**Plan:**

**The United States federal government should substantially increase its investment in and around US- Mexico land ports of entry.**

**Contention 1 is Manufacturing**

**We’ll isolate 2 scenarios**

**First is American Manufacturing**

**US manufacturing is losing its competitive edge- slowing momentum and China dominance**

**Tonelson 7/1** (Alan Tonelson is an American economist who is a Research Fellow at the U.S. Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation. He has written extensively on the trade deficit between the United States and other countries. 7/1/13, Bloomberg, “Why Celebrate a False U.S. Manufacturing Renaissance?” http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-07-01/why-celebrate-a-false-u-s-manufacturing-renaissance-.html)

The repeated claims that U.S. manufacturing is enjoying, or is on

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further behind that of China, the world’s new industrial-production leader.

**Manufacturing Tech improvements brings out huge re shoring potential but only the plan can solve**

**Wilson 13,** Christopher Wilson is an Associate at the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he develops the Institute’s research and programming on regional economic integration and U.S.-Mexico border affairs. The Wilson Center: “New Ideas ¶ for a New Era:¶ Policy Options for the Next Stage ¶ in U.S.-Mexico Relations, Trade and border Congestion” http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/new\_ideas\_new\_era.pdf

At a time when Mexico is poised to experience robust economic growth, a manufacturing

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at the border remain ¶ long and there is much work to do.

**US Manufacturing competiveness is key to- tech and hegemony**

**Boushey 12** (Heather Boushey, Senior Economist, Center for American Progress Action Fund, July 19th, 2012, "Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Meanson Tax Reform and the U.S. Manufacturing Sector" waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/boushey\_testimony.pdf)

Having a strong manufacturing industry in the United States should be at the top of

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ideas. How will we fare if those ideas originate somewhere else?”34

**Tech and innovation is key to U.S. hegemony**

**Segal 4** (Adam, Maurice R. Greenberg Senior Fellow for China Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Affairs, November-December 2004, Is America Losing Its Edge?, pg. 2 Vol. 83 No. 6, Technology Enterprises in China)

The United States' global primacy depends in large part on its ability to develop new

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the period prior to the possible crossover.19 pg. 647-650

**Second is Mexican Manufacturing**

**Mexico’s economy is contracting because of bad manufacturing**

**Chan 8/21** Szu Ping ChanThe Telegraph **“Mexico slashes growth forecasts** amid first contraction in four years”

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/economics/10256410/Mexico-slashes-growth-forecasts-amid-first-contraction-in-four-years.html

Driven by a fall in services and factory output, the economy contracted by 0

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demand that began in 2012, as well as lackluster global economic activity.¶

**Free trade induced Manufacturing is k2 the Mexican Economy- most important sector**

**O’Neil 13** – PhD in Government @ Harvard, senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization (Shannon, “Mexico Makes It: A Transformed Society, Economy, and Government,” Foreign Affairs, 92.2)

Today, Mexico has shaken off this volatile past to become one of the most

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a peak of nearly 20 percent in 1981 to around six percent today.

**Specifically, Lack of trade facilitation has made NAFTA ineffective at benefiting Mexican Manufacturing, the plan solves**

**Peters 09 –** Enrique Dussel, professor at the Graduate School of Economics, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (“Manufacturing Competitiveness: Toward a Regional Development Agenda,” The Future of North American Trade Policy: Lessons from NAFTA, Pardee Center, November 2009, http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/Pubs/rp/PardeeNAFTACh2PetersManufNov09.pdf)

One of the Mexican government’s goals in signing NAFTA was to expand its manufacturing sector

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was going to benefit through economic¶ integration, it was manufacturing.3

**Mexican Econ Growth Key to preventing Mexican collapse and instability**

**Barnes 11** (Joe, Fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University,4-29-11, "Oil and U.S. - Mexico Bilateral Relations" , Baker Institute, http://bakerinstitute.org/publications/EF-pub-BarnesBilateral-04292011.pdf , 6/29/13)

There is, however, one set of circumstances which this decline would capture Washington's

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this were to occur, Washington would have no choice but to respond.

