# 2AC Charminade

# Case

#### NON UNIQUE: Growth is sustainable – There is an incentive to preserve resources – high prices will eventually curb consumption – that will trigger a mindset shift towards sustainability without collapse

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(Ann E., Professor of Philosophy, Associate Dean for Humanities, University of Kansas, “Capitalism, For and Against - A Feminist Debate,” Cambridge University Press, Section 3, accessed 7-10-12 BLE)

I agree with Professor Holmstrom that we should be very concerned with pollution, and particularly with climate change

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 the good are willing to pay the price that reflects the relative scarcity of the good and the expense of preserving it. The ability to own a competing resource privately and sell it means that alternatives can be cultivated as well, which removes some of the pressure from the more scarce, and therefore more expensive, privately owned good.

#### Even if transition was possible, it causes environmental degradation, continual resource conflict, poverty, and war

Barnhizer 6 (David, Professor Emeritus of Law at Cleveland State University, *“Waking From Sustainability’s Impossible Dream: The Decision-making Realities of Business and Government,”* Georgetown International Environmental Law Review Vol. 18, March 2006, pg. 22, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=878405#%23>) PCS

“Small is beautiful” has become an impossible dream for all but a few communities. The process of impossibility is driven by population growth

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in specific contexts and, while seeking efficiency and conservation, place economic and social justice high on a list of priorities.

#### Progress is inevitable- this debate should be about presenting a positive view of the future, negative portrayals stall problem solving

Aligica 3 (Paul, Adjunct Fellow at the Hudson Institute, faculty fellow at the James Buchanan Center for Political Economy at George Mason University, *“The Great Transition and the Social Limits to Growth,”* The Hudson Institute, April 21, 2003, <http://rs.reviewhudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication_details&id=2827>) PCS

An important part of Herman Kahn's efforts was dedicated to the way the challenge put by the limits to growth movement should be dealt with.

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(Kahn, 1976, 210). Kahn was convinced that it is easier to mobilize society around a positive rather than a negative image. Moreover "if the negative image is largely inaccurate and morale-eroding as well, it could be destructive if widely disseminated" (Kahn, 1976, 210).

# T-QPQ

1. Counter Interpretation; Economic engagement includes both explicit quid pro quos and unconditional strategies.

Kahler, Professor of Political Science at UC San Diego and Kastner, Professor of Gov’t and Politics @ U of Maryland, 6

(Miles and Scott, “Strategic Uses of Interdependence”, www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/kastner/KahlerKastner.doc‎ , Accessed 7/7/13 GAL)

Scholars have usefully distinguished between two types of economic engagement: conditional policies that require an explicit quid-pro-quo on the part of the target country,

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a transforming agent that helps to reshape the goals of the target state.

# CIR

Realtions inev-no war

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While the U.S. presidential candidates were slugging it out during the debates on foreign policy, India remained conspicuously absent from the narrative.

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Similarly, India remains cagey about consummating the military component of its strategic relationship with the U.S. insofar it wants to keep China in good humour.

#### Non-unique --- CIR wont pass

Jordan Fabian, Political Editor, ABC News-Univision, <http://abcnews.go.com/ABC_Univision/house-handle-immigration-reform-analysis/story?id=20587483>, 10/16/12

House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) has made every effort to placate rebellious Tea Party elements within the House GOP, yet he has still struggled to form majorities around major pieces of legislation.

That’s been the main reason for the holdup on immigration.. But The Senate’s immigration bill likely has the votes -- between Democrats and a handful of Republicans -- to pass the House Boehner has refused to violate the unwritten “Hastert Rule," under which legislation must have the support

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That makes it even less likely that he will roll them over to pass a bill that’s at the top of President Obama’s list of domestic priorities

#### PC theory is wrong – winners win

Hirsh, National Journal Chief Correspondent, 13 – National Journal chief correspondent, citing various political scientists

[Michael, former Newsweek senior correspondent, "There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital," National Journal, 2-9-13, www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207, accessed 2-8-13, mss]

