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\*\*====Obama has recently renewed his stance against Cuban human rights policies and failure to democratically reform====\*\*

\*\*BBC 2011\*\* (13 September 2011 last updated at 04:58 ET, "Barack Obama says Cuba~’s reforms not aggressive enough," http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-14894145)

Recent changes in Cuba have not been "aggressive enough" to open its economy

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with people without scruples or respect for human life, Mr Obama said.

====Engagement with Cuba is seen as Appeasement====

Rubin, 10/18/2011 (Jennifer, Obama~’s Cuba appeasement, Washington Post, p. http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/post/obamas-cuba-appeasement/2011/03/29/gIQAjuL2tL\_blog.html)

The administration~’s conduct is all the more galling given the behavior of the Castro regime

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to throw gifts to tyrants in the expectation they will reciprocate in kind.

====Appeasement emboldens the enemy – turns the case and makes all of their impacts more likely====

\*\*West 12\*\* - (Allen, former United States Congressman, Master~’s degree in political science from Kansas State University, "LOOKING THE OTHER WAY: PRESIDENT OBAMA~’S DANGEROUS FOREIGN POLICY", October 9 of 2012, [[http://www.humanevents.com/2012/10/09/allen-west-looking-the-other-way-president-obamas-dangerous-foreign-policy/-http://www.humanevents.com/2012/10/09/allen-west-looking-the-other-way-president-obamas-dangerous-foreign-policy/]])

America~’s enemies are emboldened This president~’s foreign policy failure has made America~’s enemies ever more

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any strategy to address this obvious danger to the American way of life.

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====Text: The United States federal government should offer to sign a science and technology agreement with Cuba. ====

====Science cooperation solves Latin American relations, sustainable agriculture, diseases, biotechnology and biodiversity ====

\*\*Pastrana %26 Clegg, 08\*\*.

(Foreign Secretary of the Academia de Ciencias de Cuba, Foreign Secretary of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the School of Biological Sciences, University of California (Sergio, Michael, "U.S.-Cuban Scientific Relations". 7/3/13. [[http://www.sciencemag.org/content/322/5900/345.full?ijkey=3aK7XuLHCJLJ.%26keytype=ref%26siteid=sci-http://www.sciencemag.org/content/322/5900/345.full?ijkey=3aK7XuLHCJLJ.%26keytype=ref%26siteid=sci]]. KJ)

In a few years, the two oldest national academies of science in the world

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us celebrate our mutual anniversaries by starting a new era of scientific cooperation.

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====Economic engagement must be the removal of specific sanctions and embargos. You have to offer positive, tangible incentives to be topical. Simply saying "Normalize economic relations" doesn~’t do anything. You need to lift specific parts of the embargo.====

\*\*Haas and O~’Sullivan 2k\*\* Richard- senior aide to bush and Director of FP studies at Brookings Insitution. Megan - Fellow with FP studies at Brookings. "Terms of Engagement: Alternatives to Punitive Policies" [[www.brookings.edu/~~/media/research/files/a-http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/a]] rticles/2000/6/summer%20haass/2000survival.pdf

The term ~’engagement~’ was popularised in the early 1980s amid controversy¶ about the

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are just some of the possible incentives used in the form of¶ engagement

====B. Voting issue – ====

====1. Limits – not requiring the aff to specify explodes the literature base – it frees them from having to find specific solvency advocates or defenses of particular engagement strategies and allows them to dodge links through vagueness====

====2. Ground – if they don~’t specify, it prevents us from accessing most of the literature written against engagement which is geared towards contrasting strategies – they~’ve destroyed legitimate CP ground====

====3. Best case scenario they~’re effectually topical- engagement would only happen as an effect of rolling back sanctions. Their advantages aren~’t based on perception from lifting the embargo (which is all the aff does), they~’re based on what happens because of that. They unlimit the potential internal link chains- independent voting issue. ====

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====Movements in Latin America are successfully producing alternatives to global neoliberalism – the plan~’s economic imposition crushes these spaces of resistance, reducing the globe to a single, monocultural economic model====

\*\*Vattimo %26 Zabala 11\*\*

(Gianni, Prof. of Theoretical Philosophy @ U of Turin, Santiago, Prof. of Philosophy @ U of Barcelona, Hermeneutic Communism, pgs. 124-131)

The "Bolivarian Revolution" is Chavez~’s commitment to twenty first- century socialism."

