## 2AC China SOI Turn

China doesn’t know how to use soft power

Nye, ’13 [4/29/13, Joseph S. Nye is Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, “What China and Russia Don't Get About Soft Power”, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/04/29/what\_china\_and\_russia\_don\_t\_get\_about\_soft\_power?page=full]

In his new book, China Goes Global, George Washington University's David Shambaugh shows

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their civil societies. Unfortunately, that is not about to happen soon.

No Link

Ruiz, 8 – Cuban Democracy Advocate (Hector, “CONSEQUENCES OF U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON CUBAN-AMERICAN TRAVEL”, Congressional Testimony, September 18, 2008, lexis)//eek

Instead, China has chosen to exercise soft power in the region. Two channels

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the region because trade and diplomacy need not be zero-sum games.

Non unique – No China – Mexico Relations

Chunsi, ’13 [2013, Wu ChunSi is Senior Fellow Institute for International Strategic Studies Executive Director Center for American Studies Member, “US-Mexico-China Relations in the Context of Regional Cooperation”, http://en.siis.org.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=15&id=87]

On the basis of above analyses, we see three important features in China-

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short side in the trilateral relations among the US, Mexico and China.

## 2AC Mexico Energy Reform Turn

Energy Reforms Won’t Pass

Webber 9-2 [9/2/13, Jude Webber is the Financial Times correspondent in Mexico City, “Peña Nieto promises to transform Mexico despite protests”, http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/17911370-13fe-11e3-b0b4-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2eBJdbZf8]

The president sought to minimise the protests, saying they were from teachers in poverty

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, Elba Esther Gordillo, on embezzlement charges and a key telecoms reform.

Plan Provides momentum for reforms

Goldwyn et. al 8-14 [8/14/13, David L. Goldwyn is president of Goldwyn Global Strategies, LLC, an international energy advisory consultancy, and a nonresident senior fellow with the Energy Security Initiative at the Brookings Institution. David Goldwyn served as the U.S. State Department’s special envoy and coordinator for international energy affairs from 2009-2011, reporting directly to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. In this position, Goldwyn conceived and developed the Global Shale Gas Initiative and the Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative, led ministerial-level energy dialogues with Angola, Canada, China, India, Iraq, Mexico, Nigeria and Brazil, and co-chaired a regional biofuels initiative with Brazil. Neil R. Brown is a Senior Advisor at Goldwyn Global Strategies. Cory R. Gill is an Associate at Goldwyn Global Strategies. “Time to Implement the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement — Congress: Drop the Poison Pill”, http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/up-front/posts/2013/08/14-us-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbon-goldwyn-brown-gill]

Senior Mexican officials have indicated the transboundary agreement could provide crucial momentum to President Peña

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. Gulf Coast communities vulnerable to negative environmental impacts from Mexican exploration activities."

Plan is key to make Reforms Succesful

Musarra 9-16 [9/16/13, Sarah Parker Musarra is a reporter for OE Digital. “Mexico energy reform seeks to make history by repeating it”, http://oedigital.com/technology/item/3993-mexico-energy-reform-seeks-to-make-history-by-repeating-it]

The Mexican government recognizes that there are many parts that have to fall in place

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lying in wait in the area, as Mexico is already finding out.

## 2AC T – Must be QPQ

C/I QPQs are not Engagement

Smith 5 (Karen E, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, London School of Economics, “Engagement and conditionality: incompatible or mutually reinforcing?,” May 2005, Global Europe: New Terms of Engagement, <http://scholar.googleusercontent.com/scholar?q=cache:8-3RqE0TzFMJ:scholar.google.com/+engagement+positive+incentives+bilateral&hl=en&as_sdt=0,14>)

First, a few definitions. ‘Engagement’ is a foreign policy strategy of building

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induce change in another country, conditionality more of a top-down strategy

## 2AC Neolib K

The neg must connect their alternative to policy concerns and institutional practices—absent these questions shifts in knowledge production are useless – (governments’ obey institutional logics that exist independently of individuals and constrain decisionmaking )

**Wight, ‘6** – Professor of IR @ University of Sydney

(Colin, Agents, Structures and International Relations: Politics as Ontology, pgs. 48-50

One important aspect of this relational ontology is that these relations constitute our identity as

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upon it, upon its specific characteristics, its constants and its variables’.

