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**Obama’s been weakened by Syria but he’s still strong enough to win the debt ceiling fight**

**Garrett 9-19** (Major,National Journal Correspondent-at-Large and Chief White House Correspondent for CBS News**,** “A September to Surrender: Syria and Summers Spell Second-Term Slump” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/all-powers/a-september-to-surrender-syria-and-summers-spell-second-term-slump-20130917>)

There are no “obstructionist” Republican fingerprints on the conspicuous and power-depleting

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related shambling incoherence around the sequester/shutdown/debt ceiling suggest not.

**Obama refocused and made debt ceiling his top priority – every ounce of PC is key**

Pace 9-12 (Julie, AP White House Correspondent, “Syria debate on hold, Obama refocuses on agenda,” 2013, <http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/09/12/3493538/obama-seeks-to-focus-on-domestic.html#storylink=cpy>)

With a military strike against Syria on hold, President Barack Obama tried Thursday to

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Speaker John Boehner on Thursday said the GOP will insist on curbing spending.

**Zero support in Congress for the plan.**

Guggenheim 11

David E. Guggenheim, marine scientist, conservation policy specialist, submarine pilot, ocean explorer and educator, president and founder of Ocean Doctor, led the formation of the Trinational Initiative for Marine Science & Conservation in the Gulf of Mexico & Western Caribbean—a major project to elevate collaboration in marine science and conservation among Cuba, Mexico and the U.S. to a new level, holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Public Policy from George Mason University, a Master’s in Aquatic and Population Biology from University of California-Santa Barbara, and a Master’s in Regional Science and Bachelor’s in Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, 2011 – “Cuba Offshore Oil Drilling: Why We’re Not Ready,” *Ocean Doctor* blog, October 23rd, Available Online at <http://oceandoctor.org/cuba-offshore-oil-drilling-why-were-not-ready/>

It’s been no secret that Cuba has been planning to conduct offshore oil drilling.

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responded, “I think Senator Murkowski is absolutely right in stating that.”

**Prolonged, politicized discussion crush the economy – credit rating, biz con, consumer spending**

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[Kathleen, Special Writer-Economics for Dow Jones Newswires, “Reminder That Debt Ceiling Debate Still Looms,” Wall Street Journal, 6/11, <http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2013/06/11/reminder-that-debt-ceiling-debate-still-looms/>]

Investors are focused on how monetary policy will play out this summer. But on

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mar the economic outlook — and the U.S. credit rating.

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**A. Interpretation – Removing sanctions is appeasement**

Stern 6 (Martin, University of Maryland Graduate, Debunking detente, 11/27/06, http://www.diamondbackonline.com/article\_56223e79-7009-56a3-8afe-5d08bfff6e08.html)

Appeasement is defined as

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 better to define the word.

**thats distinct from engagement**

Resnick 1 (Evan, Assistant Professor and coordinator of the United States Programme at RSIS, “Defining Engagement,” Journal of International Affairs, 0022197X, Spring2001, Vol. 54, Issue 2, <http://web.ebscohost.com.turing.library.northwestern.edu/ehost/detail?sid=1b56e6b4-ade2-4052-9114-7d107fdbd019%40sessionmgr12&vid=2&hid=24&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=mth&AN=4437301>)

Thus, a rigid conceptual distinction \

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 the part of the target state.

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**Neolib in Latin America causes enviornmental collapse and moral obligation to reject it**

**Makwana 6** (Rajesh, STWR, 23rd November 06, <http://www.stwr.org/globalization/neoliberalism-and-economic-globalization.html>, ZBurdette)

Neoliberalism and Economic Globalization¶ The goal of neoliberal economic globalization is the removal of

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They would then be in a better position to compete in international markets.¶

**Vote neg to interrogate neoliberal economic engagement with latin America from the starting point of knowledge production.**

**Walsh, Estudios Culturales Latinoamericanos de la Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, 2012**

(Catherine, “The Politics of Naming”, Cultural Studies, 26.1, Project Muse)

Cultural Studies, in our project, is constructed and understood as more than a

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is only one of our options, and part of the politics of ¶

# Saudi DA

**A. Uniqueness**

**Saudi Arabia has not yet acquired the bomb. Perception of US support is the key factor.**

Guzansky ‘13

Yoel Guzansky is a fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University. His main research area is Gulf security. He has also served as Iran coordinator at Israel's National Security Council. His recent publications include The Gulf States in a Changing Strategic Environment (2012), One Year of the Arab Spring: Global and Regional Implications, and The Gulf States: Between Iran and the West – Middle East Quarterly¶ Spring 2013, pp. 59-64 – available at: http://www.meforum.org/3512/saudi-arabia-pakistan-nuclear-weapon

Continued Iranian progress toward a nuclear weapon, Iraq's increasing alignment with Tehran, and

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, to reduce risks and ensure the continuity of the House of Saud.

