H5N1 is similar to that of other infectious

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rapidly exchange information, conduct research and promote individual awareness of the threat.

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 impact – empirics and stats

Fettweis, 11

Christopher 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

It is perhaps worth noting that there is no evidence to support a direct relationship

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global policeman. Those who think otherwise base their view on faith alone.

Structural reforms now – solves stability

RT 10/23, (“Cuba hopes abandoning two-currency system will boost economy”, <http://rt.com/business/cuba-two-currency-system-economy-579/>, AW)

President Raul

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details in the face of such a complex initiative.

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.

# Block

### 2NC – OAS

#### CP solves OAS – pressure on the US in squo

CTBTO 08, CTBTO Prepatory Commission, 2008 (last date referenced), (“COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS THAT HAVE NOT YET SIGNED AND RATIFIED THE CTBT ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO”, <http://www.ctbto.org/press-centre/highlights/2008/countries-in-the-americas-that-have-not-yet-signed-and-ratified-the-ctbt-are-encouraged-to-do-so/>, AW)

A special meeting took place on 7 February 2008 in the

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 effective nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation measure", Ramdin said.

### 2NC – A2: Nuclear Primacy DA

Nuclear deterrence is whack – non-falsifiable

Krieger 11, 2/07/11 David, Ph.D in Political Science, Founder of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and has served as its President since 1982, Chair of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility, (“Ten Serious Flaws in Nuclear Deterrence Theory”, <http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=206>, AW)

As a former commander of the US Strategic Command, General George Lee Butler was

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lead to the conclusion that the theory is unstable, unreliable and invalid.

#### Nuclear capabilities inevitable – CTBT doesn’t affect testing – empirics

Jean du Preez et al 09, Jean du Preez is director of the International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program and is a Professor at Monterey Institute of International Studies, Sean Dunlop is a Member Nonproliferation Graduate Fellows Program and employed at the Office of Nonproliferation and International Security within the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, 2/01/09, (“The United States and the CTBT: Renewed Hope or Politics as Usual?”, <http://www.nti.org/analysis/articles/united-states-and-ctbt/>, AW)

As the NAS report indicates, the historical role of testing has been to verify

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into service in 1997, and did not require nuclear testing.[49]

## Multilat

### 2NC – Ring Ring Castro

#### Cuba doesn’t want to improve relations with the US – scapegoating Americans is key to Cuban leaders’ credibility

CNN, 10 (Hillary Clinton scorns 'entrenched' Cuba, CNN, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8612765.stm>, MWH)

Cuba's leaders do not want to normalise ties with the US because then they would

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ties proved they had no interest in political reform or ending the sanctions.

#### Cuban leaders will block relations with the US – they need enmity in order to protect their authoritarian power

Lopez-Levy, Lecturer and Doctoral Candidate at the University of Denver, 11 (Arturo, Appease Cuba? What Would Winston Churchill Say? The Havana Note, <http://thehavananote.com/node/845>, MWH)

Several former Castro’s government officials such as Cuba’s former Ambassador to the United Nations,

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and the shoot down of the Brothers to the Rescue planes in 1996.

#### Cuban leaders will block rapprochement with the US – it would dilute their authoritarian power

Lopez-Levy, Lecturer and Doctoral Candidate at the University of Denver, 11 (Arturo, Appease Cuba? What Would Winston Churchill Say? The Havana Note, <http://thehavananote.com/node/845>, MWH)

Those views are an exaggeration of Cuba’s policy towards the United States but I don’t

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those who think differently. Such a situation would undoubtedly dilute their power.

#### Say no

Hanson and Lee ’13 - Senior Production Editors at CFR (Updated: 1/31/13, Stephanie, Brianna, Council on Foreign Relations, “U.S.-Cuba Relations”,

<http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113#p5>, AW)

What is the main obstacle in U.S.-Cuban relations? A fundamental

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alienating a strong voting bloc in an important swing state in presidential elections.

