**1AC – Ontology**

**Advantage**

**Contention one is security**

**Cuba is a pawn in the overall strategy of historical threat construction – ever since 1960, Cuba has been an essential tool in the project of the national security complex, with the discourse surrounding it representing an orientation drawn to the brink of nuclear war**

**Ružić 12** (Maja Ružić, prof of International Security Studies, researcher at Central European University, research assistance at Slovak Foreign Policy Association, “Securitization Outside the Liberal Political Context: Did Cuba Matter in the Cuban Missile Crisis?”, СИНТЕЗИС IV/1 (2012), КРИЗА, Evan)

The Cuban Missile Crisis, or the Caribbean Crisis, or the October Crisis,

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securitization theory in political settings that are known for not being very transparent.

#### This relationship towards Cuba sustains American exceptionalism and makes attempts to secure domination inevitable

McNeil 11 (Calum McNeil, PhD Candidate Political Science (International Relations) @ McMaster University, Mar 16, 2011, “Ontological Security and Emotion in US-Cuba Relations”, Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association Annual Conference "Global Governance: Political Authority in Transition", HF FR)

Moreover, the Revolution represented a demand for respect – a renunciation of the humiliations

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avoid the anxiety of ontological insecurity and the humiliation which would accompany it.

#### This is grounded in an ontology that attempts to annihilate that which doesn’t fit into our own political ideology, replacing concrete discourse with securitized propaganda

Horowitz 13 (Jeffrey Horowitz, an Honours political science and economics student at the University of Florida, 2013, Economic Sanctions and States’ Sense of Self: A Game-Theoretic Model, Undergrad Thesis Paper, HF FR)

The physical threat that led to the Cuban Embargo was the event commonly referred to

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government. Both of these acts of symbolism are clearly ontological security decisions.

**This enframing of security justifies endless annihilation and underlies all impacts – only accepting an ontology of insecurity and challenging the discourse of threat construction can solve all threats**

**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?

**In terms of the embargo, this takes the form of an American genocide on Cuban citizens**

**Simons, 99** (Geoff, freelance author, “Imposing Economic Sanctions”, Pluto Press, 12-13, chip)

The years-long US attempt to deny Cuba access to food, medicine and

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the Articles of the Geneva Convention governing the treatment of civilians in wartime.

**This strategy leads to endless intervention in Latin America to order the world according to our own interests – this ends in political failures, mass violence, and the worst excesses of neoliberalism**

**Neocleous 8** (Mark, Professor of the Critique of Political Economy Politics and History, professor of Government at Brunel University, Critique of Security, page 95)

In other words, the new international order moved very quickly to reassert the connection

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economic liberty’, and the beneﬁts to liberty of the security strategy proposed.

**This makes all US policy a terminal failure – status quo approaches create the problems they intend to solve and making error replication inevitable**

**Dillon and Reid 2k** (Michael, Professor of Politics – University of Lancaster, and Julian, Lecturer in International Relations – King’s College, “Global Governance, Liberal Peace, and Complex Emergency”, Alternatives: Global, Local, Political, January / March, 25(1))

More specifically, where there is a policy problematic there is expertise, and where

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detailed ways in which life is variously (policy) problematized by it.

**Plan**

**Thus the plan: the United States federal government should remove its economic sanctions towards Cuba.**

**Framing**

**Contention two is spaces**

#### The 1AC is a critical refutation of security discourse which opens up a space in politics for transformative political thought – breaking away from these norms is key to actualize change

**Neocleous 8** (Mark, Prof. of Government @ Brunel, “Critique of Security”, 185-6 //Rufus)

The only way out of such a dilemma, to escape the fetish, is

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; it requires us to be brave enough to return the gift."'

**This rejection of dominant security enframing is a critical prerequisite to effective broad-scale policy solutions**

**Bruce, 96** (Robert, Associate Professor in Social Science – Curtin University, and Graeme Cheeseman, Senior Lecturer – University of New South Wales, Discourses of Danger and Dread Frontiers, p. 5-9) [words added for continuity]

This goal is pursued in ways which are still unconventional in the intellectual milieu of

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resistant to them, or choose not to understand them, and why?

#### That’s key – the way we talk and think about the world affects how we approach it – the 1ac’s interrogation of security is key to change practice

**Bilgin, 5** – Professor of IR, Bikent University, *Regional Security In The Middle East A Critical Perspective*, Page 7

From a critical perspective, thinking differently about security involves: first, challenging the

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some, emancipation-oriented) approach to security in theory and practice.

#### Abdicating the state is pure narcissism – refusing to acknowledge it won’t cause it to stop existing- while we certainly believe in the power of critical pedagogy and individual protest movements, of which the aff is part of, demands and change focused on the state is key to combating neoliberal distortions of our spheres

Giroux 4 (Henry, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, “Public Pedagogy and the Politics of Neo-liberalism: making the political more pedagogical” Policy Futures in Education, Volume 2, Numbers 3 & 4, 2004, //Rufus)

Neo-liberalism has become one of the most pervasive and dangerous ideologies of the

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, and necessitate alternative visions regarding autonomy and the possibility of democracy itself.

**Vulnerability and insecurity are inevitable – accepting this is a precursor to reclaiming a politics not centered on extermination**

**Butler 4** (Judith, Professor of Rhetoric and Comparitive Literature @ the University of California, Berkley, “Precarious Life: The Powers of Mourning and Violence”, pg 28-32 //Rufus)

Mourning, fear, anxiety, rage. In the United States, we have

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such fast and furious support and will not even qualify as "grievable."

**Extinction is inevitable. We are all doomed. The sun will explode and the universe will tear itself to shreds. *In the face of that*, creating a politics starting from uncertainty and ethics is the only way for us to have any meaningful relationship with the universe.**

**Clark 10** Senior Lecturer in Geography at Open University

(Nigel, “Ex-Orbitant Generosity: Gifts of Love in a Cold Cosmos”, Parallax, Vol. 16, No. 1, Pg. 80-95, dml)

Harman has no qualms about positing nonhuman objects that attract and repel each other.

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turning away has a defining quality. If not us, then who?

**Reliance on national security predictions escalates all problems into global disasters – the infinite and non-linear causes of violence are too broad, and realist assumptions make everything worse**

**Der Derian 5** (Director of the Global Security Program and Research Professor of International Studies at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University An Accident Waiting to Happen by James Der Derian Predicting the Present, Vol. 27 (3) - Fall 2005 Issue http://hir.harvard.edu/index.php?page=article&id=1430)

It often takes a catastrophe to reveal the illusory beliefs we continue to harbor in

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-scale accident is now the prolongation of total war by other means.”

**Product comes before process – focusing on perfecting governmental structures as a means rather than actually helping others results in interpassivity and political withdrawal**

**Van Oenen 2006** (Gijs, A Machine That Would Go of Itself: Interpassivity and Its Impact on Politic al Life, Theory & Event, 9:2)

This metaphor signifies of course that the hierarchical relation between government and citizens is being

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process now mainly realizes, its main 'product', is involvement with itself.