#### Contention I – Inherency

#### Mexican Industry will collapse---US pipelines and integration Key

Minority Staff Report 12 (for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations) ["Oil, Mexico and the Transboundary Agreement", December 21, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-112SPRT77567/html/CPRT-112SPRT77567.htm>]

#### Advantage 1 - US Econ

#### US gas boom is coming - additional energy pipelines key to sustaining the increase

Handley 2013[Meg - reporter for *US News & World Report*, "Infrastructure upgrades needed to fuel domestic energy boom", February 22]

#### And, increasing natural gas production key to jumpstarting a stable manufacturing industry

Bullis 2013 [Kevin - MIT Technology Review Staff, "Shale gas will fuel a U.S. manufacturing boom", *MIT Technology Review*, <http://www.technologyreview.com/news/509291/shale-gas-will-fuel-a-us-manufacturing-boom/>]

#### And, the manufacturing industry is key to the US economy

Ettlinger and Gordon 2011 [Michael - Vice-President of Economic Progress @ Center for American Progress and Kate - senior fellow @ Center for American Progress, "The importance and promise of American manufacturing", April 07,

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/labor/report/2011/04/07/9427/the-importance-and-promise-of-american-manufacturing/>]

US economic decline spills over to the world economy and triggers 15 unique scenarios **for instability and global nuclear war–** 1) US Internal disorder 2) Trade Collapse 3) Destruction of Constitution 4) Heg collapse 5) Middle East War 6) Crime 7) Pacific Drawdown 8) Chinese Aggression 9) Chinese Instability (nuclear) 10) European Totalitarianism 11) UK instability 12) Russian Expansionism 13) German Remilitarization 14) Food Riots 15) Prolonged Global Warfare

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#### Advantage II – Mexican Energy

Mexico’s current system fails—severe limits and inefficiencies- needs foreign investors

Forbes 8/20/13 [August 20th, 2013, Forbes, “Mexico's Oil Reforms Could Provide New Growth For U.S. Oilfield Services Companies”, http://www.forbes.com/sites/greatspeculations/2013/08/20/mexicos-oil-reforms-could-provide-new-growth-for-u-s-oilfield-services-companies/]

#### A stable and robust Mexico energy sector key to solving drug cartels

O’Sullivan ’12 – professor of international affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

(Meghan, served on the National Security Council from 2004 to 2007, and was deputy national security advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, “Mexican Oil Reforms Are Vital on Both Sides of the Border”, reprinted from CFR at Bloomberg, 7-30-2012, http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-07-30/mexican-oil-reforms-are-vital-on-both-sides-of-the-border.html)

#### Drug cartel violence in Mexico spills over - threatens stability in all of Latin America

Shirk 2011 [David - director of the Trans-Border Institute and associate professor of political science @ University of San Diego, "The Drug War in Mexico Confronting a Shared Threat", *Council on Foreign Relations Special Report*, March]

#### And, drug cartel instability leads to wmd terrorist attack on the United States

Associated Press 2008 ["US officials fear terrorist links with drug lords, <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=5986948>]

#### An act of Nuclear terrorism causes Nuclear war

**Ayson 10**- Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington(Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)//BB

#### Advantage III: US/Mexico Relations

#### Despite isolated signs of progress, new bilateral initiatives are needed to revitalize US-Mexico relations

Garza 2013 [Antonio - staff writer "Obama goes to Mexico:

Time is ripe to advance bilateral relations", *Fox News Latino*, April 29,

http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/opinion/2013/04/29/obama-goes-to-mexico-time-is-ripe-to-advance-bilateral-relations/#ixzz2XZAhtCNv]

#### And, Bilateral cooperation over energy is key to revitalizing and sustaining good relations - key to strong economies, decreasing of Mexican border violence and reverses negative anti-US sentiment in Latin America

Reyes 2013 [Raul - JD and member of the USA Today Board of Contributors, "Opinion: President Obama has the chance to improve US/Mexico relations", http://nbclatino.com/2013/04/29/opinion-president-obama-has-the-chance-to-improve-usmexico-relations/]

#### Strong US-Mexican relations key to continued US power projection and Hegemony

Pastor 2012 [Robert - pastor and director of the Center for North American Studies @ American University, "Beyond the continental divide", *The American Interest*, July/August http://www.the-american-interest.com/article.cfm?piece=1269]

#### And, US hegemony necessary to solve global nuclear wars

Brooks, et al 2013 [Stephen - associate professor of government @ Dartmouth, John Ikenberry - professor of politics and international affairs @ Princeton, William Wohlforth - professor of government @ Dartmouth College, "Lean Forward", *Foreign Affairs,* January/February, Academic Search Complete]

**Plan: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement over energy infrastructure towards Mexico.**

#### Contention II: Solvency

#### US investment in Mexico's energy sector stabilizes Mexico's energy needs, increases growth and forges a stable partnership

Wood, 2013 (Duncan, director of Mexico Institute at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, researcher at Centro de Derecho Economico Internacional at ITAM, studied at UK in Canada, PhD in Political Studies, Wilson Center, <http://wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/wood_energy.pdf>)

#### And, specifically, US investment in Mexico's energy sector is key to infrastructure revitalization - cooperation locks in regulatory reform

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#### And, the potential for effective cooperation on energy between the US and Mexico is huge and the time is now- engagement necessary to expand the markets and potential hemispheric solutions - North American market key to the global market

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