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The endorsement of a strike by key Congressional leaders provides crucial momentum for passage but opposition remains

Dyer and McGregor 9-4 [September 4, 2013. “US senators offer support for Syria strike.” Geoff Dyer and Richard McGregor—journalists for Financial Times. http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/654f3846-149c-11e3-b3db-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2e3ua2HdA]

Leading Democratic and Republican senators have reached a deal on a motion authorising an attack

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with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey.

The plan sparks partisan political battles

Geman 13 (Ben, reporter for the Hill, White House ‘cannot support’ House US-Mexico drilling bill, <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/307769-white-house-cannot-support-house-us-mexico-drilling-bill#ixzz2arSPe2T1>, 6/25/13)

The White House said Tuesday that it opposes House legislation to implement a 2012 administration

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would require a major expansion of offshore oil-and-gas leasing.

Obama’s PC is key to get Republicans on board

Kuttner 9-5 [9-5-3, Robert Kuttner is a renowned author and the founder of The American Prospect, “Obama Punts to Congress on Syria-and Scores”, http://prospect.org/article/obama-punts-congress-syria%E2%80%94and-scores]

President Obama just might pull off his proposed Syria attack. And a limited strike

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a fig leaf that could win over enough of the president’s own party.

Doing nothing risks widespread Middle Eastern stability and terrorism—even if there are risks the costs of doing nothing necessitate strikes

Tabler ’13 [July/August 2013. ANDREW J. TABLER is a Senior Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and the author of In the Lion’s Den: An Eyewitness Account of Washington’s Battle With Syria. “Syria's Collapse And How Washington Can Stop It.” http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139457/andrew-j-tabler/syrias-collapse]

Syria is melting down. The ruling regime’s attempt to shoot its way out of

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those of its allies and provides a better future for the Syrian people.

Extinction

Ayson, 10 **–** Director, Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington (Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, Volume 33, Issue 7, pp. 571-593, 6/21, http://dl2af5jf3e.search.serialssolutions.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/?sid=sersol%3ARefinerQuery&citationsubmit=Look+Up&url\_ver=Z39.88-2004&l=DL2AF5JF3E&rfr\_id=info%3Asid%2Fsersol%3ARefinerQuery&SS\_LibHash=DL2AF5JF3E&SS\_ReferentFormat=JournalFormat&rft\_id=info%3Adoi%2F10.1080%2F1057610X.2010.483756&rft.genre=article&SS\_doi=10.1080%2F1057610X.2010.483756&rft\_val\_fmt=info%3Aofi%2Ffmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Ajournal

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

## 1NC T

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 attaining those objectives, and tactics (specific policies) for implementing that strategy.

The objectives of conditional engagement are the ten principles, which were selected to preserve American vital interests in Asia while accommodating China’s emergence as a major power.

The overall strategy of conditional engagement follows two parallel lines: economic engagement, to

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

Violation – the aff is a unilateral removal of restrictions– not a quid pro quo offer

Vote negative – quid pro quo gives competition for conditions cp and say no arguments. Key to fight back against aff bias

## 1NC CP

The United States federal government should

* increase funding for drug demand reduction programs in the United States
* improve access to high-quality treatment services for drug addicts
* ratify the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives
* increase the sharing of information by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency to assist Mexico in the apprehension of criminals and their assets
* work toward reaching an agreement with the government of Mexico to establish an annual bi-national review panel to assess progress in meeting the objectives of both countries in areas of reducing organized crime violence, strengthening judicial and law enforcement cooperation, and reduce demand for illegal drugs in both countries

Solves the partnership—next paragraph of their internal link article

Miller and DeLeon,1ac author**,** 2009**,** Stephanie, consultant on U.S.-Latin America relations and was formerly the Research Associate for the Americas Project on the National Security Team. Born in Venezuela with family from Colombia, Miller earned her degree from Duke University in International Comparative Studies with a focus on Latin America. She currently lives in Bogotá, Colombia, \*\*Rudy, Senior Vice President of National Security and International Policy at American Progress

(Stephanie Miller and Rudy DeLeon, “Transcending the Rio Grande,” http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/04/pdf/mexico.pdf)//Holmes

Our core recommendation here is for the United States to provide more funding for drug

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enhanced cooperation and further reforms to strengthen institutions and the rule of law.

