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## Plan

**Plan: The United States federal government should substantially normalize its economic relations toward Cuba.**

## Transition

**Cuban Economic collapse coming now—reforms are failing**

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Cuba's Three … status quo.

Most recent evidence proves – Venezuela aid and reforms will fail

**Morales 8/31** – Emilio presented this at a conference of the ASCE; translated by Joseph Scarpaci of the Havana Consulting Group. (“Cuban reforms: the ultimate utopia?” last updated 8/31/13, <http://thehavanaconsultinggroups.com/index.php?option=com_contentandview=articleandid=3483Acuban-reforms-the-ultimate-utopiaandcatid=473Aeconomyandlang=en>)

When … private sector.¶

**Lack of foreign investment makes economic and societal collapse inevitable—normalizing relations is key**

Ashby 13 – Timothy is a Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs. (“Preserving Stability in Cuba After Normalizing Relations with the United States—The Importance of Trading with State-Owned Enterprises”, March 29, 2013, <http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/>)

Cuba under … policy goal.

**The plan fosters reform and stability**

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If Cuba … opening up.

And, no risk of turns – the embargo reinforces an authoritarian model that guarantees any instability escalates – only the plan can solve

CSG 13 – The Cuba Study Group is a non-profit and non-partisan organization studying Cuba. (“Restoring Executive Authority Over U.S. Policy Toward Cuba”, February 2013, <http://www.cubastudygroup.org/index.cfm/files/serve?File_id=45d8f827-174c-4d43-aa2f-ef7794831032>)

Beyond failing …greater change.¶

Specifically, Unconditional removal key to foster 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 … a scapegoat.

Failure of Cuban Economic Reform Causes Civil War

Lopez-Levy, ’11Arturo, lecturer and PhD Candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, May, Change In Post-Fidel Cuba: Political Liberalization, Economic Reform and Lessons for U.S. Policy, ACC. 6-14-2013, http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/naf\_all\_cuba\_reform\_final.pdf, JT//JEDI  
Indeed, if … society organizations.¶

Cuban collapse makes conflicts in hotspots around the globe more likely, specifically cross strait war

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 .. with vigor?

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 … 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 … possibly devastating.”

## Multilateralism

**The Embargo undermines US credibility – anti-Americanism spills over globally**

**Quiñones 4-18**-13 [Brendan Quiñones, M.A. in Diplomacy and International Relations from Seton Hall University with a concentration in Latin America & the Caribbean, “A New Tack for Cuba,” <http://savejersey.com/2013/04/a-new-tac-for-cuba/>]

While American … authoritarian strains.

**US leadership is unsustainable without a highly visible commitment to multilateralism**

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, <http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf>)//NG

**The safeguarding … world order.**

**The plan is a powerful symbol of that commitment**

**Burgsdorff, 9–** Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, <http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf>)//NG

6.3 How would …**effective multilateralism.**

**The alternative to multilateralism is unilateral militarism – the plan establishes a model for hemispheric diplomacy that sustains US leadership**

**Grandin 10** – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” *New Labor Forum*, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)//SJF

Washington’s relations … **U.S.’s fall.**

**Specifically, the plan creates a credible model for multilateral conflict resolution – reverses decline of credibility and spills over globally to prevent multiple scenarios for extinction – independently solves middle east war**

**Dickerson 10** – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted in fulfillment of a Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the US Army War College (Sergio M, “UNITED STATES SECURITY STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA,” 1/14/10, http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a518053.pdf)//SJF¶ ¶

At the international … **to come.**

**Absent multilateral cooperation, Middle East instability goes nuclear**

**Russell 2009**

Naval Postgraduate School National Security professor, 2009(James, "Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Nuclear War and Escalation in the Middle East",<http://www.nps.edu/academics/sigs/ccc/people/biolinks/russell/PP26_Russell_2009.pdf>)  
Strategic stability … entire world.

**Institutional credibility is only way to effectively exercise hegemony to prevent extinction**

Kromah 9 (Lamii Moivi Kromah, Department of International Relations University of the Witwatersrand, February 2009, “The Institutional Nature of U.S. Hegemony: Post 9/11”, <http://wiredspace.wits.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10539/7301/MARR%2009.pdf>)

A final … international security.57

**Hegemony causes bandwagoning and checks nuclear conflict**

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Paul Kennedy … US primacy.

**Decline of American power is not inevitable — smart policies can maintain relative U.S. power**

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On the question … help of others

**Only unconditional lifting solves**

**Vivanco 6**- LLM from Harvard Law School, Americas director of Humans Rights Watch

(Jose Miguel, “Restraint, not force, will bring change to Cuba”, humans rights watch, 12/22/06, <http://www.hrw.org/news/2006/12/21/restraint-not-force-will-bring-change-cuba>, google scholar)//KW

This reluctance … **like David.**

**Finally, no prior questions - empirical validity is sufficient -- Emphasis on metaphysical hurdles destroys any chance of describing the world and guiding action – our aff is a disad to any alt**

David **Owen,** Reader of Political Theory at the Univ. of Southampton, Millennium Vol 31 No 3 200**2** p. 655-7

Commenting on … **circle arises.**