# 1

Immigration will pass – delay collapses economy

Bush 12-19 [Jeb Bush Jr. “Time is now for immigration reform”, thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/193578-time-is-now-for-immigration-reform]

Wide acknowledgement from Republican House leadership — and support among Republican constituents — shows that

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the higher the costs to our economy, our security and our families.

Plan is unpopular – green energy

Ludwig 6/28 (Mike Ludwig, 6/28/13 “Why Big Coal and the Anti-Frackers Are Up in Arms Over Obamas Climate Plan”, <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/17272-why-big-coal-and-the-anti-frackers-are-up-in-arms-over-obamas-climate-plan,//> JG)

President Obama laid out an ambitious national plan to tackle climate change last Tuesday that

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be raising this issue at the White House with the president later today."

PC key

Orlando Sentinel 11-1 [11/1/13, It’s a newspaper that follows Congress, “What we think: It'll take both parties to clear immigration logjam”, http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2013-11-01/news/os-ed-immigration-reform-congress-20131031\_1\_immigration-reform-comprehensive-reform-house-republicans]

For those who thought the end of the government shutdown would provide a break from

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earn citizenship. House Democratic leaders will have to underscore the president's message.

Visas are key to cybersecurity preparedness

McLarty 9 (Thomas F. III, President – McLarty Associates and Former White House Chief of Staff and Task Force Co-Chair, “U.S. Immigration Policy: Report of a CFR-Sponsored Independent Task Force”, 7-8, http://www.cfr.org/ publication/19759/us\_immigration\_policy.html)

We have seen, when you look at the table of the top 20 firms

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going to strengthen, I think, our system, our security needs.

Prevents Nuclear war

Fritz 9 Researcher for International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament [Jason, researcher for International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament, former Army officer and consultant, and has a master of international relations at Bond University, “Hacking Nuclear Command and Control,” July, <http://www.icnnd.org/latest/research/Jason_Fritz_Hacking_NC2.pdf>]

This paper will analyse the threat of cyber terrorism in regard to nuclear weapons.

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its own, without the need for compromising command and control centres directly.

# 2

Interpretation – economic engagement must be conditional

Shinn 96 [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists of a set of objectives, a strategy for attaining those objectives, and tactics (specific policies) for implementing that strategy.

The objectives of conditional engagement are the ten principles, which were selected to preserve American vital interests in Asia while accommodating China’s emergence as a major power.

The overall strategy of conditional engagement follows two parallel lines: economic engagement, to

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105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

Violation – the aff is a unilateral investment

Vote negative – quid pro quo gives competition for conditions cp and say no arguments. Key to fight back against aff bias

# 3

The fifty states and all relevant territories including Washington D.C. should substantially increase investment in transportation infrastructure AND The fifty states and all relevant territories including Washington D.C. should fully fund a program to cover 4.8% of the surface of the Earth’s oceans in a monolayer of 0.1 μm diameter latex particles, either hollow, or of core-shell morphology, bearing a conventional stabilization system that is inactivated in salt water.

States solve manufacturing investment

Roth, 10—a civil engineer and transportation economist. He is currently a research fellow at the Independent Institute. During his 20 years with the World Bank, he was involved with transportation projects on five continents (Gabriel, http://www.downsizinggovernment.org/transportation/highway-funding)

[Conclusions](http://www.downsizinggovernment.org/transportation/highway-funding#top) Americans are frustrated by rising traffic congestion. In the period 1980 to 2008

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flexibility to meet the huge challenges ahead that America faces in highway infrastructure.

CP Solves warming

Morgan 11 [10/8/11, John, PhD in physical chemistry, runs R&D programmes at a Sydney startup company, research experience in chemical engineering in the US and at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia's national science agency, “Low intensity geoengineering – microbubbles and microspheres,” <http://bravenewclimate.com/2011/10/08/low-intensity-geoengineering-microbubbles-and-microspheres/>]

Is there another way to look at this? The Achilles heel of the hydrosol

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reefs as envisaged by Seitz for the microbubble concept, are also possible.

# 4

Economic engagement toward Latin America is based off of white supremacist norms

THORBURN representative of the WORKERS PARTY, USA 2k4

Michael-; “US Imperialism, Hands Off Latin America;” a Chicago-area meeting organized by the Peace Agenda Forum on October 21, 2004; published online-November 9; <http://www.anti-imperialist.org/Hands-Off-Latin-America_11-9-04.htm>

Economic Basis

Of course, behind all this military intervention are the economic interests of the U

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and imperialism - against the Republicans and Democrats. (to be continued).