## 1NC K

**RHETORICAL SILENCE PROTECTS THE INVISIBILITY OF WHITENESS AND PRESERVES MATERIAL WHITE PRIVILEGE**

**Crenshaw ‘97**  [1997, Carrie, PhD, Prof of Speech Comm @ Univ. Ala. former director of debate @ Univ. of Ala.; WESTERN JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION; Resisting Whiteness’ Rhetorical Silence; 61(3), Summer; pp. 253-278]

This analysis brings into focus several observations about how whiteness operates rhetorically and ideologically in

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the ideology of white privilege "works" through rhetorical silence about whiteness.

**Racism must be rejected in EVERY INSTANCE without surcease. It justifies atrocities, creates another and is truly the CAPITAL SIN.**

**Memmi ’2k** [2000, Albert is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology @ Unv. Of Paris, Albert-; RACISM, translated by Steve Martinot, pp.163-165]

The struggle against racism will be long, difficult, without intermission, without remission

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. True, it is a wager, but the stakes are irresistible.

## 1NC Environment

Plan causes spills

Greenpeace 13 (Greenpeace, February 22, 2013, “Transboundary agreement spells disaster for the Gulf”, http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/en/media-center/news-releases/Transboundary-agreement-spells-disaster-for-the-Gulf/)//moxley

In response to the United States and Mexico signing an agreement to develop oil and

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potential for disaster increases exponentially,” said Greenpeace Mexico Climate Campaigner Beatriz Olivera.

Gulf is resilient

Berywn 13 (Bob, Summit County Voice, “Environment: Is the Gulf of Mexico resilient to oil spills?”, April 9th, 2013, http://summitcountyvoice.com/2013/04/09/environment-is-the-gulf-of-mexico-resilient-to-oil-spills/)

Nearly three years after the Deepwater Horizon drill rig exploded and the busted Macondo Well

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Meeting and Exposition of the American Chemical Society, the world’s largest scientific society

Climate change proves Oceans and marine bioD are resilient – alarmist predictions empirically denied

Taylor 10 [James M. Taylor is a senior fellow of The Heartland Institute and managing editor of Environment & Climate News., “Ocean Acidification Scare Pushed at Copenhagen,” Feb 10 http://www.heartland.org/publications/environment%20climate/article/26815/Ocean\_Acidification\_Scare\_Pushed\_at\_Copenhagen.html]

With global temperatures continuing their decade-long decline and United Nations-sponsored global

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The phenomenon of CO2-induced ocean acidification appears to be no different.

The entire adv is non-unique – just had a spill

Skaggs 7-9-13 (Christina, “US Coast Guard confirms natural gas leak in Gulf of Mexico”, July 9th, 2013, http://www.wlox.com/story/22797968/us-coast-guard-confirms-natural-gas-leak-in-gulf-of-mexico)

The U.S. Coast Guard confirmed a natural gas leak in the Gulf

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of the incident to determine the cause of the loss of well control.

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No extinction

Easterbrook 3 (Gregg, Distinguished Fellow – Fullbright Foundation, “We’re All Gonna Die!”, Wired Magazine, July, http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.07/doomsday.html?pg=1&topic=&topic\_set=)

If we're talking about doomsday - the end of human civilization - many scenarios simply

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as he was, wrote Remembrance of Things Past while lying in bed.

## 1NC Relations

Drug cooperation is high now

FNL 7/5 [July 5, 2013. Fox News Latino. “U.S. Wants More Intelligence Cooperation With Mexico, White House Report States” <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2013/07/05/us-wants-more-intelligence-cooperation-with-mexico-white-house-report-states/#ixzz2aos85oqW>]

A newly released White House report on the U.S. border with Mexico

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cooperation, which despite the public murmuring is likely to be the case.”

No mexican collapse

Couch, 2012 (Neil, Brigadier, British Army, July 2012, “Mexico in Danger of Rapid Collapse’: Reality or Exaggeration?,” http://www.da.mod.uk/colleges/rcds/publications/seaford-house-papers/2012-seaford-house-papers/SHP-2012-Couch.pdf)

A ‘collapsed’ state, however, as postulated in the Pentagon JOE paper,

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law.23 Neither the violence nor the corruption led to state failure.

Violence is inevitable—3 alt causes

Olson 9 (Eric L., M.A., International Affairs, American University; B.A., History and Secondary Education, Trinity College, Associate Director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, as a Senior Specialist in the Department for Promotion of Good Governance at the Organization of American States, January 2009, <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/The%20U.S.%20and%20Mexico.%20Towards%20a%20Strategic%20Partnership.pdf>)

It is time to strengthen the U.S. relationship with Mexico. !

