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# Advantage 1 is Multilat

**US leadership is unsustainable and only visible commitments to multilat solve- 3 warrants**

**1. Restraint- key to prevent international backlash**

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, <http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf>)//NG

The safeguarding of US authority requires multilateralism that is … lead the way to a new world order.

**2. Resources – multilateralism increases burdensharing that manages the transition**

**Jones, 11** – Professor of European Studies at the SAIS Bologna Center and Director of the Bologna Institute for Policy Research (Erik, “Power, Leadership and US Foreign Policy,” The International Spectator, Vol. 46, No. 3, September 2011, 13–23 http://www.jhubc.it/facultypages/ejones/International\_Spectator\_2011.pdf

Throwing money at the Arab world … followers has little choice but to go it alone.

**3. Balancing- a commitment to greater cooperation is vital to managing the transition and protecting primacy**

**Terrif, 12** - Senior Lecturer in International Security in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at Birmingham University, UK (Terry, Debating a Post-American World: What Lies Ahead?, ed: Clark and Hoque, p. 47-51)

A good bet, then, is that the present … of the twenty-first century remains mostly in its own hands.

**The plan is a powerful symbol of multilateralism**

**Burgsdorff, 9–** Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, <http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf>)//NG

6.3 How would the international community react? … as steps towards effective multilateralism.

**Foreign nations are overwhelmingly opposed to the embargo - plan builds international credibility**

Dickerson 10 – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted in fulfillment of a Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the US Army War College (Sergio M, “UNITED STATES SECURITY STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA,” 1/14/10, http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a518053.pdf)//SJF

At the international political level… global order bringing true peace for years to come.

**Latin American region is key**

**Sabatini and Berger 12,** Christopher Sabatini is editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly and senior director of policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas. Ryan Berger is a policy associate at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas(Christopher/Ryan, "Why the U.S. can't afford to ignore Latin America" 6/13/12, CNN/Global Public Square, http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/)//AD

 Speaking in Santiago, Chile, in March of last year, … U.S. “backyard” that is outside broader, global strategic concerns.

The alternative to multilateralism is unilateral militarism – the plan establishes a model for hemispheric diplomacy that sustains US leadership

Grandin 10 – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” *New Labor Forum*, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)//SJF

Washington’s relations with Latin America—… political paralysis quicken the U.S.’s fall.

**Clinging to unilateralism causes the US to lashout and risks great power war and collapse – managed decline now is key**

**Quinn, 11** – Lecturer in International Studies at the University of Birmingham, having previously worked at the University of Leicester and the University of Westminster alongside his graduate studies at the LSE. His chief area of interest is the role of national history and ideology in shaping US grand strategy (Adam, “The art of declining politely: Obama’s prudent presidency and the waning of American power”, International Affairs 87:4 (2011) 803–824 http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/87\_4quinn.pdf

Captain of a shrinking ship

As noted in the opening passages … seems it is fortunate enough to have a president who fits the bill.

**Causes Russia-China counterbalancing**

**Posen ’13** [Barry R. Posen is Ford International Professor of Political Science and Director of the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “Pull Back,” January/February, <http://www.stjoe.k12.in.us/ourpages/auto/2013/1/7/40360647/13-0102%20Pull%20Back.pdf>]

¶ It is time to abandon the United States' hegemonic strategy … some impressive weapons systems.

**Russia-China counterbalancing causes trade wars with China and US-Russia escalation**

**Petras 11** (James, Bartle Professor (Emeritus) of Sociology at Binghamton University, New York. He is the author of 64 books published in 29 languages, and over 560 articles in professional journals, including the American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Social Research, Journal of Contemporary Asia, and Journal of Peasant Studies. He has published over 2000 articles in nonprofessional journals such as the New York Times, the Guardian, the Nation, Christian Science Monitor, Foreign Policy, New Left Review, Partisan Review, Temps Moderne, Le Monde Diplomatique, He is winner of the Life Time Career Award, Marxist Section, of the American Sociology Association, the Robert Kenny Award for Best Book, 2002, and the Best Dissertation, Western Political Science Association in 1968. He received his B.A. from Boston University and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, “World War III: U.S. pursues war against Russian-Chinese alliance,” December 28, 2011, Agora Cosmopolitan, <http://www.agoracosmopolitan.com/news/intrnational/2011/12/28/2448.html> //EH)

While each policy adopted by the Obama regime in … would be useful in lowering the deficit and reviving the US economy.¶

**Trade wars cause global economic collapse and U.S.-China conflict**

**Liu ’05** (Henry C., Chair – New York Private Investment Group, The Coming Trade War Part 6, Asia Times Online, 8-20, http://atimes.com/atimes/Global\_Economy/GH20Dj01.html)

US geopolitical hostility toward China will … be fought over by killing consumers in a world plagued with overcapacity.