The affirmative rhetorical silence on whiteness is an active stance that allows white privilege to thrive by masking its existence and treating is as an assumed norm.

DR. CRENSHAW Prof of Speech Comm @ Univ. Ala. 1997

Carrie-PhD. USC; former director of debate @ Univ. of Ala.; WESTERN JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION

This analysis of Helms’ opening argument illustrates how the ideology of white privilege operates through

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of whiteness like Helms’ protect material white privilege because they mask its existence.

Racism must be rejected in EVERY INSTANCE without surcease – prerequisite to morality.

Memmi ’00 [2000, Albert is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology @ Unv. Of Paris, Albert-; RACISM, translated by Steve Martinot, pp.163-165]

The struggle against racism will be long, difficult, without intermission, without remission

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peace. True, it is a wager, but the stakes are irresistible

# Manufacturing

Hegemony fails—lack of legitimacy means material power is decoupled from effective influence

Maher, ’11 [Winter 2011, Richard Maher, Ph.D. candidate in the Political Science department at Brown University, “The Paradox of American Unipolarity: Why the United States May Be Better Off in a Post-Unipolar World,” Orbis, Vol. 55, No. 1, p. 53-68]

And yet, despite this material preeminence, the United States sees its political and

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how best to position itself in the “post-unipolar” world.

Hegemonic stability theory is academic garbage—their evidence relies on policy hubris

Fettweis, ’11 [September, 2011, Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, “The Superpower as Superhero: Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1902154>]

First, the hegemonic-stability argument shows the classic symptom of hubris: It

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They will participate at times in our adventures, but minimally and reluctantly.

China taking over influence in LA- prefer predictive evidence

Wallis 3-15-13

Reporter on political and economic news from across east Africa, Iraq and Latin America

“Venezuela's post-Chavez oil policy to focus on China, Russia” Fri Mar 15, 2013 9:07am EDT By Daniel Wallis http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/15/venezuela-election-oil-idUSL1N0C69N220130315

Venezuela's post-Chavez oil policy will increasingly focus on deals with China and Russia

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are more alive than ever, and we will push ahead with them."

Now is the tipping point – peaceful rise is only possible if status quo investments are not increased

DT 4/29, “China in Venezuela: loans for oil”, 4/29/13, <http://dragonstrail.wordpress.com/> Dragon’s Tail, blog about Chinese international affairs, Mollie

Beyond these difficulties, prospects are good for China-Venezuela relations, even after

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, so as not to hinder its “peaceful rise” global strategy.

Regional competition in Latin America kills US-China Relations

Zweig, 10 – Director of the Center on China’s Transnational Relations and a Chair Professor in the Division of Social Science (David, “China’s “Energy Rise”, The U.S., And The New Geopolitics Of Energy”, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, April)

America’s bilateral policy may be better coordinated. The Strategic Dialogues will give America a

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can the potentially negative implications of Sino-American triangularization be better managed.

No chance of war from economic decline---best and most recent data

Daniel W. Drezner 12, Professor, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, October 2012, “The Irony of Global Economic Governance: The System Worked,” <http://www.globaleconomicgovernance.org/wp-content/uploads/IR-Colloquium-MT12-Week-5_The-Irony-of-Global-Economic-Governance.pdf>

The final outcome addresses a dog that hasn’t barked: the effect of the Great

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II – and not even worse – must be regarded as fortunate.”42

**U.S. manufacturing is resurgent---slew of factors make it sustainable and immune to a double-dip**

**PWC ‘12** [September 21st, 2012, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, “A Homecoming For U.S. Manufacturing?” <http://www.manufacturing.net/articles/2012/09/a-homecoming-for-us-manufacturing?et_cid=2861124&et_rid=279915960&linkid=http%3a%2f%2fwww.manufacturing.net%2farticles%2f2012%2f09%2fa-homecoming-for-us-manufacturing>]

NEW YORK― Consensus views on a U.S. manufacturing resurgence have largely

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attractive exporter and the relative attractiveness of the U.S. markets.”

No impact to the collapse of Manufacturing

Mead 12 [Walter Russel Mead, PhD, Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College Walter Russel, “Manufacturing Fallacy Debunked,”]

The fetishization of manufacturing is a persistent delusion in modern American politics. The media

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; the same will happen as the Manufacturing Age sinks into the past.

