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#### Perm solves- The State Department is functionally normal means

Meyer, analyst in Latin American, and Sullivan, Specialist in Latin American Affairs, 12

(Peter J., analyst in Latin American Affairs, Mark P., Specialist in Latin American Affairs, 6/26/12, “Congressional Research Service, CRS Report for Congress Prepared for Members and Committees of Congress U.S. Foreign Assistance to Latin America and ¶ the Caribbean: Recent Trends and FY2013 Appropriations,” <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42582.pdf>, P. 1, Accessed: 7/2/13, LPS.)

This report is an overview of U.S. assistan¶ ce to Latin America and the Caribbean. It briefly ¶ examines historical and recent trends in aid to the region.

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the end of the ¶ Central American civil conflicts, and the spread of electoral democracy throughout the region.

#### The CP can’t solve- the State Department can’t act alone- the three branches are key to US State Department Action

US Department of State, 13

(US Department of State, US Department of State Diplomacy in Action, “Bureau of Legislative Affairs” <http://www.state.gov/s/h/>, Accessed: 7/4/13, LPS.)

¶ The Bureau of Legislative Affairs (H) coordinates legislative activity for the Department of State and advises the Secretary, the Deputy,

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directs the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, and acts as the Department's principal liaison with the Congress.

#### “Resolved