### 1

#### Farm bill will pass – EPA decision gives it momentum

Wasson 11-19 – Staff writer at The Hill (Erik, “EPA ethanol decision pushes farm bill toward finish line”, November 19 of 2013, <http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/agriculture/190777-epa-ethanol-decision-pushes-farm-bill-toward-finish-line>)

The Environmental Protection Agency’s preliminary decision to reduce renewable fuels blending requirements has increased momentum

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the first time the agency has lowered the target from the prior year.

Plan trades off

Susan Page 13, USA Today, “How Obama can avoid the second-term curse,” 1-15-13, http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/01/14/obama-second-term-curse/1834765/

"By the time a second term rolls around, the illusions about a president

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, but not everything. Fighting too many battles could mean winning none.

#### New farm bill key to prevent a food price spike

Nelson 10/17/13 [Joe Nelson, writer for WEAU news, “Obama, ag industry waiting for new Farm bill,” http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Obama-ag-industry-waiting-for-new-Farm-Bill-228259521.html]

With the government shutdown over, farmers are still waiting for a deal to be

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could cut down profits or even force some farmers to quit or retire.

#### Extinction

Brown 9 (Lester R, Founder of the Worldwatch Institute and the Earth Policy Institute “Can Food Shortages Bring Down Civilization?” Scientific American, May, http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=civilization-food-shortages)

The biggest threat to global stability is the potential for food crises in poor countries

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states disintegrate, their fall will threaten the stability of global civilization itself.

### 2

#### The United States federal government should condition <plan> on the federal government of Mexico meeting the four human rights requirements of the Mérida Initiative. The United States federal government should decide if the federal government of Mexico meets these requirements based off the findings of Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos.

#### Solves the AFF and boosts our human rights cred

**WOLA 10** - (Washington Office of Latin America- contains multiple experts on human rights abuse in latin america and quotes the state department's report "Congress: Withhold Funds for Mexico Tied to Human Rights Performance" 9/14/10, <http://www.wola.org/publications/congress_withhold_funds_for_mexico_tied_to_human_rights_performance>)

The US government significantly strengthened its partnership with Mexico in combating organized crime in 2007

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established by Congress, particularly those dealing with prosecuting military abuses and torture:

#### HR cred solves conflict

Burke-White 4 (William W., Lecturer in Public and International Affairs and Senior Special Assistant to the Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University The Harvard Environmental Law Review Spring, 2004 LN,[https://www.law.upenn.edu/cf/faculty/wburkewh/workingpapers/17HarvHumRtsJ249(2004).pdf](https://www.law.upenn.edu/cf/faculty/wburkewh/workingpapers/17HarvHumRtsJ249%282004%29.pdf))

This Article presents a strategic--as opposed to ideological or normative--argument that

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U.S.-U.N. cooperation on human rights issues.

### 3

#### Economic engagement is a conditional QPQ

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 promote the integration of China into the global trading and financial systems; and security engagement, to encourage compliance with the ten principles by diplomatic and military means when economic incentives do not suffice, in order to hedge against the risk of the emergence of a belligerent China.
* The tactics of economic engagementshouldpromote China’s economic integration through negotiationsontrade liberalization, institution building, and educational exchanges. While a carrots-and-sticks approach may be appropriate within the economic arena, the use of trade sanction to achieve short-term political goals is discouraged.
* The tactics of security engagement should reduce the risks posed by China’s rapid military expansion, its lack of transparency, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and transnational problems such as crime and illegal migration, by engaging in arms control negotiations, multilateral efforts, and a loosely-structured defensive military arrangement in Asia.8

[To footnotes]

8. Conditional engagement’s recommended tactics of tit-for-tat responses are equivalent

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

Vote negative

a) Limits – policies the embargo means there’s a near-infinite range of “one exception” affs

b) Ground – unconditional engagement denies us “say no” and backlash arguments which are a crucial part of the engagement debate

### 4

The United States Federal Government should eliminate the tax exemption for portfolio interest earned by foreign persons from U.S. government bonds, bonds issued by domestic businesses, and interest earned on domestic bank deposits, setting the tax rate at 30%, and should encourage members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to adopt similar policies.

The United States Federal Government should establish a system of exemptions from this tax for citizens of nations that meet U.S. Trafficking in Persons Report standards for the elimination of trafficking in persons as defined by the Palermo Protocol, gradually increasing to a full exemption for citizens of countries that can demonstrate elimination or near elimination of trafficking in persons.

Solves the Case---enacting the precise mandates of the CP solves trafficking globally

Fahey 9 – Diane L. Fahey, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School, Winter 2009, “Can Tax Policy Stop Human Trafficking?” Georgetown Journal of International Law, 40 Geo. J. Int'l L. 345, p. lexis

Foreign persons used to be subject to U.S. tax on nonbusiness-

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the developed countries through a refund of a portion of the withheld tax.

Trafficking assistance causes government corruption---only the CP alone solves

Fahey 9 – Diane L. Fahey, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School, Winter 2009, “Can Tax Policy Stop Human Trafficking?” Georgetown Journal of International Law, 40 Geo. J. Int'l L. 345, p. lexis

The developed countries should re-impose a withholding tax of 30% [\*399

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take meaningful steps [\*400] to stop trafficking will receive economic rewards.

Turns the case on a huge scale---government corruption’s the single most important cause of trafficking globally

Fahey 9 – Diane L. Fahey, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School, Winter 2009, “Can Tax Policy Stop Human Trafficking?” Georgetown Journal of International Law, 40 Geo. J. Int'l L. 345, p. lexis

Traffickers do not operate in a vacuum. They require not only a [\*355

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n36 Sometimes, the government officials themselves own or patronize the brothels. n37

Not sure where the net benefit went….it was just latin American instability bad

### Case

**War causes sexual violence and reifies the subjugation of women**

**Eaton 04**. [Shana JD Georgetown University Law Center 35 Geo. J. Int'l L. 873 Summer lexis]

While sexual violence against women has always been considered a negative side effect of war

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putting the human rights of these women at the heart of the conflict.

**Consequences matter – the tunnel vision of moral absolutism generates evil and political irrelevance**

Issac, 2002 (Jeffery, Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, Dissent, Vol. 49 No. 2, Spring)

Politics, in large part, involves contests over the distribution and use of power

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. **And it undermines political effectiveness.**

#### War turns structural violence and genocide

**PPU 07** (Peace Pledge Union, oldest pacifist organization of Britain. Genocide. June 16. <http://www.ppu.org.uk/genocide/index1a.html>)

These are horrors we want to protect children from, so why try to talk

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disagree in safety. And genocide will be a shame of the past.

**We only need to win a 1% risk of existential threats to win**

**Bostrum**, **05** (Nick – professor of philosophy at Oxford and winner of the Gannon Award, Transcribed by Joe Packer 4:38-6:12 of the talk at http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/44, accessed 10/20/07)

Now if we think about what just reducing the probability of human extinction by just

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be lost if we went extinct it should still be a high priority.

**Even a low probability outweighs**

**Art**, **03** (Robert – professor of IR at Brandeis University, A Grand Strategy for America, p. 212-213)

Fourth and finally, great-power wars are **highly destructive**, not only to

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-power peace should be over-determined, not left to chance.