Aerospace growth is inevitable in the long term

Wolf 12 (Jim Wolf, writer for Reuters, “U.S. aerospace industry sees 10th straight growth year” <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/12/05/us-aerospace-us-idUSBRE8B41EI20121205> 12-5-12)

(Reuters) - U.S. aerospace and arms companies are poised for

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3.4 percent from $210.8 billion the year before.

No China/ Taiwan War

Sun 11—vice president of the Prospect Foundation (Yang-ming, 5 December 2011, “The Potential Crisis of Asian-Pacific Stability,” http://www.carnegieendowment.org/2011/12/05/potential-crisis-of-asian-pacific-stability/820d)

The structural factors that contribute to the stability of the China-Taiwan relationship stem

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to move closer to the West in the areas of ideology and security.

No Arctic War—realism is wrong—capitalist peace theory means Russia will remain peaceful

Pate, ’10 [December 2010, Chad P. Pate Major, United States Air Force B.S., Iowa State University, 1996 M.S. Troy University, 2008, “EASING THE ARCTIC TENSION: AN ECONOMIC SOLUTION”, www.hsdl.org/?view&did=11038]

Climate change in the Arctic is affecting the ice melt more rapidly than previously anticipated

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pacific, thereby offsetting realist fears of a military conflict in the Arctic.

Bigger and harder economic collapse inevitable in the long term – double dip recession key to structural reforms

Caw, ’11 [5/11/11, CAW, Canadian Autoworkers Union, “Financial Regulatory Reform Still Needed to Avoid Similar Recession”, <http://www.caw.ca/en/10256.htm>]

Financial reform coming out of the great recession has been very weak and totally insufficient

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presidential election could cost more than $1 billion dollars for each party.

Korean war will never escalate

Leslie H. Gelb 11/23/2010 President Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations “The Next Korean War?”

The Daily Beast http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-11-23/north-koreas-attack-on-south-korea-leslie-h-gelb-on-the-prospects-for-war/

This may be the most dangerous moment on the Korean Peninsula since the truce ending

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North Koreans have provided quietly during several recent visits by private American groups.

# Warming

Turn – increased carbon emissions is key to check high altitude water vapor, which outweighs – prefer our evidence – their authors falsify data and their models don’t evaluate water vapor

Andrews, ’10 [January 29, 2010, Michael Andrews, “Dropping Water Vapor Levels are Naturally Negating Carbon's Warming Effects”, http://www.dailytech.com/Dropping+Water+Vapor+Levels+are+Naturally+Negating+Carbons+Warming+Effects+/article17553.htm

\*\*\*Note – he is citing a peer-reviewed study by Susan Solomon , Karen H. Rosenlof and Robert W. Portmann, John S. Daniel, Sean M. Davis, Todd J. Sanford –research scientists for the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Oceanic_and_Atmospheric_Administration), Gian-Kasper Plattner – works at Climate and Environmental Physics, Physics Institute, University of Bern, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, Switzerland

Recently there has been a rash of incidents in which climate alarmists have been embarrassingly

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of the model based research used to predict warming is likely badly flawed.

CO2 is key to avert a global agricultural crisis and collapse of the biosphere resulting from global species extinction – outweighs the uncertain effects of warming

Idso, et. al, ’02 [Sherwood PhD and fmr research physicist for the Dept of Ag, Keith PhD Botany, Craig PhD Geography, “Feeding Humanity to Help Save Natural Ecosystems: The Role of the Rising Atmospheric CO2 Concentration”, CO2 Science, Volume 5, Number 36: 4 September 2002

How much land can ten billion people spare for nature? This provocative question was

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Any policies that stand in the way of that objective are truly obscene.

No impact – empirics

Willis, et. al, ‘10 [Kathy J. Willis, Keith D. Bennett, Shonil A. Bhagwat & H. John B. Birks (2010): 4 °C and beyond: what did this mean for biodiversity in the past?, Systematics and Biodiversity, 8:1, 3-9, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/14772000903495833>

The most recent climate models and fossil evidence for the early Eocene Climatic Optimum (

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subtle changes in plant–animal interactions (Harrington & Jaramillo, 2007).]

The environment is resilient – It has withstood ridiculous amounts of destruction.

Easterbrook 95, Distinguished Fellow, Fullbright Foundation (Gregg, A Moment on Earth pg 25) MI

In the aftermath of events such as Love Canal or the Exxon Valdez oil spill

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are pinpricks compared to forces of the magnitude nature is accustomed to resisting.

