# Plan

Plan: The United States federal government should normalize economic relations with the Republic of Cuba.

# Influence

**Contention 1 is Influence**

**US influence in Latin America is declining because of increased Chinese and Russian investment— Cuba is the linchpin**

**Llana ‘12** [14 October 2012, Sara Miller Llana, European Bureau Chief of the Monitor, covered Latin America from Mexico City for the paper for seven years, M. in journalism from Columbia University and a BA in history from the University of Michigan, The Christian Science Monitor, "50 years after Cuba missile crisis, US influence in hemisphere waning” http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2012/1014/50-years-after-Cuba-missile-crisis-US-influence-in-hemisphere-waning]

**Investment from emerging economies like**

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**it is now a linchpin for all the other countries.”**

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

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

The safeguarding of US authority requires multilateralism that is broader

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lead the way to a new world order.

**This bolsters influence in international institutions, allowing the US to lead multilateral forums**

**Sabatini and Berger 12 –** Christopher Sabatini is editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly and senior director of policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas. Ryan Berger is a policy associate at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas(Christopher/Ryan, "Why the U.S. can't afford to ignore Latin America" 6/13/12, CNN/Global Public Square, [http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/) **[SG]**](http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/%29//AD)

Speaking in Santiago, Chile, in March of last year, President

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s the U.S. “backyard” that is outside broader, global strategic concerns.

**The plan’s unconditional removal signals a strong commitment to multilateralism**

**Vivanco ‘06** [22 December 2006, Jose Miguel Vivanco, LLM from Harvard Law School and studied law at the University of Chile and Salamanca Law School in Spain, Americas director of Humans Rights Watch, previously an attorney for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at the Organization of American States (OAS), “Restraint, not force, will bring change to Cuba”, humans rights watch, http://www.hrw.org/news/2006/12/21/restraint-not-force-will-bring-change-cuba]

This reluctance would be understandable but misguided

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 Goliath will Cuba stop looking like David.

Effective multilateralism diffuses every conflict scenario

Dyer 4– independent journalist, cites Frans de Waal, Ph. D in biology, works at Yerkes National Primate Center (Gwynne, “The End of War: Our Task Over the Next Few Years is to Transform the World of Independent States into a Genuine Global Village”, http://www.commondreams.org/views04/1230-05.htm)//NG

About 20 years ago, a disaster struck the

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effectively have abolished the ancient institution of warfare. Good riddance.

**Current Policy Fails - the plan fosters a credible multilateral conflict resolution model – that solves Middle Eastern and North Korean tensions**

**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>) **[SG]**

¶ At the international political level,

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**decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.**

2 Impacts

First, Middle East war goes nuclear, causing extinction – outweighs every impact and rationality doesn’t check – assumes your defense

Beck 5/28 – Middle East Analyst at The Commentator (Noah, “A nuclear Middle East is doomsday, 5/28/13, http://www.thecommentator.com/article/3633/a\_nuclear\_middle\_east\_is\_doomsday)//SJF

As the Obama administration tries to unbury itself

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that it’s not my imagination this time, is far worse.

**Second, North Korea has super nuclear weapons now and there’s a high risk of an attack—the risk only increases exponentially—multiple warrants**

**Pry 12** [19 December 2012, Peter Vincent Pry, executive director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security, and served on the Congressional EMP Commission, the House Armed Services Committee, and the CIA. “PRY: North Korea EMP attack could destroy U.S. — now,” http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/dec/19/north-korea-emp-attack-could-destroy-us-now/?page=all, AZhang]

North Korea now has an intercontinental ballistic

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 want to take America with them down into darkness?

**North Korea nuclear use destroys the global environment and economy - risks 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 international community is

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priority consideration from the international community.

# Cuba

**Contention 2 is Cuba**

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

**Ashby ‘13** [29 March 2013, Timothy Ashby, Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, served in the U.S. Commerce Department's International Trade Administration as Director of the Office of Mexico and the Caribbean and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the Western Hemisphere,"Preserving Stability in Cuba After Normalizing Relations with the United States – The Importance of Trading with State-Owned Enterprises,” Council on Hemispheric Affairs, http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/]

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of

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 include both Cuba’s private sector as well as SOEs.

**Gradualism leads to instability— public confidence is already shaky.**

Lopez-**Levy ‘11** [Arturo Lopez-Levy, lecturer & PhD Candidate at the School of International Studies University of Denver,“Change in Post-Fidel Cuba: Political Liberalization, Economic Reform and Lessons for U.S. Policy” New America Foundation, http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/naf\_all\_cuba\_reform\_final.pdf]

Most of the changes proposed by

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 would be to maintain the status quo.

**Specifically, prolonging status quo reforms ensures their failures— Cuban economy is already fragile.**

Perez-Stable, 2011 (Marifeli, Professor of Sociology at Florida Internatonal University and non-resident senior fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue, *The United States and Cuba* “Policy in Place for 50 Years Hasn’t Worked”)

At the beginning of 2010, the Cuban government

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liberties could citizens feel safe to freely express healthy discrepancies?