The idea of political capital—or mandates, or momentum—is so poorly defined that presidents and pundits often get itwrong. On Tuesday, in his State of the Union address, President Obama will do what every president does this time of year. For about 60 minutes, he will lay out a sprawling and ambitious wish list highlighted by gun control and immigration reform, climate change and debt reduction. In response, the pundits will do what they always do this time of year: They will talk about how unrealistic most of the proposals are, discussions often informed by sagacious reckonings of how much “political capital” Obama possesses to push his program through. Most of **this** talk **will have** no bearing on what actually happens over the next four years. Consider this: Three months ago, just before the November election, if someone had talked seriously about Obama having enough political capital to oversee passage of both immigration reform and gun-control legislation at the beginning of his second term—even after winning the election by 4 percentage points and 5 million votes (the actual final tally)—this person would have been called crazy and stripped of his pundit’s license. (It doesn’t exist, but it ought to.) In his first term, in a starkly polarized country, the president had been so frustrated by GOP resistance that he finally issued a limited executive order last August permitting immigrants who entered the country illegally as children to work without fear of deportation for at least two years. Obama didn’t dare to even bring up gun control, a Democratic “third rail” that has cost the party elections and that actually might have been even less popular on the right than the president’s health care law. And yet, for reasons that have very little to do with Obama’s personal prestige or popularity—variously put in terms of a “mandate” or “political capital”—chances are fair that both will now happen. What changed? In the case of gun control, of course, it wasn’t the election. It was the horror of the 20 first-graders who were slaughtered in Newtown, Conn., in mid-December. The sickening reality of little girls and boys riddled with bullets from a high-capacity assault weapon seemed to precipitate a sudden tipping point in the national conscience. One thing changed after another. Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association marginalized himself with poorly chosen comments soon after the massacre. The pro-gun lobby, once a phalanx of

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Johnson had the skill and wherewithal to realize that, at that moment of history, he could have unlimited coinage if he handled the politics right. He did. (At least until Vietnam, that is.)

#### The plan is bipartisan — strong GOP support

Troyan Gannett News Washington correspondent, 5/30/13

[Mary Orndorff Troyan, Washington correspondent at Gannett, BA in journalism from Auburn University, 2013 (“Rep. Duncan Backs Offshore Drilling Deal with Mexico,” Gannett, Gannett Washington Bureau, News, 5-30-13, Available Online at <http://www.wltx.com/news/article/238607/2/Rep-Duncan-Backs-Offshore-Drilling-Deal-with-Mexico>, Accessed on June 29, 2013)][SP]

WASHINGTON- About 1.5 million acres along the U.S.-Mexico maritime border would open to oil and gas drilling under an agreement negotiated by the administration and championed by a conservative Republican from South Carolina.

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If approved by the House, the legislation will move to the Senate.

#### Link Non-Unique- Obama increasing energy cooperation now with Mexico via electrical connections

State Department 13

[May 06, 2013, Smartgrid.com, “President Obama and Leaders of Mexico and Central America Expand Low Carbon Electricity Cooperation” [http://smart-grid.tmcnet.com/news/2013/05/06/7113437.htm, accessed 7/1/13](http://smart-grid.tmcnet.com/news/2013/05/06/7113437.htm%2C%20accessed%207/1/13) EYS]

President Obama and Leaders of Mexico and Central America Expand Low Carbon Electricity Cooperation Fact Sheet Office of the Spokesperson Washington, DC May 4, 2013 During his May 2-4 visit to Mexico and Costa Rica,

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and \*Nevada's Ormat Technologies, Inc. will soon break ground on a 35 MW geothermal plant -- Honduras' first. Ormat also operates and plans to expand on plants in Guatemala.

#### Capital’s not sufficient to pass immigration reform

Soto 13, Dr. Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto, NBC Latino and MSNBC contributor, Senior Analyst for Latino Decisions and Fellow at the Center for Politics and Governance at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, at Austin, “Opinion: Immigration reform will not be easy, but it’s not impossible,” January 4th, http://nbclatino.com/2013/01/04/opinion-immigration-reform-will-not-be-easy-but-its-not-impossible/

Unlike in his first administration, the president seems to be on board and ready for rolling up his sleeves and getting into immigration reform,

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 prevent the president from crossing off immigration reformfrom his 2013 to-do list.

## XO

#### Permutation- Do the counterplan

#### Congress can and will overturn Obama’s executive orders

Ritz, The Blaze, 1-2-13 (Erica, The Blaze, “WHICH OBAMA EXECUTIVE ORDER DID THE HOUSE OVERWHELMINGLY OVERTURN YESTERDAY?,” Accessed- 7-9-13, RRR)

President Barack Obama made waves last Friday when — amid a fierce fiscal cliff debate — he signed an executive order ending the pay freeze on certain federal workers.

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The measure received immense bipartisan support, passing 287-129, with 55 Democrats voting with Republicans against the president’s proposal.

