### Plan

#### Plan: The United States federal government should authorize companies to provide services for the development of Cuban offshore oil resources if and only if Cuba imposes sanctions similar to those imposed by the USfg.

### Contention 1: Solvency

#### President has the authority to license American companies to develop offshore oil

Pascual & Huddleston, 9 – Carlos, VP and Director of Foreign Policy, Brookings Institute, and Vicki, Visiting Fellow (“CUBA: A New policy of Critical and Constructive Engagement”, April, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2009/4/cuba/0413\_cuba.pdf)

Licensing U.S. companies […] Cuba’s offshore oil and gas.

#### Cuba welcomes U.S. investment in oil development

CDA, 11 – Center for Democracy in the Americas, nonprofit devoted to changing U.S. policy towards the countries of the Americas, (“As Cuba plans to drill in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. policy poses needless risks to our national interest,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf)//AK

6. Cuba would welcome […] for partners elsewhere.

#### General licensing is key to ensuring companies have full access to U.S. technology and personnel in case of a spill

CDA, 11 - Center for Democracy in the Americas, nonprofit devoted to changing American policy towards the countries of the Americas, (9/9, “Cuba Drilling and U.S. Policy,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf) //AK

As Robert Muse […] manage a blowout.

### Advantage 1: Environment

#### Cuba will drill with or without the US

Gibson 14 (William E. Gibson, author for the Washington bureau and for the sun sentinel) http://www.bing.com/search?setmkt=en-US&q=cuba+presses+ahead+on+offshore+oil+drilling+sunset+sentinel)WWiechman

Cuban officials are […] to find it.

#### Only a rapid U.S. response can prevent spills

Bert and Clayton 12 (Melissa, 2011-12 Military Fellow, U.S. Coast Guard, and Blake, Fellow for Energy and National Security (“Addressing the Risk of a Cuban Oil Spill,” March, <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/addressing-risk-cuban-oil-spill/p27515>)//SEP

Defending U.S. Interests […] this time from Cuba.

#### Status quo efforts are insufficient to stop an oil spill – general and pre-approved licenses are needed to solve

CDA, 12 – Center for Democracy in the Americas, nonprofit devoted to changing American policy towards the countries of the Americas (“Not Like Oil and Water: Cuba and the U.S. Can Cooperate on Drilling,”http://cubacentral.wordpress.com/2012/09/07/not-like-oil-and-water-cuba-and-the-us-can-cooperate-on-drilling/)//SEP

The Environmental Defense […] a significant oil spill.

#### Alternative methods of spill containment fail in Cuban waters – only U.S. techniques solve

Bert and Clayton, 12 – Melissa, 2011-12 Military Fellow, U.S. Coast Guard, and Blake, Fellow for Energy and National Security (“Addressing the Risk of a Cuban Oil Spill,” March, <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/addressing-risk-cuban-oil-spill/p27515>)//SEP

Washington cannot count […] containment booms ineffective.

#### Oil spills are very likely without advanced U.S. drilling technology – which no country can use under the embargo

Davenport, 11 (Coral, National Journal, “Drill, Bebe, Drill,” 7/28, http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/will-sloppy-drilling-off-the-coast-of-cuba-threaten-florida-gulf-beaches--20110728)//SEP

But the potential […] despite the embargo.

#### Cuban oil spill devastates Florida’s ecosystem without U.S. intervention

Stephens and Colvin, 11 – Sarah, Executive Director of the Center for Democracy in the America, and Jake, VP for Global Trade Issues at the National Foreign Trade Council

(“US-Cuba policy, and the race for oil drilling,” 9/29, <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/184661-us-cuba-policy-and-the-race-for-oil-drilling>)//SEP

To protect the […] crisis involving Cuba.

#### Oil spill casts the final blow to Florida’s coral reefs– even a few days delay would be catastrophic

Thompson, 11- Freelance writer focused on science, environmental, and outdoor stories

(Kaylee, “ What if Cuba’s Offshore Oil Project, Only 100 Miles From Florida, Goes Wrong?”, Popular Mechanics, November 2, 2011, [http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/energy/coal-oil-gas/what-if-cubas-offshore-oil-project-only-100-miles-from-florida-goes-wrong)//TWR](http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/energy/coal-oil-gas/what-if-cubas-offshore-oil-project-only-100-miles-from-florida-goes-wrong%29//TWR)

Cuba’s enormous offshore […] in U.S. waters."

#### Coral reefs are the rainforests of the sea – responsible for staggering numbers of species

Knowlton et al., 10—Nancy, Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego (Coral Reef Biodiversity. Life in the world's oceans: diversity, distribution, and abundance. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell Pub., p. 65]//MM

Coral reefs are […] associated with reefs.

#### Ocean biodiversity key to survival

Craig 3 - Attorneys’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at Florida State University (Robin Kundis, “ARTICLE: Taking Steps Toward Marine Wilderness Protection? Fishing and Coral Reef Marine Reserves in Florida and Hawaii,” McGeorge Law Review, Winter 2003, 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155)

Biodiversity and ecosystem […] in the world.

### Ad 2 is Ukranian crisis

#### The US wants help from its allies on sanctioning Russia

Klapper Tuesday (Bradley Klapper in Washington, Monika Scislowska in Warsaw, Poland and Raphael Satter in London contributed reporting.)

http://tribune-chronicle.com/page/content.detail/id/468426/US--EU-push-for-Russia-sanctions-over-Ukraine.html?isap=1&nav=5030

The United States […] from its allies.