**Mexican economic and political instability collapses US Heg**

**Smith 13**
Simon Bolivar Professor of Latin American Studies at University of California in San Diego.[1] He has been president of the Latin American Studies Association since 1989, Ph.D. in Comparative Politics, Latin America from Columbia University “Global Scenarios and Bilateral Priorities” Mexico and the United States : the politics of partnership I Peter H. Smith and Andrew Selee, editors. P. 19-20

A more nuanced interpretation of unipolarity emerges from the recent work of Zbigniew Brzezinski,

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significant pillar for US power and it therefore deserves concomitant attention from policymakers.

**Hegemony prevents nuclear war- science and scholarship prove**

**Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth 13**

[Stephen G. Brooks is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College.G. John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University.William C. Wohlforth is the Daniel Webster Professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment”, Winter 2013, Vol. 37, No. 3, Pages 7-51, <http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/ISEC_a_00107>]

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

**The pursuit of hegemony is inevitable- empirics and political climate**

**Brooks, Ikenberry, Wohlforth 13** – \*Stephen G. Brooks is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, \*\*John Ikenberry is Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, \*\*William C. Wohlforth is Daniel Webster Professor of Government at Dartmouth College (“Lean Forward: In Defense of American Engagement”, January/February 2013, Foreign Affairs, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138468/stephen-g-brooks-g-john-ikenberry-and-william-c-wohlforth/lean-forward>)

Since the end of World War II, the United States has pursued a single

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ties, and give up its efforts to lead the liberal international order.¶

**Contention 2 is Mexican Relations**

#### Us Mexico relations are at a low point specifically because of border policy

Corchado 8/11 Alfredo Corchado, Mexico bureau chief for the Dallas Morning News “Drug lord’s release in DEA agent's 1985 death adds uncertainty to U.S.-Mexico relations” http://www.dallasnews.com/news/nationworld/mexico/20130811-drug-lords-release-in-dea-agent-s-1985-death-adds-uncertainty-to-u.s.-mexico-relations.ece

CIUDAD JUÁREZ, Mexico — The release from prison of infamous drug lord Rafael Caro

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eroding, said experts and former DEA officials familiar with the Camarena case.

**The plan changes the perception of Mexico from a problem to a business partner- spillover to other issues**

**Selee and Wilson 12**

Andrew, vice president for programs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a senior adviser for the Mexico Institute at the Wilson Center and Christopher, associate for the Mexico Institute at the Wilson Center (“Getting ready for a new era in U.S.-Mexico ties,” CNN.com, <http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/03/getting-ready-for-a-new-era-in-u-s-mexico-ties/>)

U.S.-Mexico relations have been dominated for the past six years by

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such a change in perception occurs, the results will speak for themselves.

**Now is key**

**O’Neil 13**
Shannon O'Neil is Senior Fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), “U.S. Exports Depend on Mexico ” Latin America’s Moment January 11 <http://blogs.cfr.org/oneil/2013/01/11/u-s-exports-depend-on-mexico/>

Hidden behind the troubling headlines, however, is another, more hopeful Mexico —

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States needs to start seeing Mexico as a partner instead of a problem.

**Squo fails, Strong relations are k2 developing climate change cooperation**

Tom **Barry**, **13**  who directs the TransBorder Project at CIP, is the author of numerous books on U.S.-Latin America relations, including three books on Mexico. His most recent CIP publication is Drones Over the Homeland. TransBorder Project Policy Report: “Changing Perspectives on U.S.-Mexico Relations”

http://nacla.org/news/2013/5/2/changing-perspectives-us-mexico-relations

The lead items of the Los Pinos meeting are ones that have long dominated U

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and part of the larger North American community with shared interests and responsibilities.¶

**Cooperation is k2 getting Nieto on board for Carbon Tax, Developing Renewable energy and creating international climate agreements- empirics prove**

Duncan **Wood 13**. Director of the Program in International Relations and Canadian Studies Program – Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars – Mexico Institute: “Growing Potential for U.S.-Mexico Energy

Cooperation” http://wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/wood\_energy.pdf

Climate change and renewables¶ The Calderon administration was notable for its emphasis on questions

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on bilateral cooperation is therefore a ¶ priority that should not be underestimated.