**The alt doesn’t solve the case – its inevitable and root cause does not mean solvency**

**Jones 11**—Owen, Masters at Oxford, named one of the Daily Telegraph's 'Top 100 Most Influential People on the Left' for 2011, author of "Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class", The Independent, UK, "Owen Jones: Protest without politics will change nothing", 2011, www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/owen-jones-protest-without-politics-will-change-nothing-2373612.html

My first experience of police kettling was aged 16. It was May Day 2001

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of revolt, there remains no left to give it direction and purpose.

**Pragmatic action is the only way to solve their impacts**

**Bryant 12**--professor of philosophy at Collin College (Levi, We’ll Never Do Better Than a Politician: Climate Change and Purity, 5/11/12, http://larvalsubjects.wordpress.com/2012/05/11/well-never-do-better-than-a-politician-climate-change-and-purity/)

Somewhere or other Latour makes the remark that we’ll never do better than a politician

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But there’s no other way, there’s no way around this, and we

**Neolib shields the environment**

**Plastow 10** (Robert Plastow, University of Exeter, “Neoliberalism in environmental governance: a paradoxical double movement?”, http://academia.edu/2703516/Neoliberalism\_in\_environmental\_governance\_a\_paradoxical\_double\_movement)

 Neoliberalism has developed into an extremely strong and dynamic ideology within Western capitalist societies

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conservation, reflecting the power and pervasiveness of its rationality and adoption worldwide.

Open markets are true for Mexico

O’Neal ’13 [2013, Shannon K. O’Neil is a senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the [Council on Foreign Relations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_on_Foreign_Relations) (CFR) a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization, “Two Nations Indivisible”, it’s a book]

Economic history shows us that trade has been a positive engine for wealth creation.

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has the potential to create a rising economic tide, lifting all boats.

Alternative Causes transition wars

Anderson 84 Perry, professor of sociology at UCLA, In the tracks of historical materialism, p.102-103

That background also indicates, however, what is essentially missing from his work.

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—as this work does—is to locate it in thin air.

## 2AC Article 20 PIC

Plan can be a form of the alternate bill in the Senate

Alic 7-2-13 (Jen Alic, a senior journalist at the energy news site Oilprice.com, July 2, 2013, “Transparency Squabble Stalls US-Mexico Oil & Gas Deal”, <http://oilprice.com/Geopolitics/North-America/Transparency-Squabble-Stalls-US-Mexico-Oil-Gas-Deal.html>)

The U.S.-Mexico Hydrocarbon Transboundary Agreement (TBA) sets up a

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anything is implemented, these two versions will have to come together somehow.

CP creates uncertainty and disadvantages American companies-

Simmons 4-24/13 (Daniel Simmons is the Institution for Energy Research State and Regulatory Affairs Director before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in a hearing titled “U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation.”, "IER’s Simmons to Testify on Hydrocarbons Agreement", http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/2013/04/24/testimony-of-daniel-simmons-subcommittee-on-energy-and-mineral-resources/#\_ednref20

While the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement is a good agreement that will aid both the United

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taking proper steps to isolate this unique agreement from the uncertainties surrounding 13q.

The SEC sucks and makes drilling inefficient

Milito 4-25 [4/25/13, Erik Milito is a Group Director and Upstream and Industry Operations at the API, “Erik Milito testimony before House Committee on Natural Resources”, <http://www.api.org/news-and-media/testimony-speeches/2013/erik-milito-testimony-house-committee-on-natural-resources>]

Good morning Chairman Lamborn, Ranking Member Holt, and members of the committee.

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be vacated to avoid a competitive disadvantage of US companies around the world.

## 2AC Debt Ceiling DA

Won’t Pass and Link turn- GOP wants Debt Ceiling Raised in exchange for more drilling

Klein and Soltas, 9/26 [September 26th 2013, Ezra Klein and Evan Soltas, “Wonkbook: The House’s debt-ceiling bill is…wow”, http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/09/26/wonkbook-the-houses-debt-ceiling-bill-is-wow/]

John Boehner isn't even trying to pretend his House of Representatives is a sane place

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, Boehner either can't stop them, or he's too exhausted to try.

We’ll hit it – negotiating postures.

Strong 9-27

Jonathan, The GOP Thinks Obama Is Bluffing, National Review, http://www.nationalreview.com/node/359696/print

House Republicans are heading into a showdown with Obama over the debt ceiling, convinced

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right flank of Speaker John Boehner’s conference for not containing enough spending cuts.

