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## Plan

#### The United States federal government should substantially increase economic engagement toward Mexico by cooperating and investing in renewable energy through the Cross-Border Electricity Task Force.

## Adv. 1- Warming

#### Joint cooperation between the US and Mexico can boost renewables

Al Sweedler et al, 2012, The U.S.-Mexican Border Environment: Progress and Challenges for Sustainability (eds., Erik Lee and Paul Ganster), "Chapter 11: Energy for a Sustainable Border Region in 2030," p. 321-322

Energy poses a formidable challenge to those working to achieve ¶ sustainable development goals.

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of a low-carbon U.S.-Mexican ¶ border region.

#### US action is necessary for modeling – drives down the price of tech and gets China and India on board

**Pascual and Zambetakis 2010** (Carlos [US Ambassador to Mexico, Served as VP of foreign policy @ Brookings] and Evie [Brookings]; The Geopolitics of Energy: From Security to Survival; Energy Security; 26-27; kdf)

Among these groups, the United States has the capacity to play a pivotal¶

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borders in a way that will make the Katrina disaster seem relatively tame.

#### Mexican renewable energy development is modeled globally – that solves warming

W.W.F., 6/4/13, (World Wildlife Fund), "WWF welcomes Mexico's 2050 Climate Vision; now global funding must be made available to implement such strategies," <http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?208932/WWF-welcomes-Mexicos-2050-Climate-Vision-now-global-funding-must-be-made-available-to-implement-such-strategies>

Mexico’s launch today of a 2050 Climate Change Vision report is a welcome next step

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keep global warming below 2°C will be thwarted,” she added.

#### No cooling – prefer long-term trends.

**Nuccitelli 1/10 -** Environmental scientist, MA in physics and climate researcher (Dana, “Did Global Warming Stop in ~~1998, 1995, 2002, 2007,~~ 2010?”, 1/10/13; < http://skepticalscience.com/global-cooling-january-2007-to-january-2008-basic.htm>)//Beddow

A common claim amongst climate "skeptics" is that the Earth has been cooling

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confusing short-term noise and long-term trends (Figure 4).

#### Global warming is reversible but this decade is key.

**Chestney 12** – Reuters reporter, citing executive director of the Australian National University’s Climate Change Institute (Nina, “Global Warming Close to Becoming Irreversible – Scientists”, 3/26/13; < http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/26/us-climate-thresholds-idUSBRE82P0UJ20120326>)//Beddow

(Reuters) - The world is close to reaching tipping points that will make

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firm's vice president of global business environment. The conference runs through Thursday.

#### Warming is anthropogenic – massive scientific consensus with methodologically sound studies prove it

**Plait 13**

(Phil; New study; Climate scientists Overwhelmingly Agree Global Warming is Real and Our Fault; May 17; http://www.slate.com/blogs/bad\_astronomy/2013/05/17/global\_warming\_climate\_scientists\_overwhelmingly\_agree\_it\_s\_real\_and\_is.html)

[A new study has just come out](http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/8/2/024024/article) that looked at nearly 12,000 professional

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to The Consensus Project, and see what we can do about it.¶

#### The impact strikes at the heart of minority rights – systematic discrimination means marginalized communities are impacted the most by warming

Baird 08 (http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/ClimateChange/Submissions/Minority\_Rights\_Group\_International.pdf[Author: Rachel Baird (MRG) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) working to secure the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities worldwide, and to promote cooperation and understanding between communities.)

Climate change is just beginning to be articulated as a human rights issue – rather

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greenhouse gas emitter, bore more responsibility for this than any other nation.

#### Deliberative democracy through DEBATE is the CRUCIAL internal link to solving warming through public policy

Herbeck and Isham 10

<http://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/node/775>

 Jon Isham

Associate Professor of Economics, Middlebury College In the fall of 1999, Jon joined

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; and the effect of local social capital on environmental outcomes in Vermont.

Herbeck, member of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Honors College.

