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US presence in the Middle East is inevitable now because of US oil interests

Krcmaric, ’12 [06/20/12, Daniel Krcmaric is a fellow at NSF National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow and a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Duke University, “Looking Ahead: America’s Role in the Middle East,” Global Trends 2030, online: http://gt2030.com/2012/06/20/looking-ahead-americas-role-in-the-middle-east/]

As the United States winds down its involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan and implements a

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the U.S. and China will occur in the Middle East.

The plan opens up drilling in a massive oil field—trades off

Vargas ‘12 [Jorge A. Vargas is a Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law. Fall 2012, “ARTICLE: The 2012 U.S.-Mexico Agreement on Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico: A Blueprint for Progress or a Recipe for Conflict?,” San Diego International Law Journal, 14 San Diego Int'l L.J. 3, p. lexis]

On February 20, 2012, Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary

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the same time, promotes and protects the preservation of the marine environment.

Middle East isolationism leads to instability and foreign competition

Kagan, ’07 [07/17/2007, Robert Kagan was senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and senior transatlantic fellow at the German Marshall Fund, “End of Dreams, Return of History” http://www.hoover.org/publications/policy-review/article/6136]

It is also optimistic to imagine that a retrenchment of the American position in the

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a retraction of American influence and global involvement will provide an easier path.

That outweighs—Middle East is an unparalleled security risk

Primakov, ‘09 [July/September, 2009 Yevgeny Primakov is the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Russian Federation, Member – Russian Academy of Science, “The Middle East Problem in the Context of International Relations”, Russia in Global Affairs, <http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/number/n_13593>]

The Middle East conflict is unparalleled in terms of its potential for spreading globally.

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seems that President Obama’s position does not completely rule out such a possibility.

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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

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Obama is taking a hard line stance against Latin American countries now

Baverstock 5-17 - foreign correspondent based in Venezuela (Alasdair, “Venezuela's Maduro still waiting on Washington's recognition”, May 17 of 2013, CSM, <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2013/0517/Venezuela-s-Maduro-still-waiting-on-Washington-s-recognition>)

More than a month after Venezuela’s contested presidential election, President Nicolás Maduro’s narrow victory

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– as a factor in the US’s reluctance to recognize Maduro as president.

Engagement is INHERENTLY appeasement

Rock 2000 - Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University, works at Vassar College in Political Science (Stephen, “Appeasement in International Politics”, 2000, pg 23-24)

Critics of engagement—and there are many—consider it “a modern form

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policy who must decide whether¶ and how to pursue such a strategy.

Appeasement kills credibility – it shows **countries** that the US isn’t hard line - playing a weak hand doesn’t work

Weissberg 10 - Professor of Political Science-Emeritus, University of Illinois-Urbana (Robert, “President Obama's Compulsive Appeasement Disorder”, August 27 of 2010, American Thinker, <http://www.americanthinker.com/2010/08/president_obamas_compulsive_ap.html>)

There's a simple explanation: we are no longer feared. Superpowers of yesteryear,

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it. Israel long ago learned this lesson, regardless of world outrage.

Obama’s credibility is uniquely key to solve conflict

Ben Coes 11, a former speechwriter in the George H.W. Bush administration, managed Mitt Romney’s successful campaign for Massachusetts Governor in 2002 & author, “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

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Security is based on a desire to control and manage—its ontological precepts attempt to render everything knowable and hence predictable—means that random variation in IR ensures aggression and enemy creation—the impact is mass war and violence—vote neg to reprogram our ontological presuppositions—we wont cross apply to prove links the affirmatives method is a prior question

Burke 7—Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations in the University of New South Wales (Anthony, *Theory & Event*, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007, “Ontologies of War: Violence, Existence and Reason,” Project MUSE)

This essay develops a theory about the causes of war -- and thus aims to

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to end the global rule of insecurity and violence? Will our thought?

## 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 and will continue to grow – Nieto and Obama’s meetings

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.”

Zero risk of Mexican collapse---best predictive models of state failure agree

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.

But the violence is inevitable and the aff can’t solve - Immigration flows, border security, and drug demand are all 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.

The U.S. will never let Mexican instability threaten strategic interests---they always comply with pressure on security issues

Starr, 2010 (Pamela K., Director, U.S.-Mexico Network, Associate Professor (NTT), University Fellow, Center on Public Diplomacy, University of Southern California, October 2010, <http://college.usc.edu/usmexnet/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Camp-Oxford-paper-final.doc>)

This chapter will illuminate how these six variables have defined the nature of the bilateral

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, stable ally in Mexico, U.S. influence declines sharply.

Hegemony isn’t key to peace

Fettweis 11 Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 9/26/11, Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO

It is perhaps worth noting that there is no evidence to support a direct relationship

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global policeman. Those who think otherwise base their view on faith alone.

**No nuclear terror attack**

**Schneidmiller 9** (Chris, Experts Debate Threat of Nuclear, Biological Terrorism, 13 January 2009, http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\_20090113\_7105.php, )

There is an "almost vanishingly small" likelihood that terrorists would ever be able

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be difficult to build a weapon or use one that has been stolen.

**No motivation to use nukes**

**Moodie, former arms control agency worker, 2—** headed the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute and served as assistant director for multilateral affairs at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency**.** president of the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute (Brad Roberts and Michael Moodie, Biological Weapons: Toward a Threat Reduction Strategy, http://www.ndu.edu/inss/DefHor/DH15/DH15.htm, AG)

The argument about terrorist motivation is also important. Terrorists generally have not killed as

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the rest of the international community--to the annihilation of the perpetrators.

Economic decline doesn’t lead to war

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.

**Interdiction leads to sophistication – zero risk of solvency**

Shirk 11 – PhD in Political Science @ UC-San Diego, was a fellow at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies from 1998 to 1999 and from 2001 to 2003. In 2009–2010, Dr. Shirk was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington, DC, currently the principal investigator for the Jus- tice in Mexico project (www.justiceinmexico.org), a binational research initiative on criminal justice and the rule of law in Mexico

David, “The Drug War in Mexico Confronting a Shared Threat,” CFR Special Report No. 60

One flaw of current U.S.-Mexico strategy is the false presumption that

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than gains in security for the struggling communities of the border region.45

Alt cause to relations—Immigration

Shifter ‘12 [April 2012, Michael, Adjunct Professor of Latin American Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and writes for the Council's journal Foreign Affairs, President of Inter-American Dialogue. “Remaking the Relationship: The United States and Latin America,” IAD Policy Report, <http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf>]

Still another advance could come through US immigration reform. By better aligning the supply

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best approach. More modest changes, however, could still be helpful.

The economy is resilient

**Coy**, **Economics editor for BusinessWeek**, **9**—Economics editor for BusinessWeek. BA in history from Cornell (Peter, Why It's Smart To Be Optimistic, 13 August 2009, http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/09\_34/b4144040812940.htm?chan=magazine+channel\_special+report)

The optimistic scenario is that the recession is correcting the excesses of the euphoric bubble

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the stuff we're doing now would have been impossible even five years ago."

**No retaliation to terrorism**

**Bremmer, IR prof, 4—**IR prof, Columbia. Faculty member at Stanford’s Hoover Institution. Senior Fellow, World Policy Institute. PhD in pol sci, Stanford (Ian, 11/13, Suppose a new 9/11 hit America . . ., http://www.newstatesman.com/200409130005, AG)

What would happen if there were a new terrorist attack inside the United States on

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the international outcry it would provoke would make quick action against Iran unthinkable.