### 2NC – Multilat Fails

#### Domestic constraints

Walter, 11 – Reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics, specializing in the political economy of international money and finance (“The Mismanagement of Global Imbalances: Why Did Multilateralism Fail?”, London School of Economics and Political Science, 12/7/2011, http://personal.lse.ac.uk/wyattwal/images/Mismanaging.pdf)

Multilateralism has failed to manage global imbalances, I suggest, for two other related

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major governments will accept the constraints on domestic policy choices that this requires.

#### **Alt causes**

Burgsdorff 09 – Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf)//NG

As a matter of fact, together with other measures

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as steps towards effective multilateralism.d

### 2NC – Nuke Terror

#### 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.

#### We have quantitative studies

Jenkins-Smith 4 – professor of government at Texas A&M (Hank, “U.S. Public Response to Terrorism: Fault Lines or Bedrock,” http://www.spp.gatech.edu/current-students/exams/Fall-2004\_reviewmanuscript.pdf)

Our final contrasting set of expectations relate to the degree to which the public will

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-ness to engage in military retaliation moderated significantly over the following year.

### 2NC – Asia

#### Empirics go neg

Weissmann ‘9 --- senior fellow at the Swedish School of Advanced Asia Pacific Studies (Mikael Weissmann, “Understanding the East Asian Peace: Some Findings on the Role of Informal Processes,” Nordic Asia Research Community, November 2, 2009, http://barha.asiaportal.info/blogs/in-focus/2009/november/understanding-east-asian-peace-some-findings-role-informal-processes-mi)

The findings concerning China’s role in keeping peace in the Taiwan Strait, the South

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from escalating into war and for moving East Asia towards a stable peace.

### 1AR – Middle East War

#### Their methodology is mediocre

Luttwak, senior associate – CSIS, professor – Georgetown and Berkeley, 5/26/’7

(Edward, “The middle of nowhere,” Prospect Magazine)

Why are middle east experts so unfailingly wrong? The lesson of history is that

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about as many as are killed in a season of conflict in Darfur.

## Transition

### 2NC – 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 – Bioterrorism

#### Empirics are conclusive – their ev is literally propaganda

Gregg Easterbrook, senior fellow at The New Republic, July 2003, Wired, “We’re All Gonna Die!” http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.07/doomsday.html?pg=2&topic=&topic\_set=

3. Germ warfare!Like chemical agents, biological weapons have never lived up

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out humanity before, and it seems unlikely to happen in the future.

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New sanctions cause negotiation collapse and Middle East War

Rachel Kleinfeld, Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, 1/31/14, Sanctions Could Disrupt Negotiations With Iran, carnegieendowment.org/2014/02/03/sanctions-could-disrupt-negotiations-with-iran/h02v

Facing skyrocketing inflation,

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is a vote for war - and for Iranian missile attacks on Israel.

Nuclear war

James A. **Russell,** Senior Lecturer, National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, ‘9 (Spring) “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Escalation and Nuclear War in the Middle East” IFRI, Proliferation Papers, #26, http://www.ifri.org/downloads/PP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf

Strategic stability in the region is thus undermined by various factors: (1)

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the peoples of the region, with substantial risk for the entire world.

## Link

The plan is a flip-flop from Obama – Gross keeps action unpopular

Adams and Trotta 2/4 (Staff Writers for Reuters, Miami and Havana News, “U.S. policy change on Cuba stalled - by Obama”, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/06/us-usa-cuba-idUSBREA150WV20140206>, ZS)

(Reuters) - U.S. relations with Cuba are at their best

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wants improved relations but is unwilling to make concessions just to please Washington.

The plan drains political capital and derails other legislative 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]

The Republicans' sweeping victory in the 2010 mid-term elections put the House back

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executive authority to selectively loosen the embargo for both commerce and travel.42

## AT Uniqueness

Support for Iran negotiations now—but sanction supporters will continue to push for a vote

Michael Wilner, Jerusalem Post, 3/2/14, AIPAC agenda lays out 'acceptable' terms of final Iran deal , www.jpost.com/Diplomacy-and-Politics/AIPAC-agenda-lays-out-acceptable-terms-of-final-Iran-deal-344034

AIPAC is calling on members of the Senate to co-sign a letter to

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said, “and key sponsors will continue to press for its passage.”

