===2AC SCS===

====South China Sea outweighs and controls the internal links to probability %26 magnitude – the U.S. is forced to defend targets Taiwan Sea lanes, we get drawn in – there~’s no cooperation with China – petro-economics make them irrational and use nukes – that~’s Mosher – it uniquely escalates – that~’s Strait Times.====

\*\*====Oil conflict is uniquely likely ====\*\*

\*\*Lai, 07 - UCLA Center for Chinese Studies ("China~’s Oil Diplomacy: Is It a Global Security Threat?", Vol. 28, No. 3, Third World Quarterly, pp. 519-537, published by Taylor %26 Francis, accessed via JSTOR)\*\*

In recent years China~’s demands for imported oil have increased rapidly. Many observers,

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sort out the facts from the allegations over China~’s quest for energy security.

===2AC Steel Industry===

====Low natural gas prices controls the steel industry – production is reverse causal and linear – absent growth we can~’t produce hard-plated technology which is the vital internal link to hard power – that~’s Adams. We deter all conflict via hard power, perceptive conventional forces, and alliances - specifically Russian and Middle-East scenarios which go nuclear.====

===2AC Solves PEMEX===

\*\*====THA removes obstacles to expand deep-water drilling, revitalizes Mexican energy production, and re-orients the political climate for PEMEX reforms====\*\*

\*\*Rampton, 13 - \*\*Roberta Rampton, Reuters (Apr 29, 2013, "UPDATE 1-U.S.-Mexico deal on expanded Gulf oil drilling still in limbo," [[http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/04/29/usa-mexico-oil-idUKL2N0DG1MR20130429-http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/04/29/usa-mexico-oil-idUKL2N0DG1MR20130429]])

WASHINGTON, April 29 (Reuters) - More than a year after the United

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the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before he left Congress.

===2AC Soil Erosion===

====Soil erosion controls the internal link to magnitude – BP spill means there on the brink, another spill means they degrade faster, destroying our ability to grow food – that~’s Ikerd ====

====~~[ ~~] That turns any war impact – resource scarcity increases the likelihood of conflict====

\*\*Gendron %26 Hoffman, 09 - The Peace and Conflict Review ("Resource Scarcity and the Prevention of Violent Conflicts", Fall 2009, Volume 4, Issue 1, http://www.review.upeace.org/index.cfm?opcion=0%26ejemplar=18%26entrada=90)\*\*

Resource scarcity can be defined according to three principals. The first is basic human

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management (Bercovitch et al., 2009, Part III, Chapter 1).

===2AC Renewables CP===

CP doesn~’t solve—

1. Wetlands – drilling is inevitable, CP doesn~’t set up clean tech, means spills are inevitable
2. China – switching to renewables won~’t shift our dependence from the middle-east market

\*\*Klare, 10/15 – Writer for Salon, citing several energy analysts including Barry Smitherman, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission; Karen Moreau, New York State Petroleum Council; Ed Morse, head of global commodity research at Citigroup; and, Obama (Michael T, "Hallelujah, oil and gas forever%21" Salon, 15 October 2013, http://www.salon.com/2013/10/15/hallelujah\_oil\_and\_gas\_forever/)//HO\*\*

For years, energy analysts had been anticipating an imminent decline in global oil supplies

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reliance on imports, my administration is encouraging offshore oil exploration and production."

1. NG – they~’ve conceded uniqueness for Mexico~’s energy demand — CP doesn~’t affect Mexico~’s importing, means U.S. prices skyrocket – that~’s Forest

====\_\_\_ conditional options are a voting issue- ====

====A) 2AC strategy skew- cross applications prevents and deters reading 2AC offense, kills affirmative strategy %26 makes contradictions more likely====

====B) Advocacy skills and education - we never defend positions in the debate- kills portable skills - bolsters ideological polarization====

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====Perm do both -\*\* they aren~’t mutually exclusive and the link turn shields the link to the net-benefit====\*\*

====Perm do the CP \*\*– not mutually exclusive via a defense of certainty/immediacy====\*\*

====~~[ ~~] CP links to the N/B - renewable energy investment causes backlash====

Leone 12 (Steve, Associate Editor of Renewable Energy World, "Part 2: Political Reality and the Way Forward for Renewable Energy," 4/3/12, http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/04/part-2-political-reality-and-the-way-forward-for-renewable-energy)

New Hampshire, U.S.A. — Political heavyweights know this about

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can be revived? It~’s increasingly looking like the answer may be no.

