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## Memo cp

Text --- The Director of the Western Hemisphere affairs Bureau of the United States Department of State should issue and publish in the Federal Register a policy memorandum that relevant United States entities should **allow normal trade between the United States and Cuba.**

Competes; policy statements do not make law --- they’re legally distinct

Koch 5 (Charles H. Jr., Professor of Law – William and Mary School of Law, “Policymaking by the Administrative Judiciary”, Alabama Law Review, Spring, 56 Ala. L. Rev. 693, Lexis)

n110 E.g., Consol Edison Co of New York v. FERC, 315 F.3d 316, 323 (D.C. Cir 2003)

"Policy statements" differ from substantive rules …………………………….., nor the agency

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#### Obama’s pressuring the GOP with a strong display of Presidential strength and staying on message – the GOP will blink

**Dovere, 10/1/13** (Edward, Politico, “Government shutdown: President Obama holds the line”

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/government-shutdown-president-obama-holds-the-line-97646.html?hp=f3>)

President Barack Obama started September in an agonizing, …………………………………….. the other way as people rethink this.”

#### Drains capital – Backlash and hostage taking on unrelated priority legislation

LeoGrande, 12

William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive …………………………………….. forces policymakers to take action.

#### Taking Obama off message undermines the pressure strategy

**Milbank, 9/27/13** – Washington Post Opinion Writer (Dana, “Obama should pivot to Dubya’s playbook” Washington Post, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-obama-should-try-pivoting-to-george-bushs-playbook/2013/09/27/c72469f0-278a-11e3-ad0d-b7c8d2a594b9_story.html>)

If President Obama can stick to his guns, he ……………………………………..and demoralize his supporters.

#### Economic collapse

**Davidson, 9/10/13** – co-founder of NPR’s Planet Money (Adam, “Our Debt to Society” New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/magazine/our-debt-to-society.html?pagewanted=all>)

If the debt ceiling isn’t lifted again this fall, some ……………………………………..far worse than anything we’ve seen in the past several years.

#### Cross apply 1ac royal ev.

## neolib

#### Lifting the embargo would force liberalization upon Cuba, destroy its domestic industries, and integrate it into the global neoliberal order.

**Gonzalez, law prof, 3** (Carmen, Assistant Professor, Seattle University School of Law, Tulane Environmental Law Journal, Vol. 16, p. 685, 2003, “Seasons of Resistance: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Cuba”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=987944>, ZBurdette)

Notwithstanding these problems, the greatest challenge to ……………………………………..system.

#### Neoliberalism causes war-exacerbates all the proximate causes.

**Staples, International Network on Disarmament and Globalization chair, 2000**

(Steven, “The relationship between globalization and militarism”, Social Justice, 27.4, proquest)

Economic inequality is growing; more conflict and ……………………………………..investments, insulating them from the violent effects of globalization.

**Vote neg to interrogate neoliberal economic engagement with latin America from the starting point of knowledge production.**

**Walsh, Estudios Culturales Latinoamericanos de la Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, 2012**

(Catherine, “The Politics of Naming”, Cultural Studies, 26.1, Project Muse)

Cultural Studies, in our project, is constructed and understood as more ……………………………………..urgency of life. To call these Cultural Studies or critical (inter)Cultural Studies is only one of our options, and part of the politics of

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####  “Its” refers to the United States Federal Government and is possessive

Updegrave 91 (W.C., senior editor of Money Magazine for 17 years, “Explanation of ZIP Code Address Purpose”, 8-19, <http://www.supremelaw.org/ref/zipcode/updegrav.htm>)

More specifically, looking at the map on page 11 of the National ZIP Code Directory, e.g. at a local post office, one will see that the first digit of a ZIP Code defines an area that includes more than one State. The first sentence of the explanatory paragraph begins: "A ZIP Code is a numerical code that identifies areas within the United States and its territories for purposes of ..." [cf. 26 CFR 1.1-1(c)]. Note the singular possessive pronoun "its", not "their", therefore carrying the implication that it relates to the "United States" as a corporation domiciled in the District of Columbia (in the singular sense), not in the sense of being the 50 States of the Union (in the plural sense). The map shows all the States of the Union, but it also shows D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, making the explanatory statement literally correct.

