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**Contention 1- Inherency**

**1. The United States maintains an embargo that bars nearly all economic activity with Cuba – a vocal minority undercuts any prospects for change in the near future.**

**Guzmán 13**  Emmy award winning journalist,

(Sandra, “Jay-Z and Beyoncé's trip to Cuba isn't the problem, the embargo is,” *CNN*, May 8, Online: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/07/opinion/guzman-beyonce-jay-z-cuba/index.html>)

**Contention two – The embargo**

**1. The US embargo against Cuba is an act of cultural erasure – American imperialism is founded on racist images of Cubans and economic paternalism**

**Riley 6** (Shannon Rose, Doctor of Philosophy in performance studies with a special emphasis on critical theory, “Imagi-nations in Black and White: Cuba, Haiti, and the Performance of Difference in US National Projects, 1898-1940” http://www.academia.edu/1378319/Imagi-nations\_in\_Black\_and\_White\_Cuba\_Haiti\_and\_the\_Performance\_of\_Difference\_in\_US\_National\_Projects\_1898-1940)

**2. The discourse of Empire symbolically “whitewashes” Cuban bodies by equating economic modernization with cleanliness – the Embargo represents Cuba’s official designation as unclean**

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**3. The impact isn’t just symbolic – the Embargo causes Afro-Cuban women to be seen as sacrifices so that northerners can enjoy a good and free society**

**Harrison 2** (Faye V, professor of anthropology at the University of Florida, Global Apartheid, “Foreign Policy, and Human Rights,” Summer 2002, Souls: Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society 4(3): 48-68, <http://web.clas.ufl.edu/users/fayeharr/images/Global.pdf>)

**4. The hidden violence of these sanctions outweighs nuclear war – the embargo is an act of economic warfare**

**Gowans 10** (Stephen, writer for the Centre for Research on Globalization, “Sanctions of Mass Destruction (SMD): US Sponsored Economic Blockade Destroys North Korea’s Health Care System,” 7/20, http://www.globalresearch.ca/sanctions-of-mass-destruction-smd-us-sponsored-economic-blockade-destroys-north-korea-s-health-care-system/20215)

**5. You have an ethical imperative to end the embargo – the ongoing blockade represents a total war against the Cuban population – reject the distinction between economic and military warfare**

**Peters 6** (Phillip, researcher for the Lexington Institute, “U.S. Sanctions Against Cuba: A Just War Perspective,” 8/5, http://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/us-sanctions-against-cuba-a-just-war-perspective)

**6. Ethical considerations come first *in this instance* because the embargo is justified under the banner of human rights**

**Mambi Watch 8** (Mambi Watch is an online news source committed to a demonstration of civility, respectable debate and forming sound arguments on US/Cuba issues. Internally cites Michael Shermer, monthly columnist for Scientific American, “Sanctions and Morals,” <http://mambiwatch.blogspot.com/2008/02/sanctions-and-morals.html>)

**Contention three–Relations**

**1. Death of Chavez makes now key time to reset Latin American relations**

**White 13**

(Robert E. White, Senior Fellow at Center for International Policy, International Herald Tribune, March 9 2013, Lexis Nexis, Accessed July 16, 2013, JD)

**2. Embargo guts current relations – only three countries support**

**Wickham 10**

(DeWayne Wickman, USA Today, “Change of guard is a good time to end Cuba embargo,” November 12 2010, Lexis Nexis, Accessed July 20, 2013, JD)

**3. Repeal of Cuban embargo key to restart Latin American relations**

**White 13**

(Robert E. White, Senior Fellow at Center for International Policy, International Herald Tribune, March 9 2013, Lexis Nexis, Accessed July 16, 2013, JD)

**4. Latin America collaboration key to new environment studies and climate technology**

**West 12**

(Charlotte West, former Fulbright fellow, NAFSA, “New Approaches to Cooperation with Latin America,” 2012, <http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/Chez_NAFSA/Find_Resources/Publications/Periodicals/Epublications/epub_latin_america.pdf>, Accessed July 19, 2013, JD)

**5. The threat of global warming is real, and anthropogenic**

**Prothero, 12.** Professor of Geology at Occidental College in Los Angeles, and Lecturer in Geobiology at the California Institute of Technology,

(Donald “How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused” Skeptic VOl 17 iss 2)

#### 6. The impact is billions of deaths.

Cummins ‘10

(Ronnie, International Director – Organic Consumers Association and Will Allen, Advisor – Organic Consumers Association, “Climate Catastrophe: Surviving the 21st Century”, 2-14, http://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/02/14-6)

**We propose the following plan:**

**The United States federal government should remove its economic embargo against Cuba.**

**Contention four – Solvency**

**1. Both Cuba and Cuban-Americans now support renewed negotiations**

**Goodspeed 09**

(Peter Goodspeed, National Post, “A Cuban evolution; Obama’s offer of ‘new beginning’ winning support of hardened exiles,” April 18 2009, Lexis Nexis, Accessed July 18, 2013, JD)

**2.Lifting the embargo will restore the flow of goods and improve living conditions in Cuba.**

**Franks, South American correspondent for Reuters, 2012**

(Jeff, “Cuba says ending US embargo would help both countries,” September 20, Online: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/20/us-cuba-usa-embargo-idUSBRE88J15G20120920>)