====Renewables won~’t catch on– low efficiency, high cost, low reliability, land scarcity, lack of storage capacity. It~’s a double-bind: either market forces will drive innovation absent the aff, or they can~’t cause investment====

Taylor and Van Doren 11 – critic of federal energy and environmental policy, Wall Street Journal Contributor, served on congressional advisory bodies, member of International Association for Energy economics, writer for The Energy Journal, testified in Congress / editor of the quarterly journal Regulation and expert in the regulation of energy and environment, taught at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, School of Organization and Management at Yale University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, former postdoctoral fellow in political economy at Carnegie Mellon University (Jerry and Peter, "The Green Energy Economy Reconsidered" 4/25/11; < http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/green-energy-economy-reconsidered>)//Beddow

Let~’s assume, however, that we could afford that. Have we ever seen

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sense, all of the subsidies in the world won~’t change that fact.

====Recent foreign policy blunders will trigger a price spike sending shocks through the US economy. Must diversify supply. ====

\*\*Sheffield, 10/24\*\* (Carrie, contributor to Forbes, former Politico, Hill, and Washington Times reporter and Fullbright Scholar, "Obama~’s Failed Saudi Relations Could Spike Oil Prices," [[http://www.forbes.com/sites/carriesheffield/2013/10/24/obamas-failed-saudi-relations-could-spike-oil-prices/-http://www.forbes.com/sites/carriesheffield/2013/10/24/obamas-failed-saudi-relations-could-spike-oil-prices/]])

The Obama administration~’s strategic blunders with Syria and Iran have morphed into a diplomatic disaster

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downward spiral that results in pain for the U.S. economy.

====Extinction ====

\*\*O Hanlon et al, 12\*\*

O~’Hanlon 12 Kenneth G. Lieberthal, Director of the John L. Thornton China Center and Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy and Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution, former Professor at the University of Michigan ~~["The Real National Security Threat: America~’s Debt," Los Angeles Times, July 10th, [[http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/07/10-economy-foreign-policy-lieberthal-ohanlon-http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/07/10-economy-foreign-policy-lieberthal-ohanlon]]~~]

Alas, globalization and automation trends of the last generation have increasingly called the American

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else is really possible if that fundamentalprerequisite to effective foreign policy is not reestablished

====Reforms are key====

\*\*Huacuz, 7\*\* — Electrical Research Institute ~~[Jorge, "Renewable Energy in Mexico," Towards a Cleaner Planet, google books~~]

Mexico is at cross-roads regarding renewable energy. On the one hand,

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be established. Above all, a new energy culture must be created.

===2AC China Imperialism K===

The role of the ballot is to \*\*evaluate the simulated consequences of plan passage- anything else distracts away from the stasis point of discussion, and guts predictability\*\*

Net-benefit is Latin American policy discussions—they are necessary to create real world change – anything else is a DA to the alt~’s method

González no date (Francisco E.- Riordan Roett Senior Associate Professor of Latin American Studies at Johns Hopkins and British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at Nuffield College at the University of Oxford; was a professorial lecturer at SAIS~’s Bologna Center and a lecturer in politics at St. John~’s College at the University of Oxford; received 2006 SAIS Excellence in Teaching Award; Ph.D., politics, University of Oxford; "POLITICS AND POLICIES"; http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/LARR/prot/fulltext/vol48no1/48-1\_221-227\_gonzales.pdf)

The growing interest in the interaction of policies and politics is a welcome antidote to

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reviewed in these pages make original individual and collective contributions to this endeavor.

====Our China reps are good====

\*\*Yoshihara, 01\*\* Toshi Yoshihara, Strategic Studies Institute, November 2001 (http://www.iwar.org.uk/iwar/resources/china/iw/chininfo.pdf)

As a final cautionary note, the oftentimes reflexive response among some scholars to discount

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toward IW could pose an increasingly daunting and unpredictable challenge for American policymakers.

====Perm do both – if the ALT is overcome the SQ – it~’s probs able to overcome the residual links to the AFF====

No link – already ratified in Mexico – alt cause to alt bc voting neg doesn~’t reject bill in Mexico

Realism is true and inevitable – a shift away collapses into chaos.

MEARSHEIMER ~’1 professor of political science at University of Chicago (John, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics, pg. 361)

The optimists~’ claim that security competition and war among the great powers has been burned

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the explicit purpose of keeping the major states in each region at peace.

Even if they win that realism sucks, WE STILL WIN ——– critiquing the realist system of international realism can achieve no change and will only produce hostility. Rejecting realism doesn~’t mean other observers and practitioners will too

GUZZINI ~’98 assistant prof. of polisci and IR at the Central European University (Stefano, "Conclusion: the fragmentation of realism," Realism in International Relations and International Political Economy: The Continuing Story of a Death Foretold, Published by Routledge, ISBN 0415144027, p. 235)

Third, this last chapter has argued that although the evolution of realism has been

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, it might be the best way to tacitly and uncritically reproduce it.