#### The private sector isn’t part of the government

**Privacy Sense 11** (website that provides information on privacy legislation for organizations and individuals, The Difference Between the Private and Public Sector,

<http://www.privacysense.net/difference-between-private-public-sector/>)

It is important to understand the difference between the private sector and public sector because your privacy rights will differ depending on the legislation that an organization is governed under. The Private Sector The private sector is usually composed of organizations that are privately owned and not part of the government. These usually includes corporations (both profit and non-profit), partnerships, and charities. An easier way to think of the private sector is by thinking of organizations that are not owned or operated by the government. For example, retail stores, credit unions, and local businesses will operate in the private sector. The Public Sector The public sector is usually composed of organizations that are owned and operated by the government. This includes federal, provincial, state, or municipal governments, depending on where you live. Privacy legislation usually calls organizations in the public sector a public body or a public authority. Some examples of public bodies in Canada and the United Kingdom are educational bodies, health care bodies, police and prison services, and local and central government bodies and their departments.

#### Violation – The aff doesn’t increase USFG engagement – they just increase private sector cooperation

#### That’s a voter for fairness and education –

#### 1. Limits – there are thousands of private companies that want to cooperate with Cuba, Mexico, and Venezuela – no way that the aff can be expected to defend against all those

#### 2. Ground – key generics like politics and privatization CPs are limited out by their interpretation

**At best this is f/x topical**

* 1. **Unlimits – any action taken that eventually will eventually result in a topical action, forcing unfair burdens upon the negative.**
	2. **Unpredictable – there is no way to research backwards, finding an alternative energy problem and then tracking all the ways to fix it would destroy debate.**

## AG

#### Industrial ag is bypassing small farms now – that’s key to crop yields

Zumbrun ‘8 [Josh. Staffer for Forbes. “Getting Down With the Farm” 9/3/8. Forbes, ln//khirn]

The high-decibel message: Agriculture has ……………………………………..the potential saviors of the global hungry.”

Extend their 1nc Kost evidence – plan exports a global organic agriculture model and crowds out industrial agriculture.e

#### Industrial ag key to prevent soil erosion – extinction

#### Avery, Director of & Senior Fellow @ Center for Global Food Issues, former agriculture analyst for the State Department, and former staff member of the President's National Advisory Commission on Food and Fiber, 95 (Dennis, SAVING THE PLANET WITH NO-TILL, HIGH-YIELD FARMING," before the Manitoba/North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmer's Association, January 24,

<http://www.mandakzerotill.org/books/proceedings/Proceedings%201995/highyield.html>)

The **true long-term threat to human existence** ……………………………………... and for the soil erosion not suffered.

#### Billions starve without modern agriculture—your model fails

**Borlaug**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Distinguished Professor of Science at Texas A&M, **and Carter**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and former President of the United States of America, 9/14/**2005**

(Norman and Jimmy, “Food for Thought,” Wall Street Journal, http://www.agbioworld.org/biotech-info/topics/borlaug/WSJ-2005-Foodthought.html)

The past 50 years have been the most ……………………………………..have been spared such a tragedy.

**China makes warming inevitable**

**Wortzel 8**

Wortzel, 8 - Former Director of Asian Studies at the Heritage Foundation

(Larry et al, Report to Congress of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, Nov, p. google)

China argues that developed countries are the ……………………………………... Any efforts to address this problem will require global participation by developed and developing nations.

**Negative feedbacks solve the impact**

**Idso & Idso 2**Craig Idso, Dir. of Env’l Sci - Peabody Energy, and Keith Idso, Professor - Maricopa County Comm College, ‘2 (http://www.co2science.org/scripts/CO2ScienceB2C/about/position/globalwarming.jsp)

Strong negative climatic feedbacks prohibit catastrophic ……………………………………..by future increases in the air's CO2 content.

#### High-yield ag key to solve warming

#### Stanford News Service 10 [June 14, 2010“High-yield agriculture slows pace of global warming, say Stanford researchers”]

Advances in high-yield agriculture over the ……………………………………..National Academy of Sciences.