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and democratic model is again summoning the specter of communism throughout the world."

====Absent a transition away from Capitalism, society will succumb to an irrational hystericization of self-preservation, causing ecological catastrophe, famine, disease, war, torture, rape, and extinction of all life on the planet.====

Cook 06

Deborah Cook, Professor of Philosophy, University of Windsor, 2006, "Staying Alive: Adorno and Habermas on Self-Preservation Under Late Capitalism."

In the passage in Negative Dialectics where he warns against self-preservation gone wild

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destroying not just the entire species, but all life on the planet.

====Our alternative is to Vote neg – the purpose of the debate should be envisioning a different relationship toward the knowledge capital produces – only by situating ourselves as intellectuals outside of state politics can solvency start – reformism is the link means the perm gets co-opted too====

Meszaros 8 (Istvan, Chair of Philosophy at the University of Sussex, The Challenge and Burden of Historical Time, p323-328)

The unreality of postulation the sustainable solution of the grave problems of our social order

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synonymous with the withering away of the state as an ongoing historical enterprise.

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====Text: The United States federal government should lift the Cuban Embargo except for its restrictions in travel to the Republic of Cuba====

====Tourist dollars would make Cuba totalitarian – previous instances of exchange prove there will be no more openness – lifting the tourist ban would turn case====

Jaime \*\*Suchlicki\*\*, 2-27-\*\*2013\*\*, is Emilio Bacardi Moreau Distinguished Professor and Director, Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami, babalu, "What if… the U.S. ended the Cuba travel ban and the embargo?," [[http://babalublog.com/2013/02/27/what-if-the-u-s-ended-the-cuba-travel-ban-and-the-embargo/-http://babalublog.com/2013/02/27/what-if-the-u-s-ended-the-cuba-travel-ban-and-the-embargo/]]

Money from American tourists would flow into businesses owned by the Castro government thus strengthening

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S. That amount is now down to %24170 million per year.

====And lifting the travel ban uniquely would erode measures against child sex trafficking to Cuba – Independent reason to vote the CP over the plan====

\*\*Miami Herald 3-17\*\* "U.S. child-sex tourism to Cuba hardly exists Read more here: http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/17/3291012/us-child-sex-tourism-to-cuba-hardly.html~~%23storylink=cpy" www.miamiherald.com/2013/03/17/3291012/us-child-sex-tourism-to-cuba-hardly.html

An odd combination of Washington~’s trade embargo on Cuba and tough U.S.

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a week in Varadero beach can cost them as little as %24600.

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====Cuba violates Human Rights, shunning them is the only way to protect value to life====

Nov, 2012 Kenneth Roth The World Report is Human Rights Watch~’s twenty-third annual review of human rights practices around the globe. It summarizes key human rights issues in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide, drawing on events from the end of 2011 through November 2012.The book is divided into three main parts: an essay section, photo essays, and country-specific chapters.

In the introductory essay, Human Rights Watch Executive Director Ken Roth considers the "

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.Next, Graeme Reid sounds a warning about countries evoking tradition and traditional

Although in 2010 and 2011 the Cuban government released dozens of political prisoners on the

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rights of its critics, including the right to assemble and move freely.

While reforms passed in October 2012 eliminate the need for Cubans to obtain an exit visa to leave the island, they contain vague, broad provisions which could be used by authorities to continue to deny the right to travel to people who are critical of the government.

In addition to criminal prosecutions, the Cuban government has increasingly relied on arbitrary detention

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as they are detained, even though they do not try to resist.

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====Lifting the Embargo would pressure Cuba for rapid reforms ====

\*\*Cave, 12\*\* – foreign correspondent for The New York Times, based in Mexico City and has a B.A. from Boston College and an M.S. from Columbia University~’s Graduate School of Journalism (Damien, "Easing of Restraints in Cuba Renews Debate on U.S. Embargo", NY Times, 11/19/12, [[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/world/americas/changes-in-cuba-create-support-for-easing-embargo.html?pagewanted=all%26\_r=0)-http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/world/americas/changes-in-cuba-create-support-for-easing-embargo.html?pagewanted=all%26\_r=0)]]

Still, in a country where Cubans "resolve" their way around government restrictions

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the 1950s. "There is a lot of work to be done."