#### Plan is key to Latin American relations

CNN march 4, 2014 (cnn is a news source)

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/04/opinion/rubio-ukraine-congress-action/index.html> WW

Some may argue […] not going anywhere.

#### Russian sanctions help Latin American econ, shows incentive to do the plan

Brandimarte and Cohn Thursday (http://www.cnbc.com/id/101473414)

Emerging market currencies […] Black Sea peninsula.¶

#### Now key – the conflict is escalating out of control

Spark and Chance 8:05 AM Today (Laura Smith-Spark and Matthew Chance, 9:05 AM EST Sat March 8 2014, CNN's Matthew Chance reported from Simferopol, and Laura Smith-Spark wrote from London, <http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/08/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/>) SMadson

Simferopol, Ukraine (CNN) – […] evacuated our consulate."

#### A strong and continuing response is key to stop Nuclear Prolif

Pifer March 4, 2014 (Steven Pifer, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, is a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and helped negotiate the Budapest Memorandum)

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/04/opinion/pifer-ukraine-budapest-memorandum/> WW

A strong response […] cases, such as Iran.¶

**Prolif drastically increases the risk of accidents – guarantees nuclear war**

**Sturm 09 –** Fellow at the National Truman Security Project, a national security based institute in Washington DC (Frankie, “Nuclear Weapons: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century, Truman National Security Project”)//AA

Accidents happen, but […] to the threat.

### Cuban Economy – 1AC

#### Advantage 3: Cuban Economy

#### U.S. embargo makes drilling slow and ineffective now

Krauss & Cave, 12 (Clifford and Damien, New York Times, “Cuba’s Prospects for an Oil-Fueled Economic Jolt Falter With Departure of Rig,” 11/9, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/10/world/americas/rigs-departure-to-hamper-cubas-oil-prospects.html)

Cuba’s hopes of […] for the island.

#### Venezuelan cutoff is inevitable and devastates Cuba’s economy overnight – offshore drilling solves

CDA, 11 – Center for Democracy in Americas, nonprofit devoted to changing U.S. policy towards the countries of the Americas, (CAs Cuba plans to drill in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. policy poses needless risks to our national interest,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf)//MM

3. Cuba’s arrangement with […] own domestic requirements .

#### Venezuelan oil discount is unsustainable – Maduro will be susceptible to domestic pressure to reduce aid

Keppel , 13 - Economist, writer, and producer with a focus on the Americas, MA International Affairs, Columbia University (Stephen, “What Chávez's Death Means for Cuba, Venezuela and the U.S.” ABC News, March 16, 2013, <http://abcnews.go.com/ABC_Univision/chavezs-death-means-cuba-venezuela-us/story?id=18669003>)

Upon hearing news […] things get tougher.

#### Offshore oil development leads to Cuban political and economic stability

Pinon, 11 – Visiting Research Fellow at the Latin American and Caribbean Center’s Cuban Research Institute at FIU

(Jorge, Spring, "Why the United States and Cuba Collaborate (and What Could Happen If They Don't)," casgroup.fiu.edu/pages/docs/2157/1306356964\_Hemisphere\_Vol.\_20.pdf)//SEP

If Cuba’s suspected […] including the United States.

#### Developing just a few wells solves Cuban dependence on Venezuela – majority of the discovered oil will go to Cuba

Katusa, 11(Marin, 11/1, 321Energy, “Will Offshore Oil Lubricate U.S.-Cuban Relations?”

ttp://www.321energy.com/editorials/casey/casey110111.html)//SEP

And yes, finding […] the Caribbean nation.

Luring investors now is key to Cuba securing new financing from creditors in exchange for future oil riches – failure will cause them to look elsewhere for oil

Haven, 12 (Paul, Huffington Post, “Cuba Oil Production: Cuba Waits Anxiously for Oil Dreams to Materialize, 5/27, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/27/cuba-oil-production\_n\_1549081.html)//SEP

"If oil is […] their investment back

#### Cuban instability results in Latin American instability, terrorism, and democratic backsliding

Gorrell, 5 – Lieutenant Colonel (Tim, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” 3/18, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074)

Regardless of the […] post-Castro Cuba?

#### Caribbean instability causes bioterrorism and LNG explosions

Bryan, 1 – Director of the Caribbean Program, North/South Center & Stephen, Senior Fellow Council of Foreign Relations (Anthony T., “Terrorism, Porous Borders, and Homeland Security: The Case for U.S.-Caribbean Cooperation,” 10-21, http://www.cfr.org/publication/4844/terrorism\_porous\_borders\_and \_homeland\_ security.html)

Terrorist acts can […] within national borders.

#### Single LNG tanker explosion is equal to fifty-five Hiroshima bombs – outweighs nuclear war

Lovin,1(Amory B., Chief Scientist of the [Rocky Mountain Institute](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rocky_Mountain_Institute), and L. Hunter Lovin, President – National Capitalism and Co-Founder – Rocky Mountain Institute, “Brittle Power: Energy Strategy for National Security”, http://verdilivorno.it/doc\_gnl/198204\_Brittle\_Power\_intro\_GNL\_note.pdf)

About nine percent […] fifty-five Hiroshima bombs.