**US-Sino war causes extinction**

**Hunkovic ’09 –** Professor at American Military University (Lee, The Chinese-Taiwanese Conflict Possible Futures of a Confrontation between China, Taiwan and the United States of America”, American Military University, p.54)

A war between China, Taiwan … countries will not be considered in this study.

US-Russia nuclear miscalc over external crises is likely—risks extinction

**Barrett et al. 13** (Anthony M. Barrett- Global Catastrophic Risk Institute, Seth D. Baum- Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, Columbia University, Kelly R. Hostetler- Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University, 2013, “Analyzing and Reducing the Risks of Inadvertent Nuclear War Between the United States and Russia”, http://sethbaum.com/ac/fc\_NuclearWar.pdf)

War involving significant fractions of … misinterpret events as attacks. 60,61,62,63

# Advantage 2 Is Sugar Ethanol

**The plan boosts the Cuban sugar ethanol industry-better than US corn ethanol**

**Holmes, 10–** B.A. from Georgetown, Master’s Thesis (Michael G., June 21, 2010, “Seizing the Moment”, https://repository.library.georgetown.edu/bitstream/handle/10822/553334/holmesMichael.pdf?sequence=1, pg. 74-78)//NG

Creating a new market for U.S. … the ease and volume of ethanol production.

**That crowds out U.S. domestic corn ethanol production**

**Specht 13**

[Jonathan-J.D. Wash. U St. Louis, Legal Advisor, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States,” Environmental Law & Policy Journal, Univ. of California Davis, Vol. 36:2, [**http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf**](http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)]

V. Economic Effects of Cuban Sugarcane-Based Ethanol¶ ¶ This seemingly easy recommendation is, however, … on Florida, then on the United States generally.

**1. US corn ethanol massively increases food prices causing conflict**

**Sandoval,** 2/7/**13**- Reporter for the Heritage Foundation citing Yaneer Bar-Yam, American physicist, systems scientist, and founding president of the New England Complex Systems Institute, which is a research institution that uses complex systems science to analyze current events such as food shortages and provide solutions. (Michael, “Ethanol Mandate Leads to Violence, Social Unrest”, Heritage.org, http://blog.heritage.org/2013/02/07/ethanol-mandate-leads-to-social-unrest/)//TL

The conversion of corn to ethanol has … by arguing that the bad impact might be a small bad impact.

**No alt causes-corn ethanol is key-robust studies prove**

**NECSI 11 -** New England Complex Systems Institute, 11**-** research institution that uses complex systems science to analyze current events such as food shortages and provide solutions (“The Food Crises: A quantitative model of food prices including speculators and ethanol conversion”, NECSI, 9/21/11, http://necsi.edu/research/social/food\_prices.pdf)//TL

Finally, we consider conversion of corn … must be due to other causes.

High US food prices spillover and cause global war and extinction – your defense doesn’t assume future trends

Klare 12 “Michael Klare is a professor of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College… and the author, most recently, ofThe Race for What’s Left” August 7 2012 “The Hunger Wars in Our Future” http://www.thenation.com/article/169256/hunger-wars-our-future#

The Great Drought of 2012 has yet … billions of famished, desperate people.

# Plan

**The United States federal government should normalize its trade relations with Cuba.**

# Solvency

**Only a normalization solves-partial lifting will be rejected**

**Mitchell 01**

(The Decline of Political Pertinence: U.S. Economic Sanctions Against Cuba

Lieutenant Colonal Stephen D. Mitchell, United States Army, 2001 March 18, Strategy Research Project)

There are two basic ways … Cuban sovereignty threatened, he will revert to the status quo.

**Any step short of unconditional removal means won’t create the same symbol of multilateralism**

**Vivanco 6**- LLM from Harvard Law School, Americas director of Humans Rights Watch

(Jose Miguel, “Restraint, not force, will bring change to Cuba”, humans rights watch, 12/22/06, <http://www.hrw.org/news/2006/12/21/restraint-not-force-will-bring-change-cuba>, google scholar)//KW

This reluctance would be understandable but misguided… like Goliath will Cuba stop looking like David.