====Policy analysis first – most effective way to challenge power====

\*\*Taft-Kaufman ~’95 \*\*

Jill Taft-Kaufman, Speech prof @ CMU, 1995, Southern Comm. Journal, Spring, v. 60, Iss. 3, "Other Ways", p pq

The postmodern passwords of "polyvocality," "Otherness," and "difference," unsupported

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political agendas, institutions, agencies, and the budgets that fuel them.

====No root cause of war – complexity dooms monocausal explnalations====

\*\*Jabri 96 \*\*Vivienne, Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Kent, Introduction: Conflict Analysis Reconsidered," Discourses on Violence: Conflict Analysis Reconsidered, Published by Manchester University Press ND, ISBN 0719039592, p. 3

The study of war has produced a number of often conflicting answers to Quincy Wright~’s

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attempts to isolate common features leading up to the decision for war.2

Case is a DA to the alt - economic collapse reinforces imperialism

Mead, 9 – Senior Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (Walter Russell, The New Republic, "Only Makes You Stronger", 2/4, [[http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=571cbbb9-2887-4d81-8542-92e83915f5f8%26p=2-http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=571cbbb9-2887-4d81-8542-92e83915f5f8%26p=2]])

Perhaps—but the long history of capitalism suggests another possibility. After all,

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into 2008 breathing fire and boasting of its renewed great-power status.

====Alt doesn~’t solve their impact- one rejection of the aff isn~’t sufficient to solve ====

====Utopian/vague alts are a reason to reject the team- block can shift out of 2AC offense====

Turn- we need to use the master~’s tool – working within the system enables reformism

\*\*Schatz 12\*\* (JL, Binghamton U, "The Importance of Apocalypse: The Value of End-­‐Of-­‐ The-­‐World Politics While Advancing Ecocriticism," The Journal of Ecocriticism: Vol 4, No 2 (2012))

Any hesitancy to deploy images of apocalypse out of the risk of acting in a

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where multitudes, and not governments, guide the fate of the planet.

===2AC CIR===

====No impact to cyber-terror—-won~’t cause military conflict ====

Thomas P.M. \*\*Barnett 13\*\*, special assistant for strategic futures in the U.S. Defense Department~’s Office of Force Transformation from 2001 to 2003, is chief analyst for Wikistrat, March/April 2013, "Think Again: The Pentagon," Foreign Policy, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/03/04/the\_pentagon?page=full

As for cyber serving as a stand-alone war-fighting domain, there

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But you won~’t hear that from the next-warriors on the Potomac.

====Air-gapped====

====Won~’t pass- Rubio and GOP political agenda====

\*\*WJLA, 10-28\*\* ~~["Immigration reform: Obama urges Congress again to take action before end of year," ABC7, 10-28-13, http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/10/immigration-reform-obama-urges-congress-again-to-take-action-before-end-of-year-96071.html~~%23ixzz2jLXwlo2r, accessed 10-31-13, mss~~]

But in a blow to their effort, Sen. Marco Rubio signaled support for

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unclear whether lawmakers will vote on any measure before the year is out.

\*\*Immigration has tanked – Cruz and conservatives ensure no passage. \*\*

\*\*Bolton, 10/29 \*\*(Alex, staff writer for the Hill, "Ted Cruz looms large over comprehensive immigration reform," http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/188422-ted-cruz-looms-large-over-comprehensive-immigration-reform)

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has shaped the view of Republican

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push through something so unpopular with the base," the conservative strategist said.

====NSA and healthcare thump the DA- and prove Obama can~’t use PC====

\*\*Wilson, 10-29\*\* — Washington Post chief White House correspondent

~~[Scott, "Controversies show how Obama~’s inattention to detail may hurt his presidential legacy," Washington Post, 10-29-13, www.washingtonpost.com/politics/recent-scandals-show-obamas-inattention-to-detail-may-cripple-his-presidential-legacy/2013/10/29/c389feb0-40a6-11e3-a751-f032898f2dbc\_story.html, accessed 10-31-13, mss~~]

Controversies show how Obama~’s inattention to detail may hurt his presidential legacy

The White House said President Obama didn~’t know about NSA spying on world leaders.

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extra scrutiny. Republicans had for months said the IRS was doing so.

~~[Matt note: paraphrased for ableist language~~]

====DC Circuit nominations thump- comes before the disad====

\*\*Bream, 10-29\*\* — Fox News~’s Supreme Court reporter

~~[Shannon, "Battle brewing over Obama nominations to crucial DC appeals court," Fox news, 10-29-13, www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/29/battle-brewing-over-obama-nominations-to-crucial-dc-appeals-court/, accessed 10-31-13, mss~~]

There is a battle brewing over President Obama~’s three nominees to fill open seats on

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the workload of the D.C. Circuit doesn~’t justify 11 judges.