#### Crop yields are key to biodiversity

Avery ‘7 [Dennis. Director of the Global Food Institute. “How High-Yield Farming Saves Nature” Society, Vol 44 No 6. ScienceDirect]

Because the Green Revolution tripled crop ……………………………………..their plows to America.

( ) Ecosystems recover

Warrick ’97

[Joby, Washington Post, Aug 29, “Diversity Is Not Enough to Ensure Hardy Ecosystems,” Lexis]

Ecologists have long maintained that ……………………………………..function and insurance against ecological collapse."

## Transition

**No Impact- A terrorist attack would not affect the economy**

**Learner and Thronburg 2006 - Director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast, Chief Economist of the Ceridian-UCLA Pulsel of Commerce, Christopher Thornberg is a founding principal of Beacon Economics** [ Chirstopher Thornberg, Edward E Learner, Jon D. Haveman and Howard J. Shatz (editors), Stephen S. Cohen, Peter Gordon, Jon D. Haveman, Matthew C. Hipp, Seth K. Jacobson, \ James E. Moore, II, Qisheng Pan, Harry W. Richardson, Howard J. Shatz, Jay Stowsky, , Ernesto Vilchis, and Amy B. Zegart , Protecting the Nation’s Seaports: Balancing Security and Cost, 2006, <http://www.ppic.org/main/publication.asp?i=698>, 6/20/12]

This is testimony partly to the great resilience of a ……………………………………..with the overall economy or they were largely offset by gains elsewhere.

#### **No impact -- the risk of a successful attack is highly improbable.**

Mueller 7 – PhD in political science from UCLA, professor of political science at Ohio State University (John Mueller, “Reactions and Overreactions to Terrorism: The Atomic Obsession”, American Political Science Association, July 24, 2007, http://psweb.sbs.ohio-state.edu/faculty/jmueller/APSA2007.PDF)

In the case of nuclear terrorism, an ……………………………………..one in 33 million, a result they might just find a bit uninspiring, even dispiriting.

**Other issues prevent engagement – human rights and Gitmo**

**Council on Foreign Relations** 1-11-20**10**; “US-Cuba Relations” <http://www.cfr.org/publication/11113/uscuba_relations.html#p6>

Experts say the issues preventing …………………………………….., hard-line Cuban exiles still lobby for regime change.

#### Chavez’s death fractures the Pink Tide movement

O’Reilly, 13– cites multiple professors (Andrew, “Hugo Chavez’s Death Leaves a Void in Latin America’s Left”, <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2013/03/07/hugo-chavez-leaves-dearth-in-latin-america-left/>)//NG

As the flag-draped coffin of Hugo Chávez was carried ……………………………………..of anti-U.S. rhetoric and it didn’t work.”

**Economic interdependence prevents conflict.**

**Simes 07 –** (Dimitri K. Simes, President of the Nixon Center and Publisher of The National Interest, "Losing War." Foreign Affairs." NOv/DEc. 2007. Lexis)

The good news is that although Russia is disillusioned with ……………………………………..China, Russia, and the Central Asian states--is a debating club rather than a genuine security alliance.

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The distinction’s clear and highly relevant

Koch 5 (Charles H. Jr., Professor of Law – William and Mary School of Law, “Policymaking by the Administrative Judiciary”, Alabama Law Review, Spring, 56 Ala. L. Rev. 693, Lexis)

Such policy pronouncements are distinct ……………………………………………………. a deviation can be justified. 112

The plan and topic require a mandated increase

HEFC 4 (Higher Education Funding Council, http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200304/jtselect/jtchar/167/167we98.htm# n43)

9.1 The Draft Bill creates an obligation on the principal ………………………………………………… considered to be ever-increasing.

“Substantial” requires legal effect

Words and Phrases 64 (40W&P 759)

The words “outward, open, actual, visible, …………………………………………………; true; not including admitting, or pertaining to any others; undivided; sole; opposed to inclusive.

CP avoids politics --- but binding agency action links

below congressional radar,

circumvents notification requirements

and interest group lobbying,

solidifies gains before opposition kicks in

and even if it triggers the link wouldn’t be until AFTER our DA

Raso 10 (Connor R., JD – Yale Law School and Ph.D. in Political Science – Stanford University, “Strategic or Sincere? Analyzing Agency Use of Guidance Documents”, The Yale Law Journal, January, 119 Yale L.J. 782, Lexis)

 Congressional and Presidential Preferences

Guidance documents generally attract …………………………………………………against the agency.

