# New Advantage

Advantage 2 is Global engagement – The rise of global competitors is inevitable-bolstering relations with non-democratic powers is key to maintaining peaceful relations with rising powers and preventing great-power conflict

Fujimoto ‘12 [1/11/12, Kevin Fujimito is a Lt. Colonel for U.S. Army. “Preserving U.S. National Security Interests Through a Liberal World Construct”, <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/Preserving-US-National-Security-Interests-Liberal-World-Construct/2012/1/11>]

The emergence of peer competitors, not terrorism, presents the greatest long-term

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protect its interests later when we are no longer the world's only superpower.

The embargo is the symbol of failed American democratization- a full repeal is key to send an international signal of willingness to engage non-democratic states

Hinderdael ‘11 [6/11/2011, Klaas Hinderdael is a M.A. candidate at SAIS Bologna Center, concentrating in American Foreign Policy and Energy, Resources, and Environment, “Breaking the Logjam: Obama's Cuba Policy and a Guideline for Improved Leadership”, http://bcjournal.org/volume-14/breaking-the-logjam.html?printerFriendly=true]

The two countries’ histories have long been intertwined, particularly after the Monroe Doctrine of

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truly willing to extend his hand once America’s traditional adversaries unclench their fists.

And, diplomatic commitment to Cuba without them having met democratization requirements sends a vast international signal of the US commitment to global engagement

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A signal to the world Beyond the domestic political benefit of acknowledging a changing Cuban

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have an enormous impact. I think you can do that with Cuba.‖

And, the plan’s embrace of political diversity promotes U.S. interests more effectively in the multilateral international order than promoting a narrow democratic model

Kupchan and Mount ‘09 [Spring 2009, Charles Kupchan is professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and Adam Mount is doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, “The Autonomy Rule”, Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, <http://www.democracyjournal.org/pdf/12/Kupchan.pdf>)

Many American strategists recognize the inevitability of a more level global playing field, but

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the principles around which the next order is most likely to take shape.

And, cooperation with a plurality of governance models is key to solve great power war, warming, proliferation, terrorism, energy security, food security, water security, and economic decline

Kupchan ‘12 [2012, Charles Kupchan is professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn”, Kindle edition]

Although Western hegemony is in its waning days, it still provides a significant level

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if they are to agree on an ideological foundation for the next world.

And, warming leads to extinction

Deibel, 2007 (Terry, Professor of National Strategy at the National War College, “Foreign Affairs Strategy: Logic for American Statecraft”, pgs. 387-389)

Finally, there is one major existential threat to American security (as well as

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States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet.

And – Nuclear terrorism invokes a massive nuclear superpower war that can only culminate in extinction

Ayson, 2010 (Robert, Professor of Strategic Studies at the Victoria University of Wellington, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects”, Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 33 Iss. 7, July)

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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for the terrorists. This might not help the chances of nuclear restraint.

And, accepting political diversity’s more likely to resolve every impact than aggressive democracy promotion---the current democratization strategy can only backfire and strengthen the resolve of the non-democratic states it attempts to isolate

Kupchan and Mount, 2009 (Charles, professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University and senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Adam, doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, “The Autonomy Rule,” Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Spring 2009, <http://www.democracyjournal.org/pdf/12/Kupchan.pdf>)

Critics from the right will see this call for toleration of political diversity as moral

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would be as respectful of America’s preferences as America should be of theirs.

Food insecurity causes great power war

Calvin 98 (William, Theoretical Neurophysiologist – U Washington, Atlantic Monthly, January, Vol 281, No. 1, p. 47-64)

The population-crash scenario is surely the most appalling. Plummeting crop yields would

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longer do so if it lost the extra warming from the North Atlantic.