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#### 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

**Discourses of danger reproduces an American identity – that posits the US as a the defender of global freedom and liberty**

**Campbell, 98**- Professor of International Politics University of Newcastle (David, Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity)

The crisis of representation the United States faces is unique only in the particularities of

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the idea that foreign policy/Foreign Policy is constitutive of political identity.

**B. That makes extinction inevitable**

**Willson, 02**- Ph.D New College San Fransisco, Humanities, JD, American University (Brian, “Armageddon or Quantum Leap? U.S. Imperialism and Human Consciousness from an Evolutionary Perspective”, [**http://www.brianwillson.com/quantum.html**](http://www.brianwillson.com/quantum.html))

Awaiting the impending U.S. government's concocted "preventive" war against Iraq

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everything that contributes to their support" (General John Sullivan, 1779).

In a prominent history book published in 1906 (*The History of the United States*

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cyclical, indicate that we are dangerously near the end of our evolutionary branch

**C. Alternative text – reject the affirmative to desecuritize the Political. Vote negative to challenge securitization itself in favor of a political ethic that approaches problems in non-security terms and exposes the limits of their methodology.**

**D. Framework – security is a communicative action that requires discursive justification – there is an ethical responsibility to justify securitization in political discussion. The role of the ballot is to interrogate methodologies – to weigh their case the Aff has to legitimize securitization first**

**Williams, 03** [Michael – IR Prof @ University of Ottawa, “Words, Images, Enemies: Securitization and International Politics,” International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 47, No. 4 (Dec., 2003), pp. 511-53, Published by: Blackwell Publishing on behalf of The International Studies Association, JSTOR] <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3693634>

A second major criticism of the Copenhagen School concerns the ethics of securitization. Simply

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questioning the policies, or by disputing the threat, or both.36

### 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 condition substantially increasing nanotechnology assistance with Mexico 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.

### Diseases

#### Empirically denied – diseases have been around forever and haven’t caused extinction. Plus, genetic diversity ensures that some humans will always survive.

#### No disease can kill us all – it would have to be everything at once

Gladwell, 95 (Malcolm, The New Republic, 7/17/95 and 7/24/95, “The Plague Year”, Lexis)

What would a real Andromeda Strain look like? It would be highly infectious like

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, but they neglect to point out the **limitations** of microscopic life forms.

### Cooperation

**Nanotech makes all conflict more likely – 1AC author**

**Gubrud 97**

(Mark Avrum Gubrud, a research associate, Center for Superconductivity Research (University of Maryland, College Park), is ''a physicist, writer and social activist, November 1997, <http://www.foresight.org/Conferences/MNT05/Papers/Gubrud/>, “Nanotechnology and International Security”)

**The possible applications of nanotechnology to advanced weaponry are fertile ground for fantasy. It**

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and nifty gadgets are irrelevant if your enemy can simply blow you up.

This advantage is silly – their uniqueness card is from 1997 – proves there is a very very high threshold for nanotech being the only thing that stops miscalc

#### No risk of accidental launch–Russia doesn’t rely on deteriorating systems

**Podvig, 03** (Pavel, Center for Arms Control Studies, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, FORUM ON PHYSICS & SOCIETY of The American Physical Society, January, http://www.aps.org/units/fps/newsletters/2003/january/article1.cfm)

As we can see, the Russian early-warning network is indeed in a

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its role and is very unlikely to increase the danger of inadvertent launch.

**No impact to hegemonic decline – their studies are wrong**

**MacDonald, 11** - Assistant Professor of Political Science at Williams College (Paul K, Spring 2011, "Graceful Decline?: The Surprising Success of Great Power Retrenchment", International Security, Vol. 35, No. 4, UTD McDermitt Library, KONTOPOULOS)

How do great powers respond to acute decline? The erosion of the relative power

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none of the declining powers that failed to retrench recovered their relative position.

**Obama’s getting the U.S. out of heg now—the aff props up heg, causing great power conflict and a violent transition to multipolarity**

**Quinn, 11** – Lecturer in International Studies at the University of Birmingham (Adam, 7/1/11, “The Art of Declining Politely: Obama’s Prudent Presidency and the Waning of American Power”, International Affairs, Vol. 87, No. 4, Ebsco, KONTOPOULOS)

As for **the administration’s involvement in the ‘Arab Spring’**, and latterly military intervention

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seems **it is fortunate enough to have a president who fits the bill**.

**Best data proves unipolar systems are substantially more war-prone than multipolar alternatives – causes offshore balancing**

**Monteiro, 12** - Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale University (Nuno P., Winter 2012, “Unrest Assured Why Unipolarity is Not Peaceful”, http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1162/ISEC\_a\_00064, KONTOPOULOS)

**How well**, then, **does the argument that unipolar systems are peaceful account for**

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**higher**.47 **These figures provide** **no evidence that unipolarity is peaceful**.48

**Offshore Balancing solves US-Chinese relations and war over Taiwan**

**Layne, 08** – Robert M. Gates Chair in Intelligence and National Security at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley (Christopher, 2008, “China’s Challenge to US Hegemony”, Global Trends, KONTOPOULOS) Word Doc

**Washington**, however, **faces** perhaps **a last chance to adopt a grand strategy that**

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;" and support for a democratic Taiwan in a conflict with authoritarian China.

**Sino relations solve extinction**

**Fu, 06** – Senior Research Professor of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and former Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Science at Stanford (Zhengyuan, “The Taiwan Issue and Sino-US Relations”, Transnational and Contemporary Problems, 2006, Lexis Nexis)

I. Introduction In the Twenty-First Century, **China's relations with the U**nited

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fourth of mankind, but **for** the rest of **the world** as well.