## Ag da

#### New technology ensures yields will expand

#### RedOrbit 10 [3/17/10, " Creating a Multifunctional Agricultural System "] //khirn

The emergence of biofuels into …………………………………………………and the Environment at the University of Minnesota.

#### American ag is expanding crop yields globally – they’ll meet global demand

#### Corn and Soybean Digest 10 [Kent Thiesse, 3/16/10, " National Ag Week "] //khirn

The top five agriculture products in the U.S…………………………………………………more efficiently and much safer than a few decades ago.

#### More evidence – every sector is expanding yields

AP 9 [The Assc Press. 10/14/9. ln//khirn]

Based on Oct. 1 conditions, Nebraska’s …………………………………………………and all other hay production is up 6% compared to a year ago.

#### ( ) Crop yields soaring – most CONCLUSIVE and THOROUGH studies

TWN 9[The TideWater News. 10/21/9. Factiva//khirn]

Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.0 …………………………………………………of average yields

## 2nc xt: kills crop yields

**2. Transitioning to small farms ­decimates crop yields – transportation, specialization – this card indicts their methodology**

Haddad 8 [Abigail Haddad, B.A. Economics @ Kenyon College, Economist @ Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 10, 2008, “The Problem With Organic Food”, The American, journal of the American Enterprise Institute] //khirn

Beyond meeting certain aesthetic desires, however, the case for local and organic agriculture breaks down. In a …………………………………………………down to this: if you want to pay more money for a really fantastic tomato, you can do so.

#### Agricultural transportation key to crop yields

Avery, director of the Center for Global Food Issues at the Hudson Institute, Singer, distinguished research professor at George Mason, 2007 (Dennis T, S. Fred, “Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1,500 Years” Pages 120-124) FIVE REASONS NOT TO FEAR FAMINE DURING GLOBAL WARMING

Fifth: Modern Transportation

The biggest technical advantage of the modem …………………………………………………We need to draw on them.

#### 3. Specialization – Undermines subsidies and crop stability by decreasing specialization

Dobbs ‘7 [Thomas. Prof Emeritus of Econ @ South Dakota State. “It’s Economics, Not Agronomy” 2007. <http://www.grist.org/article/its-economics-not-agronomy> //khirn]

But if we take a "long run" perspective, it is not ………………………………………………… and oilseed crop protein supplements.

#### Crop stability crucial to yields – a. Safety net

FPF ‘8 [Farm Policy Facts. “Myth Busters Part 1 – Commodity Prices and the Farm Bill” Oct 2008 [www.farmpolicy.org/mm\_myth\_busters\_part1.cfm](http://www.farmpolicy.org/mm_myth_busters_part1.cfm) ]

During this farm bill, a handful of special …………………………………………………—even with higher crop prices.

#### b. Land values

Barnard et al ‘1 [Charles. USDA Economist of the Year in 2002, Won the Award for the Study from Which our Ev is Cut. “Higher Cropland Value from Farm Program Payments: Who Gains?” <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/agoutlook/nov2001/ao286h.pdf> ]

Second, a dollar of farm …………………………………………………that programs will persist in some form and level.

## 2nc overview

#### Defer negative unless its 100 percent extinction – we could recover

Sanders, Matheny, and Cirkovic, 8 [Anders Sandberg, is a James Martin Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University. PhD in computational neuroscience @ Stockholm University Jason G. Matheny is a PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. and Milan M. Ćirković senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade. He is also an assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia and Montenegro. “How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?” 9-9-2008 http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction]

There is a discontinuity between risks that threaten 10 …………………………………………………, and thus deserve support regardless of how much one worries about extinction.

#### High yields key to democracy and free trade

**Avery**, director of the Center for Global Food Issues at the Hudson Institute, 5/21/**2000**

(Dennis, “Leading a 21st Century Global Triumph for the Environment,” Commencement Address, University of California, Berkeley, College of Natural Resources, http://www.cgfi.org/2000/05/21/dennis-averys-uc-berkeley-commencement-address/)

Thanks to technology, trade and democracy, the …………………………………………………high yields on a small amounts of land or destroy the forests for low-yield production of crops, livestock, and paper pulp.

