### Neolib 1NC vs Embargo Affs

**Trade liberalization with Cuba “kicks away the ladder” to prevent successful Cuban development – their claims about free trade are historical myths that ignore the success of protectionism in promoting growth and quality of life**

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(Carlo, SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Politics & Public Administration, Ryerson University, He received his PhD from the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Carleton University, “‘Cubanalismo’: The Cuban Alternative to Neoliberalism”, *New Proposals*: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry Vol.2, No. 1 (November 2008) pgs. 7-16)

A closer look at the history of capitalism, however, reveals a much different

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productivity levels, efficiency, and quality had been more or less achieved.

**Neoliberal intervention in Latin America fuels environmental devastation and structural inequality- ethical obligation to those sacrificed by the Washington Consensus**

**NEF AND HARRIS ‘8** (Jorge, Director of Latin American and Caribbean Studies @ South Florida, Richard, Global Studies @ CSU Monterey Bay “Capital, Power, and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean,” in *Capital, Power, and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean* eds. Harris and Nef p. 14-16)

These macroeconomic policies have been carried out under the mantle of the so-called

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variability of the indigenous and peasant communities affected by these patterns of production.

**Vote neg to reject the 1AC’s neoliberal model in favor of the Cuban alternative to neoliberalism which fosters social and environmental justice**

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As this paper has attempted to integrate throughout this discussion, alternatives to neoliberalism do

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alternative modes of socioeconomic and environmental polices can and do continue to exist.

### Syria Strikes 1NC

**Congress likely to pass airstrike and PC key**

**Kamen 9/4** Al Kamen, an award-winning columnist on the national staff of The Washington Post, created the “In the Loop” column in 1993. He began his reporting career at the Rocky Mountain News and joined The Post in 1980. He has covered local and federal courts, the Supreme Court and the State Department. Follow him on Twitter, WP.Senate may grant Obama’s wish on Syria; House is tougher, but president has key allies

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/senate-may-grant-obamas-wish-on-syria-house-is-tougher-but-president-has-key-allies/2013/09/04/1769d272-1590-11e3-a2ec-b47e45e6f8ef\_story.html

There’s been much talk that President Obama will have a tough time getting Congress to

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looking at making suitcase nukes that he could share with his terrorist pals.

**Hostage taking link – Backlash and hostage taking on unrelated priority legislation is empirically proven, and likely in the future – Pro Cuba policy saps pc**

**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.

We are at the lynch point: striking Syria is critical to maintaining US Heg and the international order and limited strike won’t escalate

Ignatius 8/28 David R. Ignatius is currently Senior Fellow to the Future of Diplomacy Program at Harvard and  is an associate editor and columnist for The Washington Post. He has written eight novels. WP:” **In Syria, U.S. credibility is at stake** “ [http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-08-28/opinions/41525790\_1\_chemical-weapons-syria-credibility](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-08-28/opinions/41525790_1_chemical-weapons-syria-credibility" \t "_blank)

What does the world look like when people begin to doubt the credibility of U

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twice about crossing Obama’s “red line” against their acquiring nuclear weapons.

**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

**T Must be qpq**

1. **Interpretation: “Engagement” requires the provision of positive incentives**

**Haass 00** – Richard Haass & Meghan O’Sullivan, Brookings Institution Foreign Policy Studies Program, Honey and Vinegar: Incentives, Sanctions, and Foreign Policy, p. 1-2

The term engagement was popularized amid the controversial policy of constructive engagement pursued by the

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shape the behavior of countries with which the United States has important disagreements.

**That means the plan must be a quid-pro-quo**

**De LaHunt 6** - Assistant Director for Environmental Health & Safety Services in Colorado College's Facilities Services department (John, “Perverse and unintended” Journal of Chemical Health and Safety, July-August, Science direct)

Incentives work on a quid pro quo basis – this for that. If you

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run, for at least two reasons – unintended consequences and perverse incentives.