2NC Overview

2NC Highways Solvency

Transportation sector is key to manufacturing

Little, ‘11 [04/05/11, Richard Little is the Director of the Keston Institute for Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy, “Infrastructure Investment and U.S. Competitiveness,” <http://www.cfr.org/united-states/infrastructure-investment-us-competitiveness/p24585>]

The massive network of seaports, waterways, railroads, and highways we built in

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their upkeep or own both the responsibility for economic decline and its consequences.

That collapses the economy—the combination of deteriorating infrastructure and escalating repair costs affects all sectors

AGC, ‘11 [5/19/2011, The Associated General Contractors of America, “THE CASE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & REFORM: Why and How the Federal Government Should Continue to Fund Vital Infrastructure in the New Age of Public Austerity,”]

Officials in Washington also need to understand that allowing our transportation infrastructure to deteriorate will

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and lost economic opportunity that inevitably come when vital pieces of infrastructure fail.

## 2NC SWV Overview

The impact of stratospheric water vapor outweighs – comparatively biggest magnitude and fastest heating

Solomon, et. al, ’10 [Susan Solomon , Karen H. Rosenlof and Robert W. Portmann, John S. Daniel, Sean M. Davis, Todd J. Sanford – all are research scientists for the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Oceanic_and_Atmospheric_Administration), Gian-Kasper Plattner – works at Climate and Environmental Physics, Physics Institute, University of Bern, Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern, Switzerland, Science 5 March 2010: Vol. 327 no. 5970 pp. 1219-1223

The effects of water vapor changes were probed with two sets of radiative transfer calculations

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affect recent climate, and this is further examined in the next section.

Water vapor outweighs – contributes 90% to greenhouse gas

ecoEnquirer, no date, “EPA Seeks To Have Water Vapor Classified As A Pollutant” http://www.ecoenquirer.com/EPA-water-vapor.htm

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to classify water vapor as a pollutant, due

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trucks, passenger jets, and a wide variety of industries and utilities.

## 2NC Impact Calc – Michael

Precautionary Principl means you vote neg

Idso and Idso, ’01 [Keith PhD Botany, Craig PhD Geography, “The Most Important Global Change”, Volume 4, Number 8: 21 February 2001

Even under the best of conditions, however, the match-up between future

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to limit any nation's CO2 emissions. It will only hurt us all.

Timeframe – Collapse of the biosphere is the biggest short term impact, and has long term irreversible consequences – intervening actors can solve warming in a quarter century

Idso and Idso, ’2K [Keith PhD Botany, Craig PhD Geography, “Biodiversity and CO2”, Volume 3, Number 8: 15 April 2000

"Habitat destruction is the leading cause of species extinction" and "humanity is

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allies we will ever have in our battle to preserve the planet's biodiversity."

## 2NC – No warming Impact

mitigation and adaptation will solve

There is no impact to warming – current sources are alarmist and misleading – impacts won’t happen for 2 centuries, by then technology will advance to the point where we can mitigate or adapt

Robert O. Mendelsohn 9, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

The heart of the debate about climate change comes from a number of warnings from

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range climate risks. What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.

Their evidence is overhyped and based on unverifiable feedbacks

Miyazaki, PhD mathematics – University of Texas, ‘11

(K. “An Analytic Study of Climate Sensitivity,” UT Mathematical Physics database, <https://www.math.utexas.edu/mp_arc/c/11/11-16.pdf>)

Based on the Stefan-Boltzmann law, the IPCC derives the climate sensitivity of

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we can say¶ that the IPCC exaggerates the anthropogenic effects on climate.

## 2NC – No Extinction

The modern climate crisis is NBD – species have adapted to bigger, faster warming

Willis, et. al, ‘10 [Kathy J. Willis, Keith D. Bennett, Shonil A. Bhagwat & H. John B. Birks (2010): 4 °C and beyond: what did this mean for biodiversity in the past?, Systematics and Biodiversity, 8:1, 3-9, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/14772000903495833>

Given that this temperature increase was greater in magnitude and rate to anything predicted for

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large temperature increase at the late-glacial/post-glacial transition.

Framing issue – their evidence is speculative on the effect of warming – prefer historical analysis in determining warming

Willis, et. al, ‘10 [Kathy J. Willis, Keith D. Bennett, Shonil A. Bhagwat & H. John B. Birks (2010): 4 °C and beyond: what did this mean for biodiversity in the past?, Systematics and Biodiversity, 8:1, 3-9, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/14772000903495833>

So why is there this discrepancy between what the fossil and historical records are telling

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the synergistic effect of these two factors on biodiversity (Travis, 2003)

No extinction from climate change

NIPCC 11 – the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, an international panel of nongovernment scientists and scholars, March 8, 2011, “Surviving the Unprecedented Climate Change of the IPCC,” online: http://www.nipccreport.org/articles/2011/mar/8mar2011a5.html

In a paper published in Systematics and Biodiversity, Willis et al. (2010

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the fossil record indicates remarkable biotic resilience to wide amplitude fluctuations in climate."