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engagement: security cooperation, economic integration, immigration, and border management.

US production is high

Cala 7-11-13 (Andrés Cala is an award-winning Colombian journalist, columnist and analyst specializing in geopolitics and energy. He is the lead author of America’s Blind Spot: Chávez, Energy, and US Security, “US Energy Renaissance Shifts Power”, July, 9th, 2013, http://consortiumnews.com/2013/07/09/us-energy-renaissance-shifts-geopolitics/)

The surge in U.S. output from shale gas and so-called

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the United States but for the world’s other major energy producers and consumers.

No impact to oil shocks and they won’t happen

Kahn 11 Jeremy Kahn, writer for Newsweek, IHT, and NYT, previous editor of the New Republic, Masters in IR from LSE and B.S. in History from Penn, "Crude reality" 2/13 www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2011/02/13/crude\_reality/?page=full

Will a Middle Eastern oil disruption crush the economy? New research suggests the answer

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less sensitive to changes in crude prices overall than it was in 1973.

Energy reforms will pass now but Nieto’s cred is key

Estevez ‘6-26 (Dolia Estevez, contributor, journalist specializing in politics and U.S.-Mexico relations, “Most Mexicans Oppose President Peña Nieto's Plans To Open Up Pemex To Private Investment,” June 26, 2013, http://www.forbes.com/sites/doliaestevez/2013/06/26/most-mexicans-oppose-president-pena-nietos-plans-to-open-up-pemex-to-private-investment//MRG)

In London last week, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto said he will push for

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government cracking down first on high level corruption, starting with Romero Deschamps.

The plan kills his credibility

Starr 12 - Director, U.S.-Mexico Network Associate Professor (NTT) University Fellow, Center on Public Diplomacy University of Southern California (Pamela, “U.S.-Mexico Relations and Mexican Domestic Politics”, October 6 of 2012, <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=3&cad=rja&ved=0CD4QFjAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Fcollege.usc.edu%2Fusmexnet%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2010%2F10%2FCamp-Oxford-paper-final.doc&ei=mTLYUZTDMbOLyQGT14GwCQ&usg=AFQjCNH_cqiYTQRo7SFmpfWugH9ABshhCg&sig2=_M2KmLNnt3e8v4vVshc_fQ>)

The final implication of Mexican nationalism for U.S.-Mexico relations is the

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being too willing to accept support and guidance from north of the border.

Energy reform key to Mexico economy

MBW 13 (Mexico Business Web, “Competitiveness tied to Energy Reform,” July 10, 2013, http://www.mexicanbusinessweb.mx/eng/2013/competitiveness-tied-to-energy-reform//MRG)

Competitiveness tied to energy reform The pending reform in the energy production sector, could

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and that Mexico is unable to adapt to the new world energy order.

No mass economic instability—structural factors make markets resilient

Zakaria, 09 – Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard, Editor of Newsweek (Fareed, “The Secrets of Stability,” Newsweek, 12/12/09, http://www.newsweek.com/id/226425)

Others predicted that these economic shocks would lead to political instability and violence in the

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. The current global economic system is inherently more resilient than we think.

economic decline has minimal effect

Blackwill 2009 – former associate dean of the Kennedy School of Government and Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Planning (Robert, RAND, “The Geopolitical Consequences of the World Economic Recession—A Caution”, http://www.rand.org/pubs/occasional\_papers/2009/RAND\_OP275.pdf, WEA)

But it is worth asking, as the magisterial American soldier/statesman George Marshall

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of the historian.” 33 Perhaps the same is occasionally true of pundits.

No Latin American instability --- political institutions check

Coll 12 (Alberto R., Professor of International Law – DePaul College of Law, Former Chairman of the Strategic Research Department – U.S. Naval War College, Former Dean – Center for Naval Warfare Studies, Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, “The Real Latin American Revolution”, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, 5-17, http://2012summits.org/commentaries/detail/coll\_2)

With the G8 gathering in Camp David and the NATO summit in Chicago, it

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1985. In the past decade there was only one (in Honduras).