1. **Violation- Plan isn’t conditional**
2. **Reasons to prefer**
3. **Limits --- it functionally narrows the topic because few cases can defend conditioning --- the alternative is hundreds of single import or export cases that explode research burden which saps clash and topic specific education.**
4. **Ground --- QPQ ensures generics like soft power and foreign politics DAs, counterplans to add or remove a condition, and critiques of diplomacy- spurs critical thinking and topic education.**
5. **Topicality is a voter- if it were not the aff could run the same case year after year or unbeatable truths like 2 plus 2 is 4**

**Zero risk of terrorism- their impact is alarmism**

Mueller ’12 (John, Senior Research Scientist at the Mershon Center for International Security

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, No. 1, pp. 81–110, Summer 2012)

Over the course of time, such essentially delusionary thinking has been internalized and institutionalized

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reasonably be considered “massive,” particularly in comparison with nuclear ones. 52

### Leadership

#### Iran and Sequestration tank US credibility abroad

[Jeff Lightfoot](http://www.acus.org/content/jeffrey-lightfoot) [Jeff Lightfoot is a deputy director of the [Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security](http://www.acus.org/program/brent-scowcroft-center-on-international-security)] March 04, 2013¶ [Sequestration's Credibility Costs](http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/sequestrations-credibility-costs)¶ <http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/sequestrations-credibility-costs>

The debate over sequestration is focused nearly entirely on the impact of spending reductions on

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a key ally and increases the risk of an Israeli strike on Iran.

#### 1. Credibility being essential to effectively dealing with other nations is a myth- the US is the dominant actor and shouldn’t fixate on boosting its credibility. Focusing on credibility stunts effective foreign policy

[Stephen M. Walt](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/author/Stephen%20M.%20Walt) [Professor of International Relations at Harvard]¶ Tuesday, September 11, 2012¶ [Why are U.S. leaders so obsessed with credibility?](http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/09/11/the_credibility_fetish)¶ <http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/09/11/the_credibility_fetish>

What's the biggest mistake the United States has made since the end of the Cold

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American diplomacy has achieved relatively little since the end of the Cold War.

#### Soft Power is unsustainable because of economics

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[Ian, Febuary 9th, is an [American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) political scientist specializing on US foreign policy, states in transition, and global political risk. He is president of Eurasia Group, the global political risk consultancy. He is of Armenian and German descent.[1]]

The erosion of the U.S. soft power advantage has already begun.

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unpopularity in much of the world has merely added momentum to these trends.

### Relations

#### US – Latin American Relations resilient – immigration proves

Duddy & Mora 5/1/13 (Patrick and Frank O., “Latin America: Is U.S. influence waning?”, Miami Herald, <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/05/01/3375160/latin-america-is-us-influence.html>) ~ew

Finally, one should not underestimate the resiliency of U.S. soft power in the region. The power of national reputation, popular culture, values and institutions continues to contribute to U.S. influence in ways that are difficult to measure and impossible to quantify. Example: Despite 14 years of strident anti-American rhetoric during the Chávez government, tens of thousand of Venezuelans apply for U.S. nonimmigrant visas every year, including many thousands of Chávez loyalists.

#### No US-Latin American cooperation

**Llana 11** (Sarah Miller Llana is the Christian Science Monitor's European Bureau Chief, “A year of drift in US-Latin American relations,” The Christian Science Monitor, 12/23/11, http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/Latin-America-Monitor/2011/1223/A-year-of-drift-in-US-Latin-American-relations/(page)/2)

Still, on balance, the US is no closer to Latin America than it’s

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that Latin America is pursuing its own agenda,” says Mr. Shifter.

#### 2. Multiple alt causes to US relations with Cuba & Latin America

LARRY BIRNS [COHA-Council of Hemispheric Affairs- DIRECTOR]AND FREDERICK B. MILLS[COHA SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW ]¶ [Best Time for U.S.– Cuba Rapprochement Is Now](http://www.coha.org/best-time-for-u-s-cuba-rapprochement-is-now/)¶ –JANUARY 30, 2013¶ <http://www.coha.org/best-time-for-u-s-cuba-rapprochement-is-now/>

The Obama Administration should be prepared to take, in quick progression, three important

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no limits. Nevertheless, it is time to replace belligerency with détente.

#### 3. US/ Latin American relations are always in a state of flux

LIZA TORRES ALVARADO[serves as Second Secretary of the Embassy of Venezuela to the OAS GUEST CONTRIBUTOR | 13 MAY 2013¶ The U.S. Must Re-evaluate its Foreign Policy in Latin America¶ <http://www.diplomaticourier.com/news/regions/latin-america/1457>

Historically, relations between Latin America and the United States have been complex, yet constantly evolving. During the 1960s, political changes and social movements challenged the structural basis of United States’ hegemony in the hemisphere. The election of Salvador Allende in Chile, the arrival of Peronism in Argentina, and the development of relations between nationalist governments of the time such as Peru, Bolivia, and Mexico became an obstacle for the United States.

