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## Plan

**The United States federal government should substantially normalize its trade relations with Cuba.**

## Transition

**Cuban reforms are inevitable but the loss of external investment risks economic and social collapse – offering normal trade relations is vital**

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Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of economic, social, and political transformation …

Two-way trade must include both Cuba’s private sector as well as SOEs.

**First – private sector and SOE trade**

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U.S. policy specifically supports “a market-oriented economic system” [3] …

thus hampering, if not defeating, what could be a major U.S. policy goal.

**Second – US agriculture investments**

**Williams, 02** agricultural lawyer (Alexander Williams III, “MORE ASSISTANCE PLEASE: LIFTING THE CUBAN

EMBARGO MAY HELP REVIVE AMERICAN FARMS”, Drake Journal of Agricultural Law, pages 469-470) KD

The Cuban economy is in terrible shape…

 have all begun to invest in Cuba and support its development.”144

**Cuban collapse destroys the global war on terror and makes conflicts in hotspots around the globe more likely**

**Gorrell, 5** - Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted for the USAWC STRATEGY RESEARCH PROJECT (Tim, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074> GWOT=Global War on Terrorism

Regardless of the succession, under the current U.S. policy, ….

Or should the U.S. pursue a new approach to Cuba in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

**Hotspots all risk escalation to global nuclear war**

**Bosco 6** (David, a senior editor at Foreign Policy magazine) July 2006 “Forum: Keeping an eye peeled for World War III” <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06211/709477-109.stm_>

The understanding that small but violent acts can spark …

U.N. approval and yet there was not even a hint that France, Russia or China would respond militarily.

**North Korean war turns every other impact and guarantees extinction**

**Hayes & Hamel-Green 10**– \*Executive Director of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development, AND \*\* Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development act Victoria University (1/5/10, Executive Dean at Victoria, “The Path Not Taken, the Way Still Open: Denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia,” <http://www.nautilus.org/fora/security/10001HayesHamalGreen.pdf>)

The consequences of failing to ….

The Korean nuclear proliferation issue is not just a regional threat but a global one that warrants priority consideration from the international community.

**US support for Taiwan is critical to preventing war**

**Roy 12** – Dr. Denny Roy is a senior research fellow in Asian security issues with the East-West Center in Honolulu. (“Why the U.S. shouldn't abandon Taiwan”, December 6, 2012, <http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/06/why-the-u-s-shouldnt-abandon-taiwan/>)

China is the next superpower, the United States is in decline, and ….

and political identity chosen by Taiwan’s people is real.¶

**Taiwan crisis is the most likely scenario for nuclear war**

**Lowther 3/16** – William is a staff writer for the Taipei Times, citing a CSIS report. (“Taiwan could spark nuclear war: report”, 3/16/2013, <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/03/16/2003557211>)

Taiwan is the most likely potential crisis ….

would be tremendously dangerous and quite possibly devastating.”

**Independently, enforcing the embargo itself undermines the war on terror**

**Johnson, et al, 10** – Andy Johnson is a director in the national security program at The Third Way (“End the Embargo of Cuba”, The National Security Program, 9/6/10, [http://content.thirdway.org/publications/326/Third\_Way\_Memo\_-\_End\_the\_Embargo\_of\_Cuba.pdf)//EX](http://content.thirdway.org/publications/326/Third_Way_Memo_-_End_the_Embargo_of_Cuba.pdf%29//EX)

Keeping the embargo in place requires that the US government ….

Western Hemisphere bureau to initiate a new path for engaging Cuba.

**Greater focus and resources to counter-terrorism is vital – WMD terrorism risks are increasing**

**Clarke, 13** - Bruce Clarke is a retired Army Colonel with extensive strategic, operational and tactical experience. He is widely published on a myriad of strategic and operational subjects. Immediately prior to his retirement from the Army, Colonel Clarke was the Director of US National Security Studies at the US Army War College (Bruce, The Examiner, “ The end to the war on terrorism--really?” 5/28, <http://www.examiner.com/article/the-end-to-the-war-on-terrorism-really>)

I have been struck by the response to what my liberal friends call President Obama’s …

Iran's Revolutionary Guards will use them when they get them.

**This risks extinction**

**Ayson 10** - Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington

(Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)//BB

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a catastrophic interstate nuclear exchange—….

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

**The unconditional offer of normal trade relations boosts US-Cuban relations and fosters a stable transition**

**Koenig, 10** – US Army Colonel, paper submitted for a Masters in Strategic Studies at the US Army War College (Lance, “Time for a New Cuba Policy” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA518130>)

The option with the greatest possibility of success and reward for the United States is to support the Cuban people, but not the Cuban government…

intact as a communist country, but must take this opportunity to create an inflection point for Cuba that guides her onto a path that will benefit the nations of the Americas.