**Mexican leadership leads to global climate agreements**

**O’Neill 13** – PhD in Government @ Harvard, senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization (Shannon, “Mexico Makes It: A Transformed Society, Economy, and Government,” Foreign Affairs, 92.2)

If Mexico addresses these challenges, it will emerge as a powerful player on the

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institutions and help construct new international financial, trade, and climatechange accords.

**Warming is real and we’re at the tipping point- 5 reasons a climate agreement before 2015 is the only way to solve for warming - and getting Nieto on board is key**

**Schmidt 2013**, Jake Schmidt International Climate Policy Director, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Huffington Post: “Five Reasons We Need a New Global Agreement on Climate Change by 2015”http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jake-schmidt/five-reasons-we-need-a-ne\_b\_3182682.html

In December 2011 countries agreed in Durban, South Africa to secure a new international

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that investing in climate smart actions is the only kind of acceptable investment.¶

**Warming is the most likely existential risk and outweighs nuclear war**

**Deibel ’07**—Prof IR @ National War College (Terry, “Foreign Affairs Strategy: Logic for American Statecraft,” Conclusion: American Foreign Affairs Strategy Today)

Finally, there is one major existential threat to American security (as well as

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United States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet

**Contention 3 is solvency**

**Investment in ports of entry is low and Immigration won’t solve**

**Rathbone 6/27** [June 27, 2013. John Paul Rathbone is the FT's Latin American editor. “Border: Bottleneck at frontier chokes opportunities to boost trade” Financial Times. <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/dcd40966-c79c-11e2-9c52-00144feab7de.html#axzz2Z9yVTltb>]

Goods sat. Produce rotted. Flowers wilted. A near-fiesta of street

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, however, there is not a similar provision for enhanced border crossings.¶

**Government action is key to stimulate the private sector –provides incentive and reduces redundancies
U.S. Chamber of Commerce 11
(“Steps to a 21st Century U.S.-Mexico Border”**[**http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/2011\_us\_mexico\_report.pdf**](http://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/reports/2011_us_mexico_report.pdf)**SW)**

To keep pace with transformations in the national and global economies, the U.

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nancing, building, and maintaining infrastructure upgrades and expansion along the border.

**Federal leadership is key to effective policy – only way to capitalize**

**Wilson Center, 09** (7“THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO: Towards a Strategic Partnership,” Woodrow Wilson Center Mexico Institute, January 2009, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/The%20U.S.%20and%20Mexico.%20Towards%20a%20Strategic%20Partnership.pdf)

The Obama administration and the incoming Congress have the opportunity to raise the level of

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infrastructure that can help overcome existing bottlenecks and stimulate development in border communities.

**Mexico wants to do the plan, it’s up to the US**

**Seelke**, **13**

(Clare, Specialist in Latin American Affairs , Congressional Research Service: “Mexico’s New Administration: Priorities and Key Issues in U.S.-Mexican Relations,” pg. 14 http://www.fosterquan.com/content/documents/policy\_papers/2013/MexicosNewAdmin.pdf)

The bilateral trade relationship with Mexico is of key interest to Congress because of Mexico’s

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bolster Mexico’s trade ties with China, Europe, and Latin ¶ America,

**Plans to fix US- Mexico border have fallen through but non- unique the link to Politics**

The **N**ew **Y**ork **T**imes, **6/5** 2013, Carlos Puig, the New York Times: “Toeing the Line” <http://latitude.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/05/toeing-the-line/>

Another way of putting this is to say that the busiest border in the world

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the first time that the poor southern country beats its rich northern neighbor.