 Getting to 350 parts per million CO2 in the atmosphere will require massive investments

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, including those on pressing issues related to climate change and clean energy.

#### Warming above 4 degrees Celsius causes extinction– only renewable energy solves

McPherson 13 (Guy, former tenured professor at the University of Arizona, Climate Change Summary and Update, Nature Bats Last, http://guymcpherson.com/2013/01/climate-change-summary-and-update/)

American actress Lily Tomlin is credited with the expression, “No matter how cynical

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economic crisis — or all three.” The global police state has arrived.

#### Warming is real, anthropogenic, and causes extinction – outweighs nuclear war because it is the only existential threat

Deibel ‘7 (Terry L. Deibel, professor of IR at National War College, 2007, Foreign Affairs Strategy, Conclusion: American Foreign

Finally, there is one major existential threat to American security (as well as

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States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet.

**We win impact calc – the magnitude of our impact means it comes before all other methods of framing**

**Emanuel 12—atmospheric science professor @ MIT**

Kerry, “Probable Cause” [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/11/09/probable\_cause?page=full] November 9 //mtc

At its best, climate science deals in probabilities. This means that under ideal

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risk or that we should do nothing is both scientifically and morally indefensible.

## Advantage 2: Heg

#### America is losing ground in Latin America – collapse of influence and relations are inevitable absent the plan

Michael Shifter, April 2012, Inter-American Dialogue, "Remaking the relationship: The United States and Latin America," <http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf>

Simply addressing an unfinished agenda is not enough . Both the United ¶ States and

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wellbeing . It is time to seize the moment and overhaul hemispheric relations.

#### Strong bilateral cooperation with Mexico over renewable energy boosts overall U.S.-Latin America relations

Johanna Forman et al, 2/8/2013, Center for Strategic and International Studies, "recommendations for a new administration: give hemispheric energy policy a strategic vision," <http://csis.org/files/publication/130207_JMForman_Energy_HemFocus_0.pdf>

Four years ago, U.S. energy policy in the Americas ¶ arose

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that allows access to clean energy in areas that are ¶ still underserved.

#### And cross-border energy cooperation with Mexico spills overs to the region

Stacy Weintraub, 2007, Center for Strategic and International Studies, “Energy Cooperation in the Western Hemisphere. Ch. 19: Conclusions and Looking Ahead,” p. 507-508

Cross-border cooperation comes more naturally between Canada and the United States than between

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the individual countries as a prelude to discussing ways to overcome these impediments.

#### Thinking BEYOND security is key – energy cooperation creates a resilient partnership

Reyes 13 – JD, member of the USA Today Board of Contributors

(Raul, April, “Opinion: President Obama has the chance to improve US/Mexico relations,” http://nbclatino.com/2013/04/29/opinion-president-obama-has-the-chance-to-improve-usmexico-relations/)//BB

Obama will arrive in Mexico with good and bad news. On the positive side

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foreign policy with Mexico based on its potential, not on its problems.

#### Strong US hegemony in Latin America is key to global heg–any shift in power represents a global shift

Brand, University of Mainz Department of Political Science Post-Doc Researcher, et al. 12

(Alexander, McEwen-Fial, Susan, University of Mainz Department of Political Science Lecturer, Muno, Wolfgang, University of Erfurt Visiting Professor of Political Science, Hoffman, Andrea Ribeiro, University of Erfurt Willy Brandt School of Public Policy Lecturer, 4/12, University of Mainz, “BRICs and U.S. Hegemony: Theoretical Reflections on Shifting Power Patterns and Empirical Evidence from Latin America,” <http://international.politics.uni-mainz.de/files/2012/10/mpiep04.pdf>, p. 2-3, accessed 7/6/13, IC)

In our paper we want to assess the validity of such claims by looking at

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of hegemony and hegemonic rivalry, but obviously omits key facets as well.

