### Contention 1: The Embargo

**It is a relic of Cold War policy that serves to oppress citizens and uses the Cuban people as a means to an end**

Lesser 10 [Max, Financial Director at the George Washington Pre-Law Student Association, November 9th 2010, Penn Political Review, “The End of the Embargo Era,” <http://pennpoliticalreview.org/2010/11/the-end-of-the-embargo-era/>, accessed 7/12/13]

It has now been

the for­mula must be recalculated.

**Specifically, financial restrictions require the US to oppose any loans to Cuba and dual-use restrictions prevent importation of critical medical supplies**

Bolender 13 [Keith, 4-22-13, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “The Terrorist List, and Terrorism as Practiced Against Cuba,” http://www.coha.org/22355/, accessed 6-25-13]

Of all the components

including hospital equipment.

**Sanctions are a modern version of siege warfare – they purposefully deprive civilians of basic necessities putting the most vulnerable at risk**

Gordon 06 [Joy, Professor of Philosophy at Fairfield University, published in the Harvard University Press, “A Peaceful, Silent, Deadly Remedy: The Ethics Of Economic Sanctions,” Ethics and International Affairs, Volume 13, Issue 1, 4-11-06, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.turing.library.northwestern.edu/doi/10.1111/j.1747-7093.1999.tb00330.x/pdf>, accessed 8/1/13]

In many regards, sanctions are the

same moral objections as siege warfare.

**This direct violence against the Cuban people is a form of economic terrorism, but is concealed by an ethically bankrupt form of consequentialism that excuses this violence in the name of national security**

Kauzlarich et al. 01 [David, professor of sociology @ Southern Illinois Rick A. Matthews, Ohio University, William J. Miller, professor @ Carthage College, 2001, Critical Criminology, “Toward A Victimology of State Crime”, <http://jthomasniu.org/class/781/Assigs/kauzvictimology.pdf>, accessed 7-1-13]

Propositions about the victimology

institutional harms caused by its agencies.

### Plan

**The United States federal government should remove economic sanctions against Cuba.**

### Contention 2: Framing

**Utilitarianism is a faulty lens for sanctions – an ethical standpoint is necessary**

Kochler 94 [Dr. Hans, International Press Organization and Professor of Philosophy, “Ethical Aspects of Sanctions in International Law The Practice of the Sanctions Policy and Human Rights”, <http://i-p-o.org/sanctp.htm#I>, accessed 7/8/13]

Comprehensive economic sanctions

government to alter its course of action.

**Utilitarian calculus makes decision-making impossible— it justifies atrocities in a framework of “necro-economics”**

**Weizman 11** [Eyal, Prof of visual and spatial cultures @ Goldsmiths, U of London, The Least of All Possible Evils: Humanitarian Violence from Arendt to Gaza, p. 8-10, accessed 9/12/13]

The theological origins of the lesser evil

grounded in this impossibility.17

**You should never commit a sure evil to avoid a possible one – consequentialist logic can be manipulated to avoid their disads**

Gewirth 84 [Alan, Absolutism and its Consequentialist Critics, ed. Haber, p. 138-139]

6. There is, however,

the limits of his own principle.

**Backlash of other parties shouldn’t implicate your decision calculus as an ethical policy maker**

Gewirth 82 **[**Alan, Professor of Philosophy @ The University of Chicago, 19 “Human Rights: Essay on Justification and Application.” Pg. 230]

The required supplement

rights of blacks.

**Sole focus on survival destroys value to life and is always used to justify the worst atrocities.**

Callahan 73 [Daniel, Fellow at the Institute of Society and Ethics, 1973, “The Tyranny of Survival”, Pages 91-93]

The value of survival

to end all Pyrrhic victories.

**Existential risk methodology destroys rational decision-making and makes calculations impossible**

Kessler 08 [Oliver Kessler, Prof Sociology @ Univ of Bielefield. “From Insecurity to Uncertainty: Risk and the Paradox of Security Politics” Alternatives. 33(2008)]

The problem of the second method is that **it is**

assessed with relative certainty.

**Subsequently, low probability should be no probability – try or die logic promotes serial policy failure**

Sunstein 2 [Cass, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago, Law School and Department of Political Science, Probability Neglect: Emotions, Worst Cases, and Law, http://www.yalelawjournal.org/pdf/112-1/SunsteinFINAL.pdf]

If someone is

not matter when each risk is taken in isolation.

**Reject their predictions of international actors – they are no better than “dart-throwing chimpanzees”**

**Tetlock & Gardner 11** [Philip Tetlock is a professor of organizational behavior at the Haas Business School at the University of California-Berkeley, AND Dan Gardner is a columnist and senior writer for the Ottawa Citizen and the author of The Science of Fear, received numerous awards for his writing, including the Michener Award, M.A. History from York, "OVERCOMING OUR AVERSION TO ACKNOWLEDGING OUR IGNORANCE" July 11 [www.cato-unbound.org/2011/07/11/dan-gardner-and-philip-tetlock/overcoming-our-aversion-to-acknowledging-our-ignorance/](http://www.cato-unbound.org/2011/07/11/dan-gardner-and-philip-tetlock/overcoming-our-aversion-to-acknowledging-our-ignorance/)]

Each December,

**dart-throwing chimpanzee**.

**Obsession with short-time frame impacts obscures ongoing violence that doesn’t fit neatly within conventional temporal frames**

**Nixon 10**(Rob, Rachel Carson Professor of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor, pp 1-14)

When Lawrence Summers, then president

**ignore ongoing, belated casualties.**

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Gewirth 82 **[**Alan, Professor of Philosophy @ The University of Chicago, 19 “Human Rights: Essay on Justification and Application.” Pg. 230]