#### (b) Democracy solves extinction

**Diamond**, Hoover Institution senior fellow, December **1995**

(Larry, co-editor of the Journal of Democracy, A Report to the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s: Actors and Instruments, Issues and Imperatives,” <http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/1.htm>)

OTHER THREATS This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in the coming years and decades. In the former Yugoslavia nationalist aggression tears at the stability of Europe and could easily spread. The flow of illegal drugs intensifies through increasingly powerful international crime syndicates that have made common cause with authoritarian regimes and have utterly corrupted the institutions of tenuous, democratic ones. Nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons continue to proliferate. The very source of life on Earth, the global ecosystem, appears increasingly endangered. Most of these new and unconventional threats to security are associated with or aggravated by the weakness or absence of democracy, with its provisions for legality, accountability, popular sovereignty, and openness. LESSONS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY The experience of this century offers important lessons. Countries that govern themselves in a truly democratic fashion do not go to war with one another. They do not aggress against their neighbors to aggrandize themselves or glorify their leaders. Democratic governments do not ethnically "cleanse" their own populations, and they are much less likely to face ethnic insurgency. Democracies do not sponsor terrorism against one another. They do not build weapons of mass destruction to use on or to threaten one another. Democratic countries form more reliable, open, and enduring trading partnerships. In the long run they offer better and more stable climates for investment. They are more environmentally responsible because they must answer to their own citizens, who organize to protest the destruction of their environments. They are better bets to honor international treaties since they value legal obligations and because their openness makes it much more difficult to breach agreements in secret. Precisely because, within their own borders, they respect competition, civil liberties, property rights, and the rule of law, democracies are the only reliable foundation on which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

#### (c) Free trade prevents nuclear winter

Copley News Service, December 1, 1999, “Commentary”

For decades, many children in America and other countries went to bed fearing annihilation by nuclear war. The specter of nuclear winter freezing the life out of planet Earth seemed very real. Activists protesting the World Trade Organization’s meeting in Seattle apparently have forgotten that threat. The truth is that nations join together in groups like the WTO not just to further their own prosperity, but also to forestall conflict with other nations. In a way, our planet has traded in the threat of a worldwide nuclear war for the benefit of cooperative global economics. Some Seattle protesters clearly fancy themselves to be in the mold of nuclear disarmament or anti-Vietnam War protesters of decades past. But they’re not. They’re special-interest activists, whether the cause is environmental, labor or paranoia about global government. Actually, most of the demonstrators in Seattle are very much unlike yesterday’s peace activists, such as Beatle John Lennon or philosopher Bertrand Russell, the father of the nuclear disarmament movement, both of whom urged people and nations to work together rather than strive against each other. These and other war protesters would probably approve of 135 WTO nations sitting down peacefully to discuss economic issues that in the past might have been settled by bullets and bombs. As long as nations are trading peacefully, and their economies are built on exports to other countries, they have a major disincentive to wage war. That’s why bringing China, a budding superpower, into the WTO is so important. As exports to the United States and the rest of the world feed Chinese prosperity, and that prosperity increases demand for the goods we produce, the threat of hostility diminishes. Many anti-trade protesters in Seattle claim that only multinational corporations benefit from global trade, and that it’s the everyday wage earners who get hurt. That’s just plain wrong. First of all, it’s not the military-industrial complex benefiting. It’s U.S. companies that make high-tech goods. And those companies provide a growing number of jobs for Americans. In San Diego, many people have good jobs at Qualcomm, Solar Turbines and other companies for whom overseas markets are essential. In Seattle, many of the 100,000 people who work at Boeing would lose their livelihoods without world trade. Foreign trade today accounts for 30 percent of our gross domestic product. That’s a lot of jobs for everyday workers. Growing global prosperity has helped counter the specter of nuclear winter. Nations of the world are learning to live and work together, like the singers of anti-war songs once imagined. Those who care about world peace shouldn’t be protesting world trade. They should be celebrating it.