====No uniqueness for the internal link – Obama has zero political capital.====

\*\*Parnes, 10/18\*\* (Amie, White house correspondent for The Hill, "Obama~’s hollow debt victory," [[http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/329219-obamas-hollow-debt-victory-http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/329219-obamas-hollow-debt-victory]])

President Obama~’s victory over congressional Republicans is likely to have a short shelf life.

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House after such a bruising fight over the shutdown and the debt ceiling.

====Obama rejecting House GOP concessions now====

\*\*Dumain 10/14\*\* – House Leadership Reporter, former Editorial Assistant at Congressional Quarterly (Emma, "Obama Dropped House GOP ~’Like a Hot Potato~’", Roll Call, 10/14/13, [[http://blogs.rollcall.com/218/as-senate-debt-limit-deal-crystalizes-house-gop-stays-mum/-http://blogs.rollcall.com/218/as-senate-debt-limit-deal-crystalizes-house-gop-stays-mum/]])

House Republicans are mulling their next move as Senate leaders look to jam them with

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polls have shown the current situation hurting them much more than the Democrats.

====The plan is an olive branch to the GOP – builds Republican support. ====

\*\*Grant, 13\*\* (David, Christian Science Monitor staff writer, "Obama~’s second term: Can he work with Congress?" 1/20, [[http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0120/Obama-s-second-term-Can-he-work-with-Congress-video-http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/USA/DC-Decoder/2013/0120/Obama-s-second-term-Can-he-work-with-Congress-video]])

And the president could perhaps turn down the bellicosity on the Hill by working with

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

====Moderate GOP concessions key to Obama~’s agenda. ====

\*\*Balz, 10/18\*\* (Dan, political journalist for the Washington Post, "Can Obama seize the moment and make Washington work?" [[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/can-obama-seize-the-moment-to-make-washington-work/2013/10/17/d84c1934-3753-11e3-80c6-7e6dd8d22d8f\_story.html-http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/can-obama-seize-the-moment-to-make-washington-work/2013/10/17/d84c1934-3753-11e3-80c6-7e6dd8d22d8f\_story.html]])

His calls for bipartisan cooperation were aimed at what he called the "responsible"

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govern around them by winning support from what he called the responsible Republicans.

====~~[ ~~] Budget is the top priority – thumps all else.====

\*\*Kaplan, 10/17\*\* (Rebecca, staff @ CBS News, "Obama~’s priorities for the year: Budget, immigration, and farm bill," [[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250\_162-57607996/obamas-priorities-for-the-year-budget-immigration-and-farm-bill/-http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-250\_162-57607996/obamas-priorities-for-the-year-budget-immigration-and-farm-bill/]])

President Obama said Thursday morning that his top three priorities for the rest of the

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leadership to appoint negotiators to craft a budget deal by mid-December.

====DA~’s not intrinsic – rational policymaker weighs means issues won~’t be focused on a H.R. bill – not a germane issue in the debate====

====Fiat solves link – immediate passage means to backlash====

====Oil and gas lobbies love the plan====

\*\*Kollipara ~’12 \*\*

\*\*(Puneet, "U.S., Mexico, reach accord on drilling below maritime border", Fuel Fix, 2-20-2012, http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/02/20/449517/)\*\*

The agreement announced today also would lift a moratorium on waters in a buffer area

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172 million barrels of oil and 304 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

====Turns the DA====

\*\*Froomkin ~’11 \*\*

\*\*(Dan, "How the Oil Lobby Greases Washington~’s Wheels", Huffington Post, 4-6-2011, 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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votes to block any legislation — never even took a stab at it.

===2AC environment===

====Impact is inevitable—oil will be drilled by other countries regardless of the plan—plan key to bolster environmental standards which solves better====

====Plan~’s net beneficial— bolsters Mexico environmental and safety standards which spills over====

Danvers et al 12 (William C., Staff Director., "OIL, MEXICO, AND THE TRANSBOUNDARY AGREEMENT", U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 77-567 WASHINGTON : 2012 A MINORITY STAFF REPORT PREPARED FOR THE USE OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS UNITED STATES SENATE. 12/21/12, www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm//candle)

 The TBA further contains requirements of data sharing and notification of likely reserves between

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a spill on U.S. economic interests and quality of life.

====Cryo-preservation solves species loss====

\*\*Cannell 99 \*\*(Michael, freelance writer, October 10, 1999, The Washington Post, "Ice Age at the Zoo," p. W14)

With his beard and khaki safari shirt, Wildt, 49, could pass as

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and alleviate inbreeding by injecting genetic "booster shots" into isolated groups.