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With Cuba cautiously introducing free-market changes that have legalized hundreds of thousands of

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====Immigration reform will pass – just a matter of details====

\*\*Rubin 12/3\*\* – Political analyst for the Washington Post (Jennifer, "John Boehner resurrects immigration reform", 12/3/13, http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2013/12/03/john-boehner-resurrects-immigration-reform/, HW)

If personnel is policy then House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) is

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from a few months ago when the conventional wisdom proclaimed immigration reform dead.

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====CIR is a prerequisite to relations w/ India====

\*\*L\*\*os \*\*A\*\*ngeles \*\*Times\*\*, 11/9/20\*\*12\*\* (Other countries eagerly await U.S. immigration reform, p. http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world\_now/2012/11/us-immigration-reform-eagerly-awaited-by-source-countries.html)

"Comprehensive immigration reform will see expansion of skilled labor visas," predicted B.

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see the immigration opportunity as a bigger plus than not," he said.

====U.S.-India relations solve South Asian nuclear war====

\*\*Schaffer\*\*, Spring 200\*\*2\*\* (Teresita – Director of the South Asia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Security, Washington Quarterly, p. Lexis)

Washington~’s increased interest in India since the late 1990s reflects India~’s economic expansion and position

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people out of poverty depends critically on good relations with the United States.

====South Asia nuke war leads to extinction====

Hundley 12 (Tom Hundley is senior editor at the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. This article for Foreign Policy is part of the Pulitzer Center~’s Gateway project on nuclear security. Race to the End http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/09/05/race\_to\_the\_end?page=0,3)

The arms race could make a loose nuke more likely. After all, Pakistan~’s

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it, but neither seems able to slow their dangerous race to annihilation.

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\*\*====US-Brazil relations high— but respect key.====\*\*

\*\*Quitani and Moody 9/26 (Ana and Mary, 9/26/13, The Heritage Foundation, "U.S.-Brazil Relations: Where Do We Go from Here?", \*\*http://blog.heritage.org/2013/09/26/u-s-brazil-relations-where-do-we-go-from-here/, ALT)

Aside from the potential economic costs of a fallout with Brazil, the political costs

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power and recognize that increased trade and economic cooperation would benefit both countries.

====Real or perceived unilateral US interventions in Latin America kill relations.====

\*\*Rothcopf 9 (David, Council on Foreign Relations~’ Task Force on Latin America, Center For American Progress, "The Possibility of Partnership", \*\*http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/03/pdf/brazil.pdf, ALT)

Any real or perceived interference in the region by the United States would greatly upset

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to interject itself as a third party with a third point of view.

====Turns case- relations key to Amazon (optional: key to stop warming)====

\*\*Meyer, Analyst in Latin American Affairs,\*\* 2/27/\*\*13\*\* (Peter Congressional research service: "Brazil-U.S. Relations" http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33456.pdf Date accessed: 7/6/13)KG

The Amazon basin spans the borders of eight countries and is the most biodiverse tract

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the Amazon such as the Atlantic Rainforest, Caatinga, and Cerrado ecosystems.

\*\*====And, Amazon destruction causes extinction====\*\*

\*\*Takacs 96 \*\*- Ph.D. in science and technology studies @ Cornell, Professor of Environmental Humanities, Institute for Earth Systems Science and Policy, California State University, Monterey Bay, David, The Idea of Biodiversity: Philosophies of Paradise, p. 200-1~~]

"Habitat destruction and conversion are eliminating species at such a frightening pace that extinction

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the famines could lead to a thermonuclear war, which could extinguish civilization.""

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====Relations high— but talks between ambassadors prove bilateral coop key.====

\*\*Xinhua 9/26 (Xinhua News, "China to work with U.S. to ensure steady improvement of ties: ambassador", 9/26/13, \*\*http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2013-09/27/c\_132756373.htm\*\*)\*\*

China is willing to work together with the United States to take concrete steps to

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made by the two sides to implement the consensus in the past months.¶

====B. Link – US engagement in Latin America crushes relations – causes crowd out ====

\*\*Ellis, professor of national security studies at the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, 12\*\*

~~[R. Evan, May 2012, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, "The United States, Latin America and China: A ~’Triangular Relationship~’?", http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD8661\_China\_Triangular0424v2e-may.pdf, Accessed 7/2/13, ML~~]

At the political level, US engagement with Latin American ¶ countries has impacted the

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States blocked it from acquiring a comparable ¶ aircraft from the Czech Republic.

====C. Impact – Relations are key to solve a US-China war ====

\*\*Lawrence, Specialist in Asian Affairs, 13 \*\*

~~[Susan V. June 14, Congressional Research Service U.S.-China Relations: Policy Issues http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41108.pdf RC~~]

Hanging over the relationship is the larger question of whether, as China grows in

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"appear to ¶ be attributable directly to the Chinese government and military."

====That escalates and causes nuclear winter====

====US China conflict could escalate to nuclear war – improving relations is the only solution ====

\*\*Wittner 11, Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany, 12\*\*

~~[Dr. Lawrence Wittner 11/10/12, Huffington Post http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lawrence-wittner/nuclear-war-china\_b\_1116556.html)~~]

While nuclear weapons exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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that of the world, they should be working to encourage these policies.