#### Unpopular XOs have political consequences and spark massive congressional backlash

**Risen, Managing editor of Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, 4** [Clay, *,* M.A. from the University of Chicago “The Power of the Pen: The Not-So-Secret Weapon of Congress-wary Presidents” The American Prospect, July 16, http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=the\_power\_of\_the\_pen]

The most effective check on executive orders has proven to be political.

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But **the overwhelmingly negative public reaction forced Bush to quickly withdraw his proposal--and it painted him indelibly as an anti-environmental president.**

# CAP

#### Focusing on government policy-making is productive – critical approaches can’t resolve real world problems

McClean, Mollow College Philosophy Professor, 01

[David E., Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Molloy College, New York, 2001 “The Cultural Left and the Limits of Social Hope,” Presented at the 2001 Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Available Online at www.american-philosophy.org/archives/past\_conference\_programs/pc2001/Discussion%20papers/david\_mcclean.htm, JMP, Accessed on July 5, 2013)][SP]

Yet for some reason, at least partially explicated in Richard Rorty's Achieving Our Country, a book that I think is long overdue,

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This might help keep us from being slapped down in debates by true policy pros who actually know what they are talking about but who lack awareness of the dogmatic assumptions from which they proceed, and who have not yet found a good reason to listen to jargon-riddled lectures from philosophers and culture critics with their snobish disrespect for the so-called "managerial class."

**Violence has massively decreased because of econ growth/modernization/interdependence- best data proves**

**Gat ‘13** (AZAR GAT, DPhil in History (University of Oxford, 1986); Ezer Weitzman Professor of National Security, Political Science Department, Tel Aviv University; recent books: War in Human Civilization (Oxford University Press, 2006); Victorious and Vulnerable: Why Democracy Won in the 20th Century and How It Is Still Imperiled (Hoover Institution, Rowman & Littlefield, 2010); Nations: The Long History and Deep Roots of Political Ethnicity and Nationalism (Cambridge University Press, 2013). Is war declining – and why? Azar Gat⇑ Department of Political Science, University of Tel Aviv azargat@post.tau.ac.il , March 19th 2013)

When quite **a number of scholars** **simultaneously and independently**

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Referring to my argument in this regard, Levy & Thompson (2011: 72–75) excused themselves from deciding on the issue on the grounds of insufficient information regarding the cost of premodern war. But as already noted, the information on the subject is quite clear.

**The alt fails, causes transition conflicts, requires totalitarianism, and flips their impacts**

**Aligica ‘3**  (fellow at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University, and Adjunct Fellow at the Hudson Institute(Paul, 4/21. “The Great Transition and the Social Limits to Growth: Herman Kahn on Social Change and Global Economic Development”, April 21, http://www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication\_details&id=2827)

Stopping things would mean if not to engage in an experiment to change the human nature, at least in an equally difficult experiment in altering powerful cultural forces:

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Ultimately "**it is precisely this position the one that increases the potential for the kinds of disasters which most at its advocates are trying to avoid**" (Kahn, 1976, 210; 1984).

#### And neoliberalism is inevitable—if we don’t spread our economy, China or Iran will- that’s Cerna 11

**AND it’s sustainable- Newest studies prove growth will help solve the environmental crisis**

**Sari and Soytas ‘9** (Ramazan and Ugur, Dept. of Business Administration, Middle East Technical University, “Are global warming and economic growth compatible? Evidence from ﬁve OPEC countries?,” Applied Energy, Volume 86, pg. 1887-1893, ScienceDirect)

The **recent studies** on the other hand improved our understanding in at least two ways. Firstly, the empirical studies may be suffering from omitted variables

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no policy action is necessary.

**No mindset shift and no alt solvency**

Matthew **Lockwood 11**, previously Associate Director for Climate, Transport and Energy at the Institute for Public Policy Research, “The Limits to Environmentalism”, March 25, <http://politicalclimate.net/2011/03/25/the-limits-to-environmentalism-4/>

This brings us neatly finally to the third problem with PWG: politics. Jackson does have some discussion of the need for our old favourite “political will” towards the end of the book, and there are some examples of concrete ideas (e.g. shorter working week, ban advertising aimed at children),

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No, we can’t”. But beyond the environmentalist camp, **this message will not work**. In the face of the biggest collective challenge that humanity has faced, we need a narrative that has the human potential to solve problems, and overcome apparently unbeatable odds, at its heart.