#### Multiple Reasons sustain hegemony

Lieber 9—Prof of IR and Govt @ Georgetown

Robert J., Professor of IR and Govt @ Georgetown, Persistent primacy and the future of the American era,. [International Politics](http://proquest.umi.com.www2.lib.ku.edu:2048/pqdweb?RQT=318&pmid=54736&TS=1276807353&clientId=42567&VInst=PROD&VName=PQD&VType=PQD). The Hague: [Mar 2009](http://proquest.umi.com.www2.lib.ku.edu:2048/pqdweb?RQT=572&VType=PQD&VName=PQD&VInst=PROD&pmid=54736&pcid=41903401&SrchMode=3&aid=1). Vol. 46, Iss. 2-3; pg. 119, 21 pgs, proquest

In general, effective alternatives to the role played by the United States tend to

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and the fortunes of a global liberal democratic order - depend on it.

#### You should err with heg being good—zero certainty of what a world of retrenchment looks like

Brooks, Ikenberry and Wohlforth 13

Stephen G., G. John, William C., “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment” *International Security*

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In this article, we assess the case for retrenchment on its own terms.

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two sides to the scholarly debate on U.S. grand strategy.

#### No impact turns—a strategy of primacy is inevitable—it’s a question of the plan’s ability to sustain effective leadership

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Critics of deep engagement often call it "primacy,"10 but this terminology obscures

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latent power into the global capacity to manage security affairs in multiple regions.

#### Loss of primacy causes a great power war

**Kagan 12**, Robert, senior fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution [“Why the World Needs America,” February 11th, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203646004577213262856669448.html>]

With the outbreak of World War I, the age of settled peace and advancing

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what the world looked like right before the American order came into being.

## Solvency

#### US can work through a cross-border Electricity Task Force to integrate the electric grid and develop renewables

Fox 13 (Eleanore, Energy and Natural Resources Officer, US Department of State, Mexican International Renewable energy congress, “60 Second Interview,” May 29-30-13 http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/EF/?sSubSystem=Prospectus&sEventCode=MIREC2013&sSessionID=44072929246e44852ff0e95391d3a22f-15309314&sDocument=fox)

1) What is the role of the US Department of State in the Mexican

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Environment and Science and the Bureau of European Affairs at the Department of State

#### The Task Force ensures solvency- Mexico says yes

U.S. – Mexico Cross-Border Electricity Stakeholder Forum Meeting Energy Needs

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energy market. The Cross Border Electricity Task Force concept was roundly embraced.

#### Despite growth in renewables, the US and Mexico lack a comprehensive strategy to export renewable energy to the United States

Duncan Wood, May 2012, (Senior Advisor w/ Mexico Institute Renewable Energy Initiative), Woodrow Wilson International Center, "Re-energizing the border: renewable energy, green jobs and border infrastructure," p. 3-4

The U.S. and Mexican governments, both individually and jointly, have

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expanding market, but with effective coordination, there is far greater potential.

#### Governments’ obey institutional logics that exist independently of individuals and constrain decisionmaking – that’s true regardless of this debate

Wight – Professor of IR @ University of Sydney – 6

(Colin, Agents, Structures and International Relations: Politics as Ontology, pgs. 48-50

One important aspect of this relational ontology is that these relations constitute our identity as

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upon it, upon its specific characteristics, its constants and its variables’.

#### We should evaluate consequences—alt is moral absolutism that causes evil

Isaac ‘2—Professor of Political Science at Indiana-Bloomington

Jeffery C., Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life, PhD from Yale Dissent Magazine, Vol. 49, Iss. 2, “Ends, Means, and Politics,” p. Proquest.

As a result, the most important political questions are simply not asked. It

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

#### U.S.-Mexican cooperation is key to modernizing grid infrastructure and developing renewable energy on both sides of the border

Diana Rodriguez, 4/24/12, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "Enhancing the U.S.-Mexico Economic Partnership," <http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/1204EnhancingtheUS-MexicoEconomicPartnership.pdf>

In early 2009, President Calderón and President Obama announced ¶ plans to strengthen and

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toward regulatory coherence and use international standards that meet the ¶ WTO’s definition.¶