**B. Links**

**First – Cuban production trades-off with US- Mid-East oil ties**

Alhaiji and Maris ‘4

[Dr. A. F. Alhajji is an energy economist and George Patton Chair of Business and Economics at the College of Business Administration at Ohio Northern, Terry L. Maris is the founding executive director of the Center for Cuban. Business Studies and professor of management, “The Future of Cuba’s Energy Sector,” Cuba Today, 2004, http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/bildn/publications/cubatodaybookcomplete.pdf#page=105]

The current economic, political, and social trends in Cuba indicate that¶ energy

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the US and other oil producing countries, especially in the Middle East.

**Second – Perception. Saudi Arabia fears the narrative that the US may abandon them for North American supplies.**

Rogers 3/20

[2013 – Will Rogers is the Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). At CNAS, Mr. Rogers’ research focus is on science, technology and national security policy. He has authored or co-authored a range of publications on energy, climate change, environmental cooperation in Asia and cybersecurity, “America Committed to Gulf Security Despite Changing Relationship with Region's Oil, says Gen. Dempsey,” Center for New American Security, 2013, http://www.cnas.org/blogs/naturalsecurity/2013/03/america-committed-gulf-security-despite-changing-relationship-regions-]

America’s relationship with the Middle East’s energy resources is changing as U.S.

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- will have to be managed carefully. What a tightrope to walk.

**C- Impact – Saudi prolif causes nuclear war.**

Edelman ‘11

(Eric –Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments & Former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67162/eric-s-edelman-andrew-f-krepinevich-jr-and-evan-braden-montgomer/the-dangers-of-a-nuclear-iran)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive significant outside support

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Middle East could lead to a new Great Game, with unpredictable consequences.

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**Text: Norway should substantially increase its oil investment in Cuban oil.**

**Norway is comparatively safer than the US at drilling – solves spills**

**Zeldin 10** (Wendy, Senior Legal Research Analyst at the Library of Congress, “Norway; United States: Comparative Study of Drilling Regulations Issued,” September 15th, 2010, Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?disp3_l205402238_text> )

Sep 15, 2010) On August 26, 2010, DNV (Det Norske

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number of additional, specific points of comparison for each major chapter topic.¶

# 1NC Oil Spills

**Experts from other countries solve**

**Sanctions won’t block US safety response – We have allowed inspectors on cuban oil rigs**

**Bolstad ‘12**

Erika Bolstad is a reporter who covers Washington for the Anchorage Daily News, the Idaho Statesman and McClatchy Newspapers. This evidence internally quotes Lee Hunt, the former president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors. Hunt, in this instance, is arguably not biased in favor of drilling, as he is speaking to safety and clean-up regimes and he is speaking before a liberal think-tank in favor of human rights – McClatchy Newspapers – May 10, 2012 – http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/05/10/148433/cuba-embargo-could-threaten-oil.html#.UaoUWpyADq0

Several of the experts said Thursday they are confident that the Treasury Department could react

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companies that have contracted to use the same rig next in Cuban waters.

**Oceans are resilient – BP oil spill proves**

**National Geographic, 11** (Brian Handwerk – staff writer, April 19, 2011, “Gulf Oil Spill Anniversary: Resilience Amid Unknowns,” http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2011/04/110420-gulf-oil-spill-anniversary-year-later-science-nation-environment/, Hensel)

On the first anniversary of the Gulf oil spill, scientists caution that it could

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bounce back from the damage—at least in the short-term.

**Marine ecosystems are resilient**

**Kennedy ‘2**

Victor Kennedy, PhD Environmental Science and Dir. Cooperative Oxford Lab., 2002, “Coastal and Marine Ecosystems and Global Climate Change,” Pew, http://www.pewclimate.org/projects/marine.cfm

There is evidence that marine organisms and ecosystems are resilient to environmental change. Steele

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variability throughout their range, which may allow for adaptation to climate change.

**No extinction**

**The Economist, 09** (The Economist, January 15, 2009, “Second life: Biologists debate the scale of extinction in the world’s tropical forests,” http://www.economist.com/node/12926042, Hensel)

A RARE piece of good news from the world of conservation: the global extinction

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Once forest cover does start increasing, the rate of extinction should dwindle.

**Deforestation is a massive alt cause**

**Cardillo, 06** (Marcel, Division of Biology, Imperial College London, 2006, “Disappearing forests and biodiversity loss: which areas should we protect?,” International Forestry Review Volume 8, Issue 2, http://www.tempoandmode.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/int-forestry-review-june-2006-cardillo.pdf, Hensel)

The **destruction of forests** and other habitats is the **single most important cause of biodiversity**

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% under different modelled scenarios of forest loss to 2020 (Grelle 2005).

