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**Cuba is a flagrant, willful, and persistent violator of human rights — repression is worsening.**

Miami Herald 13 — Miami Herald, 2013 (“Human rights under abuse in Cuba,” Editorial, April 22nd, Available Online at http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/04/22/3358813/human-rights-under-abuse-in-cuba.html#storylink=cpy, Accessed 07-03-2013)

The State Department’s latest report on human-rights practices effectively puts the lie to

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who demand a genuinely free Cuba. Fundamental reform? Not a chance.¶

**Reject engagement with human rights abusers — *moral duty* to shun.**

Beversluis 89 — Eric H. Beversluis, Professor of Philosophy and Economics at Aquinas College, holds an A.B. in Philosophy and German from Calvin College, an M.A. in Philosophy from Northwestern University, an M.A. in Economics from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Education from Northwestern University, 1989 (“On Shunning Undesirable Regimes: Ethics and Economic Sanctions,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Volume 3, Number 2, April, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via JSTOR, p. 17-19)

A fundamental task of morality is resolving conflicting interests. If we both want the

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failure as tacit complicity in the willful, persistent, and flagrant immorality.¶

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**A. Interpretation – Removing sanctions is a form of 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 "granting

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I don't know how better to define the word.

**Engagement and appeasement are distinct**

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 can be drawn between engagement and appeasement. Whereas

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or in exchange for certain concessions on the part of the target state.

# 3

**Chinese influence increasing-its zero sum**

**Martinez, 13** – Columnist for the Sun Sentinel (Guillermo I., “America Losing Influence Throughout Latin America”, Sun Sentinel, 5/23, http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-05-23/news/fl-gmcol-oped0523-20130523\_1\_drug-cartels-latin-america-pri)//VP

Once upon a time, as many fairy tales start, the United States was

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lose status as a premier world power. This is no fairy tale.

**China’s influence is zero-sum- lack of US influence is key**

**Kreps, 13** **–** Assistant Professors of Government at Cornell University **(**Sarah E., “No Strings Attached? Evaluating China’s Trade Relations Abroad,” May 17, http://thediplomat.com/china-power/no-strings-attached-evaluating-chinas-trade-relations-abroad)//VP

To be sure, China may not have a purposeful plan to bring their trade

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its trade and diplomatic agenda as an important means of projecting influence abroad.

**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.’

**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.

# 4

**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.

**Plan kills capital – Cuba policy is totally unique**

LeoGrande, 12

William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action.

**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.

**Global nuclear war**

Harris & Burrows 9 Mathew, PhD European History @ Cambridge, counselor of the U.S. National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer, member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f\_0016178\_13952.pdf

Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and indeed believes the future is

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

# 5

**The United States Federal Government should phase out loan guarantees for sugar and eliminate all non-Cuba parts of the tariff rate quota (TRQ) for sugar.**

**Solves ethanol**

**The Houston Chronicle** 3/30/20**08** (Loren Steffy, business columnist, Biofuel startup slow going, p. lexis)

More than half of the world's ethanol is made from sugar, with Brazil the

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price supports on domestic sugar that almost double the cost compared with corn.

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**Cuba’s economy is recovering- reforms, GDP growth, employment, and industrial base- prefer our ev- it’s predictive**

**Xinhua 7-2-2013** (Xinhua, Chinese news agency, july 2, 2013. “Cuba making economic progress: president.” <http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/business/2013-07/02/c_132503979.htm>)//NR

President Raul Castro says the communist island's economic transformations are advancing fast with noticeable results

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, will consider reports from the ministries of economy and finance and prices.

**No I/L- the embargo doesn’t harm the economy**

Jorge 2000 (Dr. Antonio, Professor of Political Economy at Florida International University, "The U.S. Embargo and the Failure of the Cuban Economy" (2000).Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies Occasional Papers.Paper 28. http://scholarlyrepository.miami.edu/iccaspapers/28)//NR

Under the real world of Castroism, however, the answer must be a terse

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not have been any different, regardless of who had financed his Revolution.