Latin America impacts are empirically denied

Hartzell 2K (Caroline A., 4/1/2000, Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Latin American Essays, “Latin America's civil wars: conflict resolution and institutional change.” http://www.accessmylibrary.com/coms2/summary\_0286-28765765\_ITM)

Latin America has been the site of fourteen civil wars during the post-World

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are the factors that are responsible for shaping post-war institutional change?

## 1NC Hegemony

Hegemony fails

Maher, ’11 [Winter 2011, Richard Maher, Ph.D. candidate in the Political Science department at Brown University, “The Paradox of American Unipolarity: Why the United States May Be Better Off in a Post-Unipolar World,” Orbis, Vol. 55, No. 1, p. 53-68]

And yet, despite this material preeminence, the United States sees its political and

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how best to position itself in the “post-unipolar” world.

Hegemonic stability theory is academic garbage

Fettweis, ’11 [September, 2011, Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, “The Superpower as Superhero: Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1902154>]

First, the hegemonic-stability argument shows the classic symptom of hubris: It

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They will participate at times in our adventures, but minimally and reluctantly.

Retrenchment is good—overwhelming historical data proves there will be no transition conflict and accepting relative declines in power is key to overall leadership and avoids foreign entanglements

Parent and MacDonald, ’11 [Joseph M. Parent is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Miami. Paul K. MacDonald is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College “The Wisdom of Retrenchment: America Must Cut Back to Move Forward”, Foreign Affairs, November/December 2011]

Even if a policy of retrenchment were possible to implement, would it work?

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would also allow the United States to restore some luster to its leadership.

Those foreign entanglements draw in Russia and China

Parent and MacDonald, ’11 [Joseph M. Parent is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Miami. Paul K. MacDonald is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College “The Wisdom of Retrenchment: America Must Cut Back to Move Forward”, Foreign Affairs, November/December 2011]

Curbing the United States' commitments would reduce risks, but it cannot eliminate them.

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now temper its commitments and cultivate a lasting compromise with China over Taiwan.

Extinction

Bostrum ‘02

Nick, professor of philosophy - Oxford University, March, Existential Risks: Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards, Journal of Evolution and Technology, http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html

A much greater existential risk emerged with the build-up of nuclear arsenals in

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preludes to the existential risks that we will encounter in the 21st century.

Retrenchment now is key to hegemony—only politically sustainable option, otherwise US leadership is ineffective

Kupchan and Trubowitz, ’07 [Charles A. Kupchan is Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and Peter L. Trubowitz is Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin and Senior Fellow at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law., “Dead Center” International Security, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Fall 2007), pp. 7–44]

A strategy of judicious retrenchment may not be the preferred course of neoconservative Republicans or

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but also restores the political equilibrium necessary to sustain a coherent national strategy.

**Chinese influence in Latin America key to the global economy and regional stability—the plan locks China out of the markets**

**Ellis 11**

[R. Evan, Assistant Professor of National Security Studies in the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University.Chinese Soft Power in Latin America, 1st quarter 2011, <http://www.ndu.edu/press/lib/images/jfq-60/JFQ60_85-91_Ellis.pdf>]

Access to Latin American Markets. Latin American markets are becoming increasingly valuable for Chinese

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Area of the Americas) in which the PRC would have been disadvantaged.

**2. Taiwan—China influence key to stop it**

Yardley 5 (Jim Yardley and Thom Shanker (Staff Writers – Jim reported from Zhanjiang and Thom reported from Washington.) ”Chinese Navy Buildup Gives Pentagon New Worries.” The New York Times. April 8, 2005)

The growing friction between Japan and China**,** fueled by rising nationalism in both countries

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months to a year,'' one American intelligence analyst in Washington said.

Independently, long term trends solve war – Taiwan is being a partner to China – Finland proves

Straits times, ‘10 (Goh Sui Noi, “'Finlandisation' route for Taiwan?”, 2010, L/N)

AS 2009 drew to a close, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou on New

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to recognise Taiwan as a sovereign state - something it would never do.

China won’t go to war with Taiwan – cross-Strait ties

Nie, ‘09 (Jing, Masters Student in Pol. Sci. – U. Toledo, “Kantian Peace Theory and the Taiwan Strait”, As partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Political Science, December, http://etd.ohiolink.edu/send-pdf.cgi/Nie%20Jing.pdf?acc\_num=toledo1260832420)

The Taiwan Strait is a global hot spot that has the potential to trigger a

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Therefore, Kantian peace theory’s relevance for the Taiwan Strait conflict is limited.