## Transition

#### Alt cause to relations – Gross, USAID, and the Cuban 5

WHITEFIELD and TAMAYO, 13 – Writers for the Miami Herald (Mimi and Juan, “Deep freeze in US-Cuba relations could be thawing”, June 18, 2013, http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/06/18/3058438/deep-freeze-in-us-cuba-relations.html)//eek

But the arrest of Gross in December 2009 …………………………………………………Havana's recent travel and economic reforms.

#### Your 1ac terrorism now evidence says the threats are from Al-Qaeda and Moldova – you don’t solve that

Brill and Luongo 12 – Kenneth C. Brill is a former U.S. ambassador to the I.A.E.A. Kenneth N. Luongo is president of the Partnership for Global Security. Both are members of the Fissile Material Working Group, a nonpartisan nongovernmental organization. (“Nuclear Terrorism: A Clear Danger”, March 15, 2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/16/opinion/nuclear-terrorism-a-clear-danger.html?\_r=0)

At least four terrorist groups, including Al Qaeda, have …………………………………………………large with a kilogram of this material.

#### And, your evidence says the only way to solve is a global framework on nuclear security – you don’t result in that

Brill and Luongo 12 – Kenneth C. Brill is a former U.S. ambassador to the I.A.E.A. Kenneth N. Luongo is president of the Partnership for Global Security. Both are members of the Fissile Material Working Group, a nonpartisan nongovernmental organization. (“Nuclear Terrorism: A Clear Danger”, March 15, 2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/16/opinion/nuclear-terrorism-a-clear-danger.html?\_r=0)

There are no globally agreed standards for …………………………………………………to those states that need help in doing so.

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#### Strong-arming the Republicans in debt ceiling negotiations key to reopen the government

**Kaplan 10/11** [Oct 11, 2013, “Debt ceiling, government shutdown talks finally begin: Is the endgame near?,” <http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250_162-57607019/debt-ceiling-government-shutdown-talks-finally-begin-is-the-endgame-near/>]

The White House and House ………………………………………… was an agreement to continue talking.

#### That independently destroys the economy

USA Today, editorial board, 10/3/13, Why shutdown needs to end now: Our view, www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/10/02/shutdown-obamacare-e-verify-head-start-veterans-editorials-debates/2912797/’

Debt-limit fight threatens recovery¶ One way …………………………………………not want to look at your 401(k).

#### Strong negotiating position from Obama key to unconditional debt ceiling raise – Republicans want a six-week raise

**O’Brien and Dunn 10/11** [Michael and Carrie, NBC News, 10/11/2013, “Hopes of ending shutdown spike in Washington,” <http://nbcpolitics.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/10/11/20905319-hopes-of-ending-shutdown-spike-in-washington?lite>]

Republican leaders appeared cautiously optimistic …………………………………………to have the government reopened by Monday.

#### That crashes markets

**O’Brien and Dunn 10/11** [Michael and Carrie, NBC News, 10/11/2013, “Hopes of ending shutdown spike in Washington,” <http://nbcpolitics.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/10/11/20905319-hopes-of-ending-shutdown-spike-in-washington?lite>]

On Thursday, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said that she was …………………………………………faith and credit.”

#### PC is key to rally public pressure against the GOP—it’s not inevitable

**Meet the Press, 9/15/13** (NBC News, lexis) **Woodward = Bob Woodward, investigative journalist.**

GREGORY: Well, we`ll see. But I want to bring up a point …………………………………………has to use political capital and time to flip these numbers. It`s going to be a lot of work.

#### Obama won’t use any of the unilateral actions

**Liptak, 10/3/13** (Adam, New York Times, “Experts See Potential Ways Out for Obama in Debt Ceiling Maze” <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/04/us/politics/experts-see-potential-ways-out-for-obama-in-debt-ceiling-maze.html?_r=0>)

A senior administration …………………………………………Mr. Carney said, “means that it would not be a credible alternative.”

#### Obama won’t do it and it wouldn’t solve

**Reuters, 9/30/13** (“White House says raising debt cap unilaterally would be suspect”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/30/us-usa-fiscal-debtceiling-idUSBRE98T0XO20130930>)

 (Reuters) - The White House on Monday …………………………………………Carney told reporters.