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## Plan

#### Plan: The United States federal government should substantially increase its technical and regulatory assistance for joint deep water drilling toward Mexico along the US-Mexico maritime border.

## Contention 1: Hegemony

#### US Hegemony is necessary to prevent global nuclear warfare

Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth ~’13

(Stephen, Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, William C. Wohlforth is the Daniel Webster Professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College "Don~’t Come Home America: The Case Against Retrenchment," International Security, Vol. 37, No. 3 (Winter 2012/13), pp. 7–51)

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents theemergence of a far more

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

#### Any turns are inevitable – The US will down fight for hegemony

Mearsheimer, 11

(John J. Mearsheimer, the "R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago" Jan/Feb 2011 "Imperial By Design" http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0059.pdf)

The downward spiral the United States has taken was anything but inevitable. Washington has

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would see the United States as a benign hegemon serving their own interests.

The Scenario is China:

#### China is expanding its Latin American Sphere of Influence to disenfranchise Taiwan and warming up to Mexico’s energy sector – now is key for US action

Malkin, 13

(Elisabeth Malkin, New York Times writer. "Chinese President Makes Bridge-Building Trip to Mexico" June 4, 2013. www.nytimes.com/2013/06/05/world/americas/xi-makes-bridge-building-trip-to-mexico.html?\_r=0)

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — President Xi Jinping of China arrived in

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the biggest economy in the world, but that is no longer enough."

#### Mexico is key to China’s Latin America strategy

Knowland, 13

(Don Knowland, writer for WSWS. "China~’s President Visits Mexico and Central America Seeking Economic Ties." World Socialist Website 10 June 2013. http://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2013/06/10/xime-j10.html)

In the decade spanning 2000 to 2010, trade between China and Latin America as

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owned Xinxing Cathay International Group to explore ways to work together on pipelines.

#### Chinese influence in Latin America is a litmus test for power globally – undermines Hegemony

Cerna, 11

[Michael, China Research Center, China~’s Growing Presence in Latin America: Implications for U.S. and Chinese Presence in the Region, 4/15/11, http://www.chinacenter.net/chinas-growing-presence-in-latin-america-implications-for-u-s-and-chinese-presence-in-the-region/~~]

With both the U.S. and China making gains in the regionin different

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best measures the continued hegemony of the U.S. versus China.

#### Independently, Chinese influence in Latin America causes Taiwan war

Fergusson, 12

Robbie, Researcher at Royal Society for the Arts, Featured Contributor at International Business Times, Former Conference %26 Research Assistant at Security Watch, Former Researcher at University College London, Master of Science, China in the International Arena, The University of Glasgow, "The Chinese Challenge to the Monroe Doctrine," http://www.e-ir.info/2012/07**/**23/does-chinese-growth-in-latin-america-threaten-american-interests/

Taiwan – domestic, or foreign policy?China~’s goals in the region amount to

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allow the PRC to conclude a settlement on Taiwan, perhaps by force.

#### Taiwan escalates and goes nuclear

Lowther 3/16

 William, Taipei Times, citing a report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 3/16/13, "Taiwan could spark nuclear war: report," http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/03/16/2003557211

Taiwan is themost likely potential crisisthat couldtrigger a nuclear warbetween China and the US,

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arsenals, such a conflict would be tremendously dangerous and quite possibly devastating."

#### That tips the balance of Mexico~’s decision on Chinese cooperation and crowds out China

Yang, 13

 (Yang Jingjie is a reporter for Global Times. Global Times a daily Chinese tabloid focusing on international issues. "Increase in Mexican oil exports indicates thawing ties", Global Times, April 9, 2013, http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/773515.shtml~~%23.Ueht4I1OSSo)

Observers say Mexican state oil company Pemex~’s decision to significantly boost oil exports to China

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its trade deficit with China reached %2451.2 billion in 2012.

## Contention 2: Relations

#### US-Mexico relations are at a pivotal point —- failure to ratify the THA erodes trust and collapses Mexican relations

Kerry et al. 12

(JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman ¶ BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G. LUGAR, Indiana¶ ROBERT MENENDEZ, New Jersey BOB CORKER, Tennessee¶ BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Maryland JAMES E. RISCH, Idaho¶ ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., Pennsylvania MARCO RUBIO, Florida¶ JIM WEBB, Virginia JAMES M. INHOFE, Oklahoma¶ JEANNE SHAHEEN, New Hampshire JIM DeMINT, South Carolina¶ CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, Delaware JOHNNY ISAKSON, Georgia¶ RICHARD J. DURBIN, Illinois JOHN BARRASSO, Wyoming¶ TOM UDALL, New Mexico MIKE LEE, Utah¶ William C. Danvers, Staff Director ¶ Kenneth A. Myers, Jr., Republican Staff Director, "OIL, MEXICO, AND THE AGREEMENT", December 2012, http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm)

Perhaps the most important U.S.-specific benefits of the TBA are three

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companies could be shut out of certain opportunities until the TBA is ratified.