**Plan causes the impact - Prefer *daily drilling damage* over *unlikely accidental catastrophe*.**

White ‘10

(Jonathan P. White; J.D. 2010, University of Colorado Law School. Mr. White thanks Daniel Whittle, Cuba Program Director, Environmental Defense Fund; Dr. Orlando Rey Santos, Lawyer and Director of the Environmental Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology, and the Environment (CITMA), Havana, Cuba; and Richard Charter, Senior Policy Advisor, Defenders of Wildlife, for their guidance and input in preparation of this note. Summer, 2010 – Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy – 21 COLO. J. INT'L ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 557 – lexis)

Even without a catastrophe like the Deepwater Horizon spill, as a basic matter,

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expenses associated with doing business with the communist nation may inhibit drilling. n162

**Spill impact would be very contained – probably only affects Florida – no econ impact**

Whittle ‘12

Daniel J. Whittle et al, Cuba Program Director for the Oceans Program, Environmental Defense Fund, 2012, “Bridging the Gulf: Finding Common Ground on Environmental and Safety Preparedness for Offshore Oil and Gas in Cuba,” http://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/EDF-Bridging\_the\_Gulf-2012.pdf

In preparation for Repsol’s exploration project in 2012, NOAA generated computer tracking models to

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predicted a lower likelihood of oiling for shorelines north of the Florida border.

# 1NC Relations

**No china - US war - economic interdependence**

**Reuters 7/5/12** (Zhou Xin and Alan Wheatley “China won't dump U.S. Treasuries or pile into gold” [http://www.reuters.com/article/2010/07/07/us-china-economy-reserves-idUSTRE6660VC20100707)//](http://www.reuters.com/article/2010/07/07/us-china-economy-reserves-idUSTRE6660VC20100707%29//) CG

In the third in a series of statements explaining its work to the Chinese public

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are much greater, accounting for perhaps two-thirds of its reserves.

**No China-Taiwan war**

**Steketee 8** 8/19, \*MIKE STEKETEE: NATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR, “China unlikely to go to war over Taiwan, says defence expert,” http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/china-wont-fight-over-taiwan-expert/story-e6frg6t6-1111117233275, AJ

**CHINA is unlikely to be a military threat and the chances of a conflict over**

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that is more than the foreign service officers in the entire State Department."

 **Latin America is key to Chinese economic growth-**

Arnson et al. ‘9 (Cynthia Anderson, Mark Mohr, Riordan Roett, writers for Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, “Enter the Dragon? China’s Presence in Latin America”, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/EnterDragonFinal.pdf)//RJ

To China, Latin America represents a signiﬁcant source of the necessary natural resources that

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the region. Thus, Latin America represents a substantial market for Chinese goods

**China economic collapse causes WW3- hotspot for escalation**

**Plate, 03 -** Mr. Plate is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Century Association of New York and the Phi Beta Kappa Society(Tom Plate, “Why Not Invade China” Asia Pacific Media Networks, 6/30, http://asiamedia.ucla.edu/TomPlate2003/06302003.htm)//JS

But imagine a China disintegrating -- on its own, without neo-con or

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con insanity is more of a danger to the Bush presidency than China.

**Chinese influence in Latin America is a key to their soft power**

**Castillo 9 –**Anthony Castillo is a writer for the Diplomat, (“China in Latin America, June 18, 2009, http://thediplomat.com/2009/06/18/china-in-latin-america/?all=true)//sawyer

China’s aim in Latin America these days differs dramatically from the 1960s, when the

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Chinatown’s leaders play a central role in making connections and building partnerships.’

**Chinese soft power solves the aff comparatively better**

Zhang ‘12

[Prof of Diplomacy and IR at the Geneva School of Diplomacy. “The Rise of China’s Political Softpower” 9/4/12 http://www.china.org.cn/opinion/2012-09/04/content\_26421330.htm ]

As China plays an increasingly significant role in the world, its soft power must

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As the China model improves, it will continue to surprise the world.

**China’s soft power solves a North Korean nuclear conflict – China is a key ally**

Liu, 07 – Staff Writer (Melinda, “Can China Play Hardball Diplomacy?”, Newsweek, 2/8, http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17051760/site/newsweek/print/1/displaymode/1098)//VP

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Christopher

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—at least on how the first stage of disarmament could play out.

**Extinction**

Chol, 02 – Writer and editor based in Japan and an unofficial spokesperson of North Korea (Kim Myong, “Agreed Framework is Brain Dead: Shotgun Wedding is the Only Option to Defuse Crisis”, 10/24, http://nautilus.org/napsnet/napsnet-policy-forum/nautilus-institute-policy-forum-online-agreed-framework-is-brain-dead-shotgun-wedding-is-the-only-option-to-defuse-crisis-2/#ixzz2Xv78axxm)//VP

The second choice is for the Americans to initiate military action to knock out the

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would end up finding themselves reduced to a second-class nuclear power.