All their extinction models are flawed

Stockwell 11 – David Stockwell 11, Researcher at the San Diego Supercomputer Center, Ph.D. in Ecosystem Dynamics from the Australian National University, developed the Genetic Algorithm for Rule-set Production system making contributions modeling of invasive species, epidemiology of human diseases, the discovery of new species, and effects on species of climate change, April 21, 2011, “Errors of Global Warming Effects Modeling,” online: <http://landshape.org/enm/errors-of-global-warming-effects-modeling/>

Predictions of massive species extinctions due to AGW came into prominence with a January 2004

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, hard to find and no-one is really looking for them.

Experts agree

Hsu 10 (Jeremy, Live Science Staff, July 19, pg. <http://www.livescience.com/culture/can-humans-survive-extinction-doomsday-100719.html>)

His views deviate sharply from those of most experts, who don't view climate change

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crop yields, so we're essentially doing an experiment whose result remains uncertain."

## 2NC No Stability Theory

Prefer our evidence

a. Our evidence indicts their assumptions as a product of psychological and societal hubris that has created an overly deterministic view of the world

b. Their line of arguments are a product of special interests—this card is scrumptious

Freeman, ’11 [2011, Chas W. Freeman Jris a retired US diplomat who served as Minister in Beijing and Bangkok, as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. “The Incapacitation of US Statecraft and Diplomacy”, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, Volume 6, Numbers 3-4, 2011 , pp. 413-432(20)]

The enlarged role of interest groups in foreign policy-making has also had the

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or no room for the inclusion of other elements of grand strategy.28

[\_\_\_] And, this is an independent reason to vote negative—justifying foreign policy based on special interests makes hegemony terminally unsustainable and prevents us from making an effective grand strategy

Freeman, ’11 [2011, Chas W. Freeman Jris a retired US diplomat who served as Minister in Beijing and Bangkok, as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. “The Incapacitation of US Statecraft and Diplomacy”, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, Volume 6, Numbers 3-4, 2011 , pp. 413-432(20)]

In the United States, the end of the Cold War removed the political constraints

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2001), bold strategic ideas and major policy innovation are now politically infeasible.

c. Their laundry list of vague impacts is academic junk – conflicts can’t just emerge

Fettweis, ‘11 [9/26/11, Christopher J. Fettweis, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy”, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332, EBSCO]

Assertions that without the combination of U.S. capabilities, presence and commitments

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based upon vague images emerging from the dark reaches of the neoconservative imagination.

## 2NC Decoupling

Hegemony is a myth—absolute power doesn’t translate into influence—overwhelming empirics go negative—star this card\*\*\*

Doran, ‘09 [Charles F., Andrew W. Mellon Prof. of International Relations, Director of the Global Theory and History Program, Director of the Center for Canadian Studies @ Johns Hopkins U., “Fooling Oneself: The Mythology of Hegemony” International Studies Review, Vol. 11.1, http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-2486.2008.01832.x/pdf]

Yet, led by a groundswell of neo-conservative foreign policy thought (Krauthamer

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diplomacy, fooling other people is commonplace. But fooling oneself is ludicrous.

And, the rate of decline is accelerating—the perception of failed influence means it will fail worse in the future—we have to win a low threshold for our argument

Maher, ’11 [Winter 2011, Richard Maher, Ph.D. candidate in the Political Science department at Brown University, “The Paradox of American Unipolarity: Why the United States May Be Better Off in a Post-Unipolar World,” Orbis, Vol. 55, No. 1, p. 53-68]

Bearing Disproportionate Costs of Maintaining the Status Quo. As the preeminent power, the

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reduce its burden but lose influence in how these public goods are used.

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Prefer our argument

a. Recency—there was a legitimate threat in the Arctic and it was responded to—the newest evidence shuts down their hype

Exner-Pirot, ‘3/17 [03/17/13, Heather Exner-Pirot is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Calgary, interested in Arctic security, circumpolar relations and northern governance issues. She is a former program assistant with the University of the Arctic Undergraduate Office, “Myth of fresh Cold War in Arctic won't die”, http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20130317/myth-fresh-cold-war-arctic-wont-die]

In as much as there was legitimate concern of a conflict, the Arctic epistemic

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moved on from discussing an Arctic Cold War, even in mainstream newspapers.