#### TBA key to mend relations – leads to more cooperation

Pascual ’13

(Carlos Pascual, Bureau of Energy Resources. "U.S. – Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation" April 25, 2013. [[\*\*http://docs.house.gov/meetings/II/II06/20130425/100755/HHRG-113-II06-Wstate-PascualA-20130425.pdf-http://docs.house.gov/meetings/II/II06/20130425/100755/HHRG-113-II06-Wstate-PascualA-20130425.pdf]])

The Transboundary Agreement is an important step in our national efforts to better ¶ secure

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market, potentially leading to deeper and more meaningful ¶ collaboration over time.

#### Drug violence is increasing – increased cooperation key to solve drug violence and Latin American instability

CFR ‘11

(Council on Foreign Relations, an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher. "U.S. and Mexico must increase cooperation to confront drug war, argues CFR report" March 29, 2011. [[\*\*http://www.cfr.org/mexico/us-mexico-must-increase-cooperation-confront-drug-war-argues-cfr-report/p24514-http://www.cfr.org/mexico/us-mexico-must-increase-cooperation-confront-drug-war-argues-cfr-report/p24514]]\*\* ) \*\*

"Mexico is in the midst of a worsening security crisis," warns David A

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policy adaptation that includes alternative approaches to reducing the harms caused by drugs.

#### Latin America instability causes extinction

Manwaring 5

(Max G., Retired U.S. Army colonel and an Adjunct Professor of International Politics at Dickinson College, venezuela~’s hugo chávez, bolivarian socialism, and asymmetric warfare, October 2005, pg. PUB628.pdf)

President Chávez also understands that the process leading to state failure is the most dangerous

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and their associated problems endanger global security, peace, and prosperity.65

#### Mexico drug violence leads to oil shocks and economic collapse

Moran 9

(7/31/09, Michael, executive editor and policy analyst, Council on Foreign Relations, "Six Crises, 2009: A Half-Dozen Ways Geopolitics Could Upset Global Recovery," http://fbkfinanzwirtschaft.wordpress.com/2009/08/07/six-crises-2009-a-half-dozen-ways-geopolitics-could-upset-global-recovery/)

Risk 2: Mexico Drug Violence:¶ At Stake: Oil prices, refugee flows

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to "renegotiate NAFTA," a pledge he deftly sidestepped once in office.

#### Energy shocks cause great power nuke war

Qasem 7

(Islam Yasin, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Politics and Social Sciences at the University of Pompeu Fabra (UPF) in Barcelona, MA in International Affairs from Columbia, July 9, 2007, "The Coming Warfare of Oil Shortage," online: http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne\_islam\_ya\_070709\_the\_coming\_warfare\_o.htm

Recognizing the strategic value of oil for their national interests, superpowers will not hesitate

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the chances of using nuclear weapons in pursues of national interests are high.

#### Econ decline causes war

ROYAL 10

(Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense [Jedediah Royal, 2010, Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises, in Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215]

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may increase the likelihood of external conflict

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external conflict al systemic, dyadic and national levels.’ This implied connection

## Contention 3: Environment

#### Absent the plan, oil spills are inevitable

Gonzalez & Iliff 12

 (02/15/12 Editor at Mexico Oil %26 Gas, Review Mexico correspondent at Dow Jones Newswires, Correspondent at The Wall Street Journal, "Mexico Oil Watchdog Sounds Alarm" http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204136404577209494033278030.html)

Mexico~’s oil regulator is sounding an alarm over plans by the country~’s state oil monopoly

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rig scheduled to operate in Cuban waters to assuage concerns by Florida residents.

#### The plan catalyzes necessary environmental protection in the Gulf

House of Representatives 4/25/13

United States House of Representatives "U.S. – Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation" April 25, 2013 [[http://docs.house.gov/meetings/II/II06/20130425/100755/HHRG-113-II06-Wstate-PascualA-20130425.pdf-http://docs.house.gov/meetings/II/II06/20130425/100755/HHRG-113-II06-Wstate-PascualA-20130425.pdf]])

We are pleased that the Agreement would advance safety and environmental ¶ protection in the

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This is a business friendly arrangement with strong safety ¶ and environmental payoffs.

#### Resiliency does not apply to Gulf Coast ecosystems—another spill will destroy marine biodiversity

Craig 11

(Robin Kundis Craig, Attorneys~’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, 12/20/11 "Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell" [[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1906839-http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=1906839]])

Importantly, however, the second aspect of resilience theory acknowledges that ecosystems can exist

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tourism] and the environment on which they depend for future generations."168

#### The Gulf is a key ocean biodiversity hotspot

Brenner 8 –

(Jorge Brenner, March 14th, 2008, "Guarding the Gulf of Mexico~’s valuable resources" www.scidev.net/en/opinions/guarding-the-gulf-of-mexico-s-valuable-resources.html)

Rich in biodiversity and habitats¶ The Gulf of Mexico is rich in biodiversity and

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in the North Atlantic that helps to regulate the climate of western Europe.