**Failure of economic reform causes civil war**

Lopez-Levy ‘11 [Arturo Lopez-Levy, lecturer & PhD Candidate at the School of International Studies University of Denver,“Change in Post-Fidel Cuba: Political Liberalization, Economic Reform and Lessons for U.S. Policy” New America Foundation, http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/naf\_all\_cuba\_reform\_final.pdf]

Indeed, if Cuba’s economic reform

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the growth of nonpartisan Cuban civil society organizations.

**Cuban instability causes Caribbean terrorism, democratic backsliding, and magnifies the risk of global hot spots.**

Gorrell ‘05 [18 March 2005, Tim Gorrell, Lieutenant Colonel, “Cuba: The Next Unanticipated Anticipated Strategic Crisis?” http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074]

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

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 to Cuba in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

**Hotspots risk escalation to global nuclear war**

**Bosco ’06** [David Bosco, 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

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. The United States, after all, invaded Iraq without U.N. approval and yet there was not even a hint that France, Russia or China would respond militarily.¶

**Caribbean terrorism leads to bioweapon attacks on the US**

Bryan ‘01 [21 October 2001, Anthony T. Bryan, director of the North-South Center’s Caribbean Program, CFR, Terrorism, Porous Borders, and Homeland Security: The Case for U.S.-Caribbean Cooperation, p. http://www.cfr.org/publication/4844/terrorism\_porous\_borders\_and%20\_homeland\_%20security.html]

Terrorist acts can take place anywhere.

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manufacture and deployment of biological weapons within national borders.

**Bioterror leads to extinction**

**Sandberg ‘8** [Anders Sandberg , James Martin Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University; Jason G. Matheny, PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and special consultant to the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Milan M. Ćirković, senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade and assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad in Serbia and Montenegro, 9/8/8, “How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?,” Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction]

The risks from anthropogenic hazards appear at present larger than those from natural ones.

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may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

**And, an unconditional offer of normal trade relations is key to boosting US-Cuban ties and fostering a stable transition**

**Koenig ‘10** [Lance Koenig, MA in National Security Studies at Army War College and MBA in Business from Webster University, US Army Colonel, “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

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for Cuba that guides her onto a path that will benefit the nations of the Americas.

**Cuba-Russia ties are increasing and will cause war--- boosting US-Cuban ties solves**

Inter-American Dialogue ‘12 [U.S. based think tank for policy analysis, exchange, and communication on issues in Western Hemisphere affairs, “Are External Tensions Entangling Latin American Countries?” http://www.cepr.net/documents/CEPR\_News/LAA120810.pdf]

A Stephen Johnson, senior fellow and director of the Americas Program at the

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military presence in Latin America. There is no reason for the Russians to do so."

**Normalizing relations with Cuba crowds out Russia**

Blank 09 [Stephen Blank, Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, B.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago, “Russia in Latin America: Geopolitical Games in the US’s Neighborhood,” www.ifri.org/downloads/ifriblankrussiaandlatinamericaengapril09.pdf]

The only way in which Russian policy truly

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demonstrate what liberal democracy in action can truly accomplish.

**Russian expansion spurs a new Cold War and proxy conflicts**

Walle ‘12 [Walter Walle, Research Associate at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “Russia Turns to the South for Military and Economic Alliances,” http://www.coha.org/russia-turns-to-the-south-for-military-and-economic-alliance/]

Quite clearly, Russia’s interest in Latin

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alone among Latin American countries in recognizing the independence of the new republics.

**That causes miscalculation**

Orozco and Llana ‘08 [Jose Orozco, Correspondent for Christian Science Monitor, Sara Miller Llana, European Bureau Chief of the Monitor, covered Latin America from Mexico City for the paper for seven years, M. in journalism from Columbia University and a BA in history from the University of Michigan “Cold war echo: Russian military maneuvers with Venezuela,” http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2008/0912/p01s05-woam.html]

The last time a Russian Navy ship plied

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well as long-range patrol planes for the upcoming joint exercises with Venezuela.

**Extinction**

Helfand and Pastore ‘09 [Ira Helfand, M.D., and John O. Pastore, M.D., are past presidents of Physicians for Social Responsibility. March 31, 2009, “U.S.-Russia nuclear war still a threat,” http://www.projo.com/opinion/contributors/content/CT\_pastoreline\_03-31-09\_EODSCAO\_v15.bbdf23.html]

President Obama and Russian President Dimitri

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that existed in 1995 remains in place today.

**No risk of hardline opposition— removing the perception of US confrontation causes Cuban elites to accept greater reform**

Lopez-Levy 11 – PhD candidate at Josef Korbel School of International Studies, coauthor of “Raul Castro and the New Cuba” (Arturo, New America Foundation, May 2011, <http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/naf_all_cuba_reform_final.pdf>)//EK

If the goal is to promote marketization and

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