Energy policy is an olive branch – key to debt ceiling. Polcap is not effective

Grant 1-20 [1/20/13, David Grant is the Christian Science Monitor's congressional correspondent in Washington, D.C. where he covers Capitol Hill, “Obama’s second term: Can he work with Congress?”, http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0120/Obama-s-second-term-Can-he-work-with-Congress-video]

While Mr. Obama came to Washington promising to change it, he spent much

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have plenty of GOP support – but that remains a large “if.”

Oil and Obama both loves the plan – solves link

Dlouhy 4-25 [4/25/13, Jennifer Dlouhy covers energy policy and other issues for the Houston Chronicle, “[House bill would codify Gulf of Mexico drilling deal](http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/)”, <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/04/25/house-bill-would-codify-gulf-of-mexico-drilling-deal/>]

The accord is designed to encourage commercial unitization agreements where oil and gas resources that

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told the House panel that Congress should pass the legislation as quickly as possible

Oil lobbies key to fiscal fights

Left of Legal ’11 [4/12/11, Writer for FDL a political blog, “Republicans and the Oil Price Cake”, http://my.firedoglake.com/leftoflegal/2011/04/12/republicans-and-the-oil-price-cake/]

So, then, why is it that Republicans fight tooth and nail for any

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what is ultimately best for America. It haseverything to do with money:

API has a strangle hold on Congress

Froomkin ’11 [4/6/11, Dan Froomkin is contributing editor of Nieman Reports, and the former senior Washington correspondent for the Huffington Post, “How The Oil Lobby Greases Washington's Wheels”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/06/how-the-oil-lobby-greases_n_845720.html>]

Clout in Washington isn't about winning legislative battles -- it's about making sure that they

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. "Certainly I hope we're having some role in the debate here."

No Link- Plan was already passed in the house not an executive agreement- means only risk of turn

Turn Winner’s win

A. Second term battles cause bandwagoning

Hirsh ‘2-7 [2/7/13, Michael Hirsh is chief correspondent for National Journal; citing Ornstein, a political scientist and scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and Bensel, gov’t prof at Cornell, "There's No Such Thing as Political Capital", [www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207](http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207)]

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun-control issues illustrates how suddenly

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

B. Overloading – Increasing the size of the agenda makes items more likely to pass

**Cohn ‘9** [3/11/09, Jonathon Cohn, The New Republic, “The Case for Presidential Multi-Tasking”, http://blogs.tnr.com/tnr/blogs/the\_treatment/archive/2009/03/11/the-case-for-presidential-multi-tasking.aspx]

My friend William Galston is not the only writer/pundit urging President Obama to

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that just won a landslide presidential election while building up huge congressional majorities.

PC Fails and is Low-- only risk of a link turn

Koring 9-16 [9/16/13, Paul Koring is a Canadian journalist and foreign correspondent for The Globe and Mail. He is currently posted to the Washington Bureau as the paper's foreign affairs and international security correspondent. “Obama faces fall showdown with Congress’”, http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/obama-faces-fall-showdown-with-congress/article14329090/]

In turn, despite the President’s impressive oratory, he may be wearing out his

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fiscal cliff to drive a stake into the President’s health-care program.

No Polcap

1. Syria

Breitbart 9-8

[Andrew, 9-8-13 8:14AM, http://exchangegoldforcash.com/money/u-s-government/president/2012-election/breitbart/syria-a-pawn-in-americas-budget-debt-battle/]

The fight over federal spending and the debt ceiling had been expected to be a

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, preventing Obama from using his bully-pulpit in the fiscal fights.

## 1AR Drug Violence High

Drug violence now – prevents Nieto’s reforms

Corchado 8/2 (Alfredo, Dallas News staff writer, After kingpin’s capture, new battlegrounds emerge along Texas-Mexico border, 8/2/13, http://www.dallasnews.com/news/nationworld/mexico/20130802-after-kingpins-capture-new-battlegrounds-emerge-along-texas-mexico-border.ece)

MEXICO CITY — Two weeks after the capture of a feared Zetas leader, new

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reality is that several battles are underway, and the intensity is increasing.”

Drug violence is increasing

Stevenson 7/19 (Mark, AP staff writer, Drug violence flares again in southern Mexico, 7/19/13, <http://www.boston.com/news/world/latin-america/2013/07/19/hundreds-flee-drug-violence-southern-mexico/ANLjKXbJhbH1KyxxuHFr9H/story.html>)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Drug cartel violence has forced hundreds of people to

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, although the area has also experienced conflicts over land and logging disputes.

