PLAN: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba by transforming the United States Naval Station at Guantánamo Bay into a biomedical disease research facility.

ADVANTAGE ONE IS TROPICAL DISEASE

Neglected Tropical Diseases are widespread

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More than one billion are affected by neglected tropical diseases

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Diseases bad, lead to extinction

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James Gilligan, 2000 Department of Psychiatry Harvard Medical School, VIOLENCE: REFLECTIONS ON OUR DEADLIEST EPIDEMIC, , p 195-196.

Tropical Diseases destabilizes communities

Thompson and Hotez, 2009

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Communities destabilized by disease leads to war

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Engaging Guantanamo as a biomedical research institutional solves for tropical disease through vaccine diplomacy

Peter Hotez, President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute in 2008

Peter, President, Sabin Vaccine Institute

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Medical diplomacy key to foreign policy of fairness and equity

Thompson et al 2009,

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ADVANTAGE TWO IS TERRORISM

The legacy of Guantanamo is torture which creates more terrorists

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A terrorist attack escalates to a global nuclear exchange

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06 JD Candidate @ College of William and Mary Patrick F. Speice, Jr., “NEGLIGENCE AND NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION: ELIMINATING THE CURRENT LIABILITY BARRIER TO BILATERAL U.S.-RUSSIAN NONPROLIFERATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,” William and Mary Law Review, February 2006, 47 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 1427edlee

Terrorist attack in the U.S. whill trigger retaliation that will kill 100 million

Greg Easterbrook, 2001 senior editor with THE NEW REPUBLIC, November 2001, p. www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0111/01/gal.00.html. (UNDRG/C324)

This will escalate to mass extinction via global nuclear war

Sid-Ahmed, 2004Mohamed Al-Ahram Weekly political analyst,

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The name "Guantanamo" is synonymous with torture around the world

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The dehumanization that torture necessitates breeds a way of thinking about other people that turns us into a brutal, violent people that won't think twice about the humanity of those outside of our moral compass - this makes all forms of violence possible

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Closing the prison at Guantanamo is not enough- to prevent it as a recruiting tool for terrorism we must economically engage convert it into a positive - research center for tropical disease

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