AIPAC has been defeated, but pro-sanction supporters are still looking to rally support

Ron Kampeas, JTA, 3/4/14, After bruising Iran sanctions battle, AIPAC conference is all about comity, www.jta.org/2014/03/04/news-opinion/politics/after-bruising-iran-sanctions-battle-aipac-conference-is-all-about-comity

Expansive outreach, of course, is nothing new for AIPAC. But in the

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, and only increasing pressure could bring about a deal,” he said.

## AT Ukraine

No thumper and doesn’t take it out

TDB 3/20, The Daily Beast, (“Obama Gambles Iran Nuke Talks to Punish Putin”, <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/03/20/obama-gambles-iran-nuke-talks-to-punish-putin.html>, AW)

One Pentagon analyst on Russia told The Daily Beast that the intelligence community was divided

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pressure from the West even if Russia stopped cooperating, the official said.

Their ev is hype – deal success is in interest

Michael Crowley 3/20, TIME Magazine, (“Obama Officials: Putin Won’t Sabotage Iran Nuclear Talks Over Crimea”, <http://time.com/31205/russia-iran-nuclear-talks-crimea/>, AW)

Russia doesn't want a nuclear Iran

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pure spite. Not that he’d mind making Barack Obama sweat over it.

## AT PC Low

Obama has enough to PC to solve

Adam Kredo, Washington Free Beacon, 3/3/14, House Pressures Obama to Dismantle Iran’s Enrichment Program, freebeacon.com/house-pressures-obama-to-dismantle-irans-enrichment-program/

Two top House lawmakers called on the Obama administration Monday to ensure that any final

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source said, saying that Hoyer in particular is in a tough position.

But it’s key – the plan derails it

Peter Nicholas, WSJ, 1/21/14, The Missing Pieces in Obama’s Bully Pulpit, blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2014/01/21/the-missing-pieces-in-obamas-bully-pulpit/

Mr. Obama has never been one for strong-arm tactics:

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He wants to pass an immigration bill, a promise left over from his 2008 campaign.

## AT Winner’s Win [Hirsh]

Your author concludes winner’s don’t win

Hirsch 10 [Michael, Daily Beast, 1-19-2010 <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2010/01/19/the-politics-of-hubris.html>]

There was nothing new about this, of course. It falls into the age

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a long time before anyone has the stomach to set it right legislatively.

Empirics prove – capital is finite and legislation only decrease it

Eberly ’13 [1/21/13, Todd Eberly is coordinator of Public Policy Studies and assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at St. Mary's College of Maryland. His email is teeberly@smcm.edu. This article is excerpted from his book, co-authored with Steven Schier, "American Government and Popular Discontent: Stability without Success," to published later this year by Routledge Press. “The presidential power trap,” http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-01-21/news/bs-ed-political-capital-20130121\_1\_political-system-george-hw-bush-party-support/2]

As Barack Obama prepares to be sworn in for the second time as president of

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the current president's mind today as he takes his second oath of office.

PC is real and is key to the disadvantage – default to our studies

Kimberly L. Casey 8, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at William Jewel College, 2008, “Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Bourdieu’s Interconvertibility Theory,” [http://lilt.ilstu.edu/critique/spring%202008/casey.pdf](http://lilt.ilstu.edu/critique/spring%202008/casey.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Abstract: This article examines the concept “political capital” (PC) and

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Becker 1993); Fitz-Enz 2000; Davenport 1999; Marr 2005).

## AT Deal Fails

Negotiations likely to succeed and be durable

Colin Kahl, 1/7/14, Still Not Time to Attack Iran, www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/140633/colin-h-kahl/still-not-time-to-attack-iran

In my article “Not Time to Attack Iran” (March/April 2012

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of Iran, it is imperative to give diplomacy every chance to succeed.

The deal is good enough and that’s all that matters

Kenneth Pollack, 11/15/13, An Iran nuclear deal doesn’t have to be perfect — just better than the alternatives, www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/an-iran-nuclear-deal-doesnt-have-to-be-perfect--just-better-than-the-alternatives/2013/11/15/2b8d1292-4c85-11e3-be6b-d3d28122e6d4\_story.html

We are still a long way from a formal international agreement restraining Iran’s nuclear program

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better than our other options. And that is the only real test.