## 1AR Debt Ceiling Won’t Pass

a. No behind the scenes negotiations

Everything is public this time – no behind the scenes negotiations that give us hope

Weisman ‘9-26 [9/26/13, Johnathan Weisman is a writer for the NYT. “House GOP Raises Stakes in Debt-Ceiling Fight,” http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/27/us/politics/house-gop-leaders-list-conditions-for-raising-debt-ceiling.html]

WASHINGTON — With no serious negotiations in sight, a disorderly and divided Congress slipped

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taking place behind the scenes even as the parties traded public partisan shots.

b. negotiating postures.

Strong 9-27

Jonathan, The GOP Thinks Obama Is Bluffing, National Review, http://www.nationalreview.com/node/359696/print

House Republicans are heading into a showdown with Obama over the debt ceiling, convinced

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right flank of Speaker John Boehner’s conference for not containing enough spending cuts.

c. Boehner has no control over republicans

Benen ‘9-25 [9/25/13, Steve Benen is a American politican blogger with a BA in Polsci from FIU and a master’s from George Washington university. “Start the clock on the 2013 debt-ceiling crisis,” http://maddowblog.msnbc.com/\_news/2013/09/25/20692643-start-the-clock-on-the-2013-debt-ceiling-crisis]

Boehner has "said he's not willing to allow" default? Yes, he

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out before you and I get burned, is some genuinely scary stuff.

d. Republicans have no clue how to fix this

Budoff Brown 9-27

Carrie, How it ends, Politico, http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/house-republicans-government-shutdown-how-it-ends-97442.html

With only three days left until a possible government shutdown, nobody — not even

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the likelihood of a shutdown. But it’s not yet a foregone conclusion.

e. No Obama push

Cohen ‘9-26 [9/26/13, Tom Choen is a writer for CNN, “Boehner signals GOP focus now on debt ceiling,” http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/26/politics/shutdown-showdown/?hpt=po\_c1]

However, King said the president previously negotiated on the need to increase how much

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of doing the same thing by refusing to negotiate on the debt ceiling.

Obama can’t negotiate – insane GOP requests – plus they want our aff

Yglesias 9/26

Matthew, House GOP Just Showed Why Obama Can't Compromise on the Debt Ceiling, Slate Political Correspondent, http://www.slate.com/blogs/moneybox/2013/09/26/house\_debt\_ceiling\_bill\_shows\_why\_compromise\_is\_unthinkable.html

Over the past two days, I've started hearing murmurs from the CW-vendors

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changes designed to make it harder for regulatory agencies to crack the whip.

No one knows how to make a deal –

Klein 9-23

Ezra, Washington Post Wonkblog editor, Wonkbook – daily email newsletter

1) Democrats don't fear a shutdown. They do fear a debt-ceiling

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out don't have any plausible explanation for what that way out might be.

## 1AR – Politics Link Turns

Offshore drilling trumps ideology

Russel ’12 [8/15/12, Barry Russell is President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, “Energy Must Transcend Politics”, http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php#2238176]

There have been glimpses of great leadership, examples when legislators have reached across the

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) is another Democratic leader who consistently votes to promote responsible energy development.

This olive branch is key to debt ceiling

Weisman ‘9-26 [9/26/13, Johnathan Weisman is a writer for the NYT. “House GOP Raises Stakes in Debt-Ceiling Fight,” http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/27/us/politics/house-gop-leaders-list-conditions-for-raising-debt-ceiling.html]

But in their efforts to unify restive Republicans, House leaders were only widening the partisan divisions. Behind closed doors on Thursday, they laid out their demands for a debt ceiling increase that include the health law delay, fast-track authority to overhaul the tax code, construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, offshore oil and gas production and more permitting of energy exploration on federal lands.

## 1AR AT Dems Backlash Link

Dems won’t backlash or drain PC

Hughes 2/6 Brian, "Obama's base increasingly wary of drone program", 2013, washingtonexaminer.com/obamas-base-increasingly-wary-of-drone-program/article/2520787

"Democrats, they're going to want the president to succeed on domestic priorities and don't want to do anything to erode his political capital," said Christopher Preble, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute. "It's just so partisan right now. An awful lot of [lawmakers] think the president should be able to do whatever he wants."