**Thus, the 1AC is not a call to State action, but rather one of individual protest and dissent, for when we call upon the State to engage in a revolution for our agency the project always fails. Constant simulation is destructive to the cornerstones of our existence. We instead view the ­­­­­1AC, this very moment, as a political act, which refuses the State, and instead inhabits a discursive space, which refuses to be co-opted and does not lead to violence or martyrdom.**

**Bey 91** (Hakim, The Temporary Autonomous Zone, Ontological Anarchy, Poetic Terrorism, 1991, <http://www.hermetic.com/bey/taz3.html#labelTAZ>)

I accept this as a fair criticism. I'd make two rejoinders nevertheless; first, revolution has never yet resulted in achieving this dream. ….begins with a simple act of realization.

### CONTENTION 1 is Imperialism

#### Current US economic engagement towards Cuba is dominated by the forced occupation of Guantanamo Bay, which is in Cuban territory, but is being held illegally as a colonial conquest by the U.S. acting as a hostile, imperial, and biopolitical force.

RT.com, downloaded 10-17-2013

<http://rt.com/usa/usa-guantanamo-torture-cuba-633/>

The facility has also been the subject of contention between the US and Cuba**.** **Cuban authorities argue the 45 square mile ….** would say, the American empire,” said Escobar. An old dispute making wavesin a new centuryas a fortress for the United States to withhold prisoners’ legal rights. (corrected)

#### Guantanamo lies at the historical and modern heart of U.S. Global Empire, exposing the inextricably linked nature of the war on terror as a continuance of US imperialism and soverign control.

Kaplan, 2005

**Where Is Guantánamo? Univ Pennsylvania,** Amy Kaplan/American Quarterly, September 2005

<http://www.pierretristam.com/Bobst/library/wf-184.htm>

**The global dimensions of Guantánamo ……. violent penal regime.**

#### US Imperialism results in a death drive in which we sacrifice humanity in order to save it. A sacrificial genocide arises from the totalitarian illusion that there are no alternatives resulting in a collective suicide and endless conflict.

Boaventura De Souza Santos, director of the Center for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra, 2003

(<http://bad.eserver.org/issues/2003/63/santos.html>)

According to Franz Hinkelammert, **the West has repeatedly ….** of horror and destruction.

#### Imperialism inevitably fails and guarantees endless wars

Robert Kaercher, May 24, 2005 http://www.strike-the-root.com/51/kaercher/kaercher5.html

 **“**What we are discussing here, after all, is **Empire, …. be its own ruin**.

#### Returning Guantanamo is a prerequisite to challenging American imperialism in Latin America

Rueckert, ‘13 June 4, Phineas Research Associate at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs “Guantánamo Bay: Closing the GTMO Detention Center is a Wilting Olive Branch to Cuba and the Rest of Latin America” <http://www.coha.org/guantanamo-bay-closing-the-gtmo-detention-center-is-a-wilting-olive-branch-to-cuba-and-the-rest-of-latin-america/>

The continued operation of the (Guantanamo) ….naval base to Cuba. *(corrected)*

Our stance against the US’ occupation of Guantanamo acts lifts the barrier against economic engagement and a stands against militarist intervention and the colonialist agenda which the base represents.

Hansen ‘12

JONATHAN M. January 10, 2012 “Give Guantánamo Back to Cuba”

[*Jonathan M. Hansen*](http://www.jonathanmhansen.com/Harvard_University_Belmont_MA.html)*, a lecturer in social studies at Harvard, is the author of “Guantánamo: An American History.”*

In the 10 years **since the Guantánamo detention ….** than to stand up for the principles Guantánamo has undermined for over a century.

#### Finally, the argument that Guantanamo belongs to the U.S. because we took it by military force which is central to U.S. imperial dogma – we must counter that discourse with a rejection of colonialist occupation.

Gregory,2006: *D*., The black flag: Guantánamo Bay and the

space of exception. *Geogr. Ann*., 88 B (4): 405–427

When Kaplan describes Guantánamo as ‘haunted by the ghosts of empire’, she is surely correct. She also suggests that its ….extralegal cross over into one another.36

## SECOND, BIOPOWER

#### Guantanamo is the norm-producing convergence of image and biopower leading to ultimate sovereign authority over life and death, integrating the genocidal policies of the Nazis

Federman & Holmes, 2011

http://www.academia.edu/1119001/Guantanamo\_Bodies\_Law\_Media\_and\_Biopower

**The popular image of** Guantánamo **…**used during the Third Reich.

Guantanamo reproduces its inmates as bare life—life stripped of all its political, social and ethical meaning—and purposively keeps them in a space between literal death and non-existence by force feeding them to live.
Wilcox, 2011
Lauren, DYING IS NOT PERMITTED Sovereignty, Biopower, and Force-Feeding at Guantanamo Bay, Univ of Cambridge, Centre for Gender Studies <http://laurenbwilcox-net.webs.com/Wilcox%20Dying%20Is%20Not%20Permitted%20Torture%20Power%20Human%20Body.pdf>

**The simultaneous …. care that must be efficiently managed.**

#### This means Guantanamo uniquely permits the maximum indeterminacy which advances biopower, or, in the words of Agamben, the ultimate bare life.

Gregory, *D*., 2006: The black flag: Guantánamo Bay and the space of exception. *Geogr. Ann*., 88 B (4): 405–427

As Agamben has ….maximum indeterminacy’.

#### Biopower justifies removal of any population- makes unrestrained nuclear war, chemical war, environmental collapse, genocide and racism a necessity

**Dean 01** (Mitchell, Professor of Sociology at Macquarie University, “Demonic Societies: Liberalism, biopolitics, and sovereignty.” Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State, ed. Hanson and Stepputat, p. 55-58)

Consider again the contrastive terms in which it is possible to view **biopolitics ….** German race" is inscribed, according to Foucault. in the functioning of the modern state (232).

**The way that we frame debates is crucial to the implementation of the aff – our questioning is key to the recognition and understanding of the vulnerability of life. Even if they win that the we don’t actually return Guantanamo, we create a movement which provides the conditions for a more generalized form of horror and outrage necessary to end all violence – this proves we access spillover.**

**Butler 10** Judith, Professor of Rhetoric at UC Berkeley, “Frames of War”, pgs. 10-12, 2010

The frame that seeks to ….managing ¶ the prospect of its undoing, an undoing that inheres in ¶ its doings.