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CIR turns Heg, China, and the economy

Nye 12 Joseph S. Nye, a former US assistant secretary of defense and chairman of the US National Intelligence Council, is a Professor at Harvard University. “Immigration and American Power,” December 10, Project Syndicate, http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/obama-needs-immigration-reform-to-maintain-america-s-strength-by-joseph-s--nye

CAMBRIDGE – The United States is a nation of immigrants. Except for a small

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long way toward fulfilling his promise to maintain the strength of the US.

# AT Thumpers

Top of the docket

Heritage Foundation 12-13 [“After Budget Deal, Will John Boehner Turn to Immigration Reform?”, http://www.nothingbuttruth.com/heritage-foundation/96589-after-budget-deal-will-john-boehner-turn-to-immigration-reform]

The House of Representatives wrapped up its work for the year without tackling the thorny

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Ryan-Murray budget deal could be a turning point on immigration reform.

# AT Obama Care

Obama care is not connected to immigration – will pass

Batley 12-17 [Melanie Batley, “Obamacare Failures Imperil Hopes for Immigration Reform”, http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/immigration-sidetracked-competence-management/2013/12/17/id/542296]

"These are different systems," White House Press secretary Jay Carney said, according

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only gotten better," New York Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer told Politico.

Bureaucracy solves

Istook 11-2 [11/12/13, Ernest J. Istook Jr. is a Distinguished Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, “Big Bureaucracy Pushes Obama’s Agenda Behind The Scenes”, http://www.talkradionews.com/opinion/2013/11/12/big-bureaucracy-pushes-obamas-agenda-behind-the-scenes.html#.UolFrMSkqY0]

President Obama is not totally bogged down by Obamacare. Unfortunately, he's making a

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agenda that are invisible to most Americans, but he’s using them aggressively.

Obama’s solution solved

Beutler 11-14 [11/14/13, Brian Beutler writer for the Salon, “The president strikes back: Insurance companies get their justified comeuppance”, www.salon.com/2013/11/14/the\_president\_strikes\_back\_insurance\_companies\_get\_their\_justified\_comeuppance/]

If your health insurance carrier has canceled your plan in anticipation of the launch of

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fixed. I imagine Obama’s great hope right now is that it does.

# UQ

Will pass - Tallent and Ryan

Hunt 12-17 [Albert Hunt, “There Is Still Hope for Immigration Reform”, http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-12-17/there-is-still-hope-for-immigration-reform.html]

Immigration reform legislation, which cleared the Senate earlier this year, has stalled in

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and the possibility of citizenship for many of the 11 million undocumented immigrants.

Budget Deal allows immigration

Nakamura 12-13 [David Nakamura, “Budget deal in Congress raises White House hopes on other priorities”, http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/budget-deal-in-congress-raises-white-house-hopes-on-other-priorities/2013/12/13/c4b885c4-6412-11e3-aa81-e1dab1360323\_story.html]

A round of successful deal-making on Capitol Hill has altered the political dynamic

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, which dominated the debate in Washington at the expense of other issues.

Boehner’s strategy allows immigration

Nakamura 12-13 [David Nakamura, “Budget deal in Congress raises White House hopes on other priorities”, http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/budget-deal-in-congress-raises-white-house-hopes-on-other-priorities/2013/12/13/c4b885c4-6412-11e3-aa81-e1dab1360323\_story.html]

The administration got an unexpected boost this week when Boehner berated the tea party-

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GOP-led House, with a final vote expected late next week.

# Link

New renewables funding is horribly unpopular – the GOP wants cuts, not increases

**Abrams 13** – Jim Abrams is a writer for Associated Press, (“Renewable Energy Budget Cut In Half In House Republicans' Spending Bill”, 07/11/13, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/10/renewable-energy-budget\_n\_3575842.html)// ACJS](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/10/renewable-energy-budget_n_3575842.html)//sawyer)

WASHINGTON -- House Republicans are proposing to slash money for renewable energy research and defy

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last year. It would cut spending for renewable energy programs by half.

Partisan heat for the aff will never die down – Republicans hate renewables

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The big question today is whether [Brightsource chairman John Bryson (right)](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/obama-to-name-bryson-as-commerce-chief/2011/05/31/AGzUTTFH_story.html) can turn

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Presidential primary will be held next year, is a big ethanol state.