====Slow change key to Cuban reform - avoids rapid regime collapse====

\*\*Feinberg 11\*\* - professor of international political economy at UC San Dieg, nonresident senior fellow with the Latin America Initiative at Brookings (Richard E., "Reaching Out: Cuba~’s New Economy and the International Response", November, Brookings, [[http://www.brookings.edu/~~/media/research/files/papers/2011/11/18%20cuba%20feinberg/1118\_cuba\_feinberg.pdf)-http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2011/11/18 cuba feinberg/1118\_cuba\_feinberg.pdf)//ID]]

Gradualism: Gradualism in economic reform—as opposed to an Eastern European-style

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policy paralysis or a smoke-screen for maintenance of the status quo.

====Turns any effectiveness of the plan – exacerbates the drug trade, humanitarian crisis, government oppression and relations====

\*\*NAÍM, 1\*\* – editor of Foreign Policy (MOISÉS, "When Countries go Crazy", MARCH 1, 2001, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2001/03/01/when\_countries\_go\_crazy

Some countries can drive other countries crazy. When people have this effect on one

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, the powerful interest groups that blinded him to the lessons of experience.

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====Cuba agriculture sustainable now because of the Embargo—-plan collapses the industry====

\*\*Fairweather and Asquith ~’10\*\* (Jack Fairweather- former Middle East correspondent who spent four years as the Daily Telegraph~’s Baghdad and Gulf correspondent. He was an embedded reporter during the Iraq invasion, and won the British equivalent of the Pulitzer prize for his reporting on Iraq~’s civil war. Most recently Jack has been the Washington Post Global~’s Islamic world correspondent, where he has created Islam~’s Advance, a multi-media Post webpage that~’s viewed by 80,000 viewers a month. Jack is also a contributor to Harper~’s Magazine, Mother Jones and the Atlantic Monthly and Christina Asquith- Christina Asquith has 12 years experience as a local beat reporter, national correspondent and foreign correspondent for The Philadelphia Inquirer, The New York Times and The Economist. She spent three years in the Middle East covering the Iraq war, and won "Educator of the Year" award by Education News for her coverage of the effects of war on the lives of school system. She also is author of two non-fiction books: "The Emergency Teacher: A Year Inside Philadelphia~’s Toughest School" (Skyhorse Press, 2007) and "The Spinsters~’ War: A Story of Women, Life and Death in Iraq" (Random House, 2009). Prior to joining Solutions Magazine, she was senior editor at Diverse Magazine in Washington DC; "How Can Cuba~’s Sustainable Agriculture Survive the Peace?"; [[http://thesolutionsjournal.com/node/554-http://thesolutionsjournal.com/node/554]])

For a country that responded to severe energy crisis by switching to organic, localized

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a leading agronomist at the Indio Hatuey Experimental Station, University of Matanzas.

====Don~’t buy their claims that the US is key. All their evidence is in the context of Cuba getting money to help modernize their agriculture sector. Intervening actors check like Latin American countries and European countries.====

====3. The US doesn~’t have to lift the embargo to send food supplies to Cuba. Border States trade with them all the time.====

====4. Alt Cause to food supplies- food prices are increasing such as energy prices, biofuel, grain stocks, population trends, commodity markets, weather, climate change, and trade policies- Aff can~’t solve all of these reasons. ====

====5. Squo solves this advantage – Cuba is fine without further investment. Plan is not necessary.====

\*\*Altieri and Funes-Monzote 2012\*\* (Miguel A. Altieri is Profesor of Agroecology at the University of California, Berkeley and President of the Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology and Fernando R. Funes-Monzote is currently a researcher at the Experimental Station Indio Hatuey, University of Matanzas, Cuba. He is one of the founding members of the Cuban Association of Organic Agriculture.) ("The Paradox of Cuban Agriculture" http://monthlyreview.org/2012/01/01/the-paradox-of-cuban-agriculture)

When Cuba faced the shock of lost trade relations with the Soviet Bloc in the

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Cuba," Journal of Peasant Studies 38 (2011): 161-91.¶

====6. Plan is not key – Brazil can invest in Cuba~’s ag industry====

\*\*Ravsberg 2012\*\* (Fernando Ravsberg is a journalist for BBC ) (11/12/12 "Foreign Investment Returns to Cuban Agriculture" http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=81940)

HAVANA TIMES — In Cuba~’s next sugarcane harvest, the Brazilian company Odebrecht will administer

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has enabled the sugar industry to reach even its very modest annual goals.