**Cuba says no to conditions – only unconditional lifting of the embargo ensures Latin American diplomacy**

**Sobel 7** – US Ambassador to Brazil (Clifford, “BRAZIL'S PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR ON RELATIONS WITH NEW USG”, Wikileaks, Jan 22, 2007, <https://www.wikileaks.org/plusd/cables/09BRASILIA95_a.html>)||DK

8. (C) The Ambassador asked how central discussion of …spontaneous and had not been vetted in

## Relations

**The U.S. is trying to rebuild US-Latin American relations but the U.S. focus on Cuban regime change prevents genuine improvement**

**CDA, 13** - Center for Democracy in the Americas (“News Flash? Has the Administration rediscovered Latin America?” 6/7, <http://www.democracyinamericas.org/blog-post/news-flash-has-the-administration-rediscovered-latin-america/>)

Today, as we put cursor-to-screen, we were struck by a few facts – some present, some absent –….

our government remains in unilateral pursuit of a high-cost, low-probability “regime change” solution for Cuba.

**The plan sends a clear signal to improve Latin American relations and reinvigorate the OAS**

**White, 13** -Senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador (Robert, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, New York Times, 3/7/13, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all)//TL>

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably linked to a partnership with Latin America. ….

of a hemisphere of partners cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

**US Cuba policy is the vital internal link – greater economic engagement is the litmus test for engaging all of Latin America**

**Perez, 10** ­– JD, Yale Law (David, “America's Cuba Policy: The Way Forward: A Policy Recommendation for the U.S. State Department” 13 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 187, Spring, lexis)

Anti-Americanism has become the political chant de jour for leaders seeking long-term ….

warming relations with Cuba would have a reverberating effect throughout Latin America, and would go a long way toward creating goodwill.

**Stronger regionalism is vital to effective democracy promotion**

**Inter-American Dialogue 12** - the Inter-American Dialogue is the leading US center for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs(“Remaking the Relationship The United States and Latin America”, April 2012, <http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf>)

The democratic outlook in the Americas is on balance positive, particularly when compared ….

without setting aside US concern about human rights violations, would be an important first step.

**Latin American democracy key to global democracy**

**Hillman, 2** – Ph.D., Professor and Director, Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights, St. John Fisher College (Richard S., Democracy and Human Rights in Latin Americai, Preface, p. vii) //SP

Latin American experiences, especially in the areas of democratization …

democracy and human rights have definitively entered the political lexicon and discourse throughout the world.

**Democracy prevents extinction**

**Diamond 1995** - Hoover Institute Senior Fellow (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s,” <http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/fr.htm>)

This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in the coming years and decades. …

order of international security and prosperity can be built.

**Democracy promotion is inevitable – only a question of effectiveness – plus 1990s empirically denies the impact**

**Carothers 12**(Thomas Carothers, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDIES¶ Carothers is a leading authority on international support for democracy, rights, and governance and on comparative democratization as well as an expert on U.S. foreign policy and JD, Harvard Law School¶ MSc, London School of Economics ¶ AB, Harvard College, “Reenergizing Democracy Promotion”, Carnegie endowment for international peace, November 29, 2012, http://carnegieendowment.org/globalten/?fa=50142)

Democracy promotion is central to U.S…. borders were suddenly in rapid decline.

**Current Cuba policy wrecks OAS credibility – regional coalitions overtake it**

**Reuters 12** (Brian Ellsworth, “Despite Obama charm, Americas summit boosts U.S. isolation,” 4/16/12, [http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/16/us-americas-summit-obama-idUSBRE83F0UD20120416)//SJF](http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/16/us-americas-summit-obama-idUSBRE83F0UD20120416%29//SJF)

(Reuters) - President Barack Obama sat patiently through diatribes, interruptions and even the occasional eye-ball roll at the weekend …

said Geoff Thale, program director at the Washington Office on Latin America

**Cyber-attack coming in the Western Hemisphere – OAS legitimacy is key to coordination**

**Caribbean News Now 6/25** (“OAS launches cyber security crisis management exercise,” 6/25/13, [http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/headline-OAS-launches-cyber-security-crisis-management-exercise-16500.html)//SJF](http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/headline-OAS-launches-cyber-security-crisis-management-exercise-16500.html%29//SJF)

WASHINGTON, USA -- The assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS), Albert Ramdin, noted that ….

members, policymakers, communications officers, and security specialists, among others. The event will conclude on Tuesday.

**Cyberattacks cause extinction**

**Andreasen 6/14** – national security consultant to the Nuclear Threat Initiative and its Nuclear Security Project (Steve, “Cyberwar’s Threat Does Not Justify a New Policy of Nuclear Deterrence,” 6/14/13, [http://www.nti.org/analysis/opinions/cyberwars-threat-does-not-justify-new-policy-nuclear-deterrence/)//SJF](http://www.nti.org/analysis/opinions/cyberwars-threat-does-not-justify-new-policy-nuclear-deterrence/%29//SJF)

President Obama is expected to unveil a new nuclear policy initiative this week ….

could ultimately lead to shared approaches to cybersecurity, including agreements related to limiting cyberwar.

**Relations spur effective global cooperation in preventing the dissemination of nuclear weapons to terrorists and preventing climate change**

**Inter-American Dialogue 12** (“Remaking the Relationship The United States and Latin America”, the Inter-American Dialogue is the leading US center for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs, April 2012, <http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf>)

In addition to economic and financial matters, Brazil and ….

on a new, more effective approach to the problem.

**Cross apply Ayson 10 from Transtion advantage- Nuclear terrorism results in all-out nuclear war and extinction**