### Ethanol

#### ( ) Can’t re-build sugar sector – unworkable land and long-time frame.

Soligo ‘10

et al; Ronald Soligo is a professor emeritus of economics at Rice University and a Rice scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. The author writes a chapter within the book “Cuba’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation,” a Brookings Publication, edited by Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, PhD of Political Science, University of Nebraska –obtained as an ebook through MSU Electronic Resources – page 102

Three and a half billion gallons seems unrealistic for the foreseeable future. There is

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water and fertilizer, and other inputs would all need to be considered.

#### ( ) Aff cant solve – Castro won’t allow sugar-ethanol

Specht ‘12

(Jonathan – Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D.,¶ Washington University in St. Louis 2012. “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States” – ExpressO – http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

To speak of a Cuban sugarcane-based ethanol industry is, at this point

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to 2 billion gallons of¶ sugar-based ethanol per year.”¶ 4

#### A – Plan kills it and the domestic ethanol sector.

Specht ‘12

(Jonathan – Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D.,¶ Washington University in St. Louis 2012. “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States” – ExpressO – http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

Absent a scenario in which the RFS was raised at the same time as U

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espoused, especially¶ after the policy-makers had supported the industry.

#### Corn prices do not move in line with ethanol demand

**Kelly and Hornblower 13** (Kel, Growmark Manager of Economic Research, Scott, Associate Analyst of Growmark, 01/04/13, 4 Reasons Why Ethanol Doesn’t Drive Corn Prices- A Tale of Two Forces, <http://www.growmark.com/sites/Files/Documents/4ReasonsWhyEthanolDoesntDriveCornPrices.pdf>) KL

The ethanol industry has actually been buying corn since the early 1980s. But as

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are other influences on corn prices that are stronger than ethanol demand alone.

#### ( ) Food scarcity won’t cause conflict

Falcon and Naylor ‘5

(Walter, Helen Farnsworth Prof. Int’l. Agricultural Policy and Co-Director of Center for Environmental Science and Policy @ Institute for Int’l. Studies @ Stanford, and Rosamond, Julie Wrigley Senior Fellow @ Center for Environmental Science and Policy @ Institute for International Studies and Director of Program on Food Security and the Environment @ Stanford, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, “Rethinking Food Security for the Twenty-First Century” 87:5, December, OneFile)

Three separate, but interrelated, questions seem relevant: (5) 1.

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-East suicide bombers have come from Saudi Arabia and Morocco (Pape).

**Even if consensus of experts believe warming is real, nearly all agree no exinction**

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Jeremy, Live Science Staff, July 19, pg. <http://www.livescience.com/culture/can-humans-survive-extinction-doomsday-100719.html>

His views deviate sharply from those of most experts, who don't view climate change

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change crop yields, so we're essentially doing an experiment whose result remains uncertain

#### 2. No interest in harvesting sugar cane—production is at an all time low and the embargo isn’t the cause

**Global Post 6/24** (Global Post: America’s world news site, Agencia EFE, “Cubans getting farmland from gov't show little interest in growing sugar cane” Jun 24 2013 http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/agencia-efe/130624/cubans-getting-farmland-govt-show-little-interest-growing-sugar-can)

Havana, Jun 24 (EFE).- **Growing sugar cane is arousing little interest among** the **Cubans** who are taking advantage of the plan to turn over unused agricultural land to them for cultivation, official media reported Monday.

Of the total area turned over to private individuals to farm up through November 2012

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of just 1.1 million tons, the worst in 105 years.

#### Deforestation makes biodiversity loss inevitable

**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).

### National Security

**Not attractive to nukes**

**Mueller ’11** (John, IR Professor at Ohio State, PhD in pol sci from UCLA, The Truth about Al Qaeda, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/68012/john-mueller/the-truth-about-al-qaeda?page=show>, August 2, 2011)

As a misguided Turkish proverb holds, "If your enemy be an ant,

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3.5 million per year, even with 9/11 included.

**No capabilities – Al Qaeda dead**

**Basit ’11** (Abdul Basit, Writer for Islamabad Pulse, “A threat assessment of Al-Qaeda’s strength and weaknesses-IV.”, <http://www.weeklypulse.org/details.aspx?contentID=1641&storylist=2>, December 23, 2011)

A threat assessment of Al-Qaeda’s current status looking into its capabilities, intentions

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grew out of a conflict in Algeria between the government and Islamist militants.