**Basco evidence sucks – concedes that empirically hotspots don’t escalate – says summer of 06 Paki- India war shuld have escalated**

**Zero risk of nuclear terrorism**

**Chapman 12** 5/22, \*Stephen Chapman is a columnist and editorial writer for the Chicago Tribune, “CHAPMAN: Nuclear terrorism unlikely,” http://www.oaoa.com/articles/chapman-87719-nuclear-terrorism.html, AJ

Ever since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have had to live with the

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, it appears, the worst eventuality is **one that will never happen**.

**US won’t use nuclear retaliation against non-state nuclear terror.**

Washington Post ‘7

(Thursday, August 2, 2007 – “Obama says no nuclear weapons to fight terror” – http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/02/AR2007080201375\_pf.html)

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama said Thursday he would not use nuclear weapons "in any

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There's been no discussion of nuclear weapons. That's not on the table."

# 1NC Adv 2

**The impact is Bee-S.**

**The Australian Magazine ‘9** (Rod Liddle, “Bee All & End All”, 11-21, L/N)

So what about bees? You will undoubtedly have read many articles over the past

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, the politicians or the distributors of the film Vanishing of the Bees.

**No way bees cause extinction – best studies**

**Delaplane ’10** (Keith, Prof. Entomology – U. Georgia, “On Einstein, Bees, and Survival of the Human Race”, Last Updated 4-5, Written after 2009, http://www.ent.uga.edu/bees/OnEinsteinBeesandSurvivaloftheHumanRaceHoneyBeeProgramCAESEntomologyUGA.html)

This sounds presumptuous, doesn’t it? I mean, lumping bees alongside weighty stuff

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we will place a high value indeed on honey bees and other pollinators.

**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).

**Cuban sugarcane won’t be able to meet demand**

**Soligo & Jaffe, 10–** Rice Scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University AND Wallace S. Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies at Rice University (Ronald AND Amy Myers, Cuba's Energy Future Strategic Approaches to Cooperation, p. 102-103)//NG

Issues in Achieving Cuba’s Ethanol Potential As noted, estimates of Cuba’s ethanol potential will

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at 2006 prices) to build sufficient capacity to produce 2 billion gallons.

**Alt causes**

**A. Solar changes**

**National Post, 2007** (Lawrence Solomon, staff writer, February 7, “Look to Mars for the Truth on Globl Warming” http://www.nationalpost.com/story.html?id=edae9952-3c3e-47ba-913f-7359a5c7f723&k=0/)

Climate change is a much, much bigger issue than the public, politicians,

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expansion, ascend to the atmosphere only to give the absorbed heat away."

**B. Methane**

**Noam Mohr 5,** Coordinator of the Jewish Vegetarians of North America, 2005(“A New Global Warming Strategy How Environmentalists are Overlooking Vegetarianism as the Most Effective Tool Against Climate Change in Our Lifetimes” http://www.earthsave.org/news/earthsave\_global\_warming\_report.pdf)

By far the most important non-CO2 greenhouse gas is methane, and the

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the number one source of water pollution in the U.S.29

**C. These natural factors outweigh human influence --- we have comparative evidence**

**Welt** 2/8/**12** (“The Cold Sun: Why the Climate Catastrophe Wont Happen” <http://thegwpf.org/international-news/4932-the-cold-sun-why-the-climate-catastrophe-wont-happen.html>, PZ)

\*Vahrenholt has a PhD in Chemistry, is one of the fathers of Germany's

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Pacific and Atlantic Oscillations are still not taken into account in their models.

**D. No impact to warming**

**NIPCC 11** (Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, “2011 Interim Report from the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change,” http://nipccreport.org/reports/2011/2011report.html)

The first period they examined was the Eocene Climatic Optimum (53–51 million

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must be considered little more than guesswork (see also Chapman, 2010).