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**Wilderson 5** [Frank, Professor at the University of California, Irvine, “Gramsci’s Black Marx: Whither the Slave in Civil Society?”, We write, Vol. 2, 1]

#### The value of reintroducing the unthought category of the slave, by way of noting the absence of the Black subject,

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Which means they seldom, if ever, asignifying –at some point they require coherence, they require categories for the record –which means they contain the seeds of anti-blackness.

#### The 1AC’s demand for the removal of the Cuban embargo not only ignores but exacerbates Anti-Blackness on the island. White Cubans would be able to demand their houses back, implement racial segregation and increase the tourism sector for their wealth.

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Ever in the background of the current Cuban¶ government’s nervousness about political assertions¶ of ‘‘Blackness’’ is the memory of a violent event

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particularly its past, contemporary¶ Blacks are identified with Cuba’s present-day¶ reputed pleasures and vices, while Whites operate¶ the regulated and lucrative business ventures which¶ promote ‘‘Cuba’’ and its economic future.

#### Havana-Washington conflict does not begin or end with the embargo. The Affirmative has mystified the problem. Havana has been perceived as a “natural property” of the United States, this means that post 1AC there will be a renovation to the violence they attempt to solve

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In 1783 when John Adams, later the second president of the United States, indicated that Cuba was America’s natural extension, t

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The United States seemed to believe Cuba existed for American investors and would never just let the country determine its own future.

#### Their resort to state politics is anti-black. The state is premised on black social death and cannot represent black bodies. Black inclusion in the state is slavery, plain and simple. It can never be anything but.

Sexton 11 (Jared, UC Irvine-Humanities, “The Social Life of Social Death: On Afro-Pessimism and Black Optimism”, InTensions, http://www.yorku.ca/intent/issue5/articles/pdfs/jaredsextonarticle.pdf)

This notion is an amalgamation of Cedric Robinson’s well-known theorization of “the black radical tradition” in his classic text, Black Marxism, and the concept of “the black tradition” theorized in Bryan Wagner’s recent text (indebted to Robinson), Disturbing the Peace.

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I believe that it is possible to think harder and better about the predicament of the ex-slave, without recourse to the consolation of transcendence” (Wagner 2009: 1-2, emphases added).

#### The value of the Aff is premised in a false universality of life and freedom, which erases the reality of black social death today. The K is a pre-requisite to understanding how we create value in the world.

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Looking back with a scrutinizing eye toward Bergson’s 1907 Creative Evolution and the milieu of philosophical debate against which it inveighed, we see with Jones how the sustained effort that garnered the 1927 Nobel Prize in Literature added to this convolution of thought a certain confabulation about life

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being both within it and irreducible to it, will have unmade it, and that anterior futurity which always already unmakes it.

#### The Alternative is to engage in Fugitive Politics; Stealing away from the plantation is key to disrupting the spatial and overall system of domination and serves as a medium for slave communication and politics.

**Hartman 97** [Saidiya, Prof of African American History and Literature @ Columbia, *Scenes of Subjection*, p. 65-7]

When the enslaved slipped away to have secret meetings, they would call it "stealing the meeting,"

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and disrupt boundaries between the public and private in the articulation of insurgent claims that make need the medium of politics.74