#### Multilateral integrated ocean management’s key to solve global system collapse—-it’s the foundation of all environmental resilience

Yves & Henocque 10

(Theme Leader on Nature %26 Society at the French Institute for the Development of the Sea, IFREMER, 2010, "TOWARD THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF COAST AND OCEAN SOCIALECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS," [[http://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00035/14658/11960.pdf-http://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00035/14658/11960.pdf]]

The management of natural resources is changing paradigm from sustainable yields to sustainable ecosystems.

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the face of short-term and long-term challenges to sustainability.

#### Extinction

Clark and Downes 6

Dana Clark, Center for International Environmental Law, and David Downes, US Interior Dept. Policy Analysis Senior Trade Advisor, 2006, What price biodiversity?, http://www.ciel.org/Publications/summary.html

Biodiversity is the diversity of life on earth, on which we depend for our

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we lose the opportunity for mental or spiritual rejuvenation through contact with nature.

#### No resiliency in the Gulf

Kundis 11

(Robin Kundis Craig, Attorneys~’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, December 20th, 2011, "Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell," lawreview.byu.edu/articles/1326405133\_03craig.fin.pdf

Ecological resilience and resilience theory acknowledge that ecosystems are dynamic—not, as prior

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oil spill in U.S. waters, however, suggests otherwise.

#### Delays are hurting the possibility of energy cooperation through TBA

Wood ‘13

(Martin - May 3rd, 2013(Jeremy Martin— a frequent commentator and writer on Latin American and energy issues speaking at international conferences and appearing in both print and broadcast media; Duncan Wood— the Director of the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; "U.S. Should Act Quickly on Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement With Mexico"; [[http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12923/u-s-should-act-quickly-on-transboundary-hydrocarbon-agreement-with-mexico-http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12923/u-s-should-act-quickly-on-transboundary-hydrocarbon-agreement-with-mexico]])

At its core, the agreement seeks to set up legal guidelines for companies to

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together in the Gulf of Mexico, and on energy issues more generally.

#### TBA key for future environmental cooperation

Simmons, 2013

(Daniel Simmons, April 30th Director of Regulatory and State Affairs, Institute for Energy Research; "U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement: A Rare Victory for Oil and Gas in the Obama Era"; MasterResource; [[http://www.masterresource.org/2013/04/u-s-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbons-agreement/-http://www.masterresource.org/2013/04/u-s-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbons-agreement/]])

The United States and Mexico jointly announced their intention to negotiate a transboundary hydrocarbons agreement

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Both governments will review all plans for the development of any transboundary reservoirs.

#### Empirics prove that relations, energy, and the economy benefit from a Hydrocarbons agreement

GBN 8/24/13

(Ghana Business News, news corp Headquartered in Ghana; "Ghana, Equatorial Guinea sign pact on hydrocarbons"; Ghana Business News; [[http://www.ghanabusinessnews.com/2013/08/24/ghana-equatorial-guinea-sign-pact-on-hydrocarbons/-http://www.ghanabusinessnews.com/2013/08/24/ghana-equatorial-guinea-sign-pact-on-hydrocarbons/]])

The Ghana government has signed a co-operation agreement withEquatorialGuineaon the explorationofhydrocarbonand the maintenance

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that will inure to the advantage of our two countries," he said.

#### The Mexican Senate has already ratified the THA—its effectiveness is only a question of U.S. ratification

Velarde, 12 –

 (Rogelio Lopez Velarde, attorney and counselor-at-law, held various positions at Pemex during 1988-1993, including that of Financial Advisor to the Finance Department, In-House Counsel in Houston, Texas, In-House Counsel in New York, and Head of the International Legal Department of Pemex. He was honored with the "Most Distinguished Attorney Award" of Pemex for the period 1990-1991, former Chairman of the Energy Committee of the Mexican Bar Association, and currently he is the President for the Latin America Chapter of the Association of the International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), as Visiting Professor of Judicial Process on the Mexican Legal Studies Program at the University of Houston Law Center, and he is currently the director of the Energy Law Seminar organized between the Universidad Iberoamericana and the Mexican Bar Association. "US-Mexican treaty on Gulf of Mexico transboundary reservoirs", International Law Office, 3-19-2012, http://www.internationallawoffice.com/newsletters/Detail.aspx?g=b9326bf8-f27f-43ff-b45a-1b2b70ccb217andredir=1)

The treaty will become effective 60 days after the last notification of approval has been made by Mexico or the United States. In this regard, the Mexican Senate ratified the treaty in April 2012; therefore, the treaty~’s effectiveness is subject to approval and publication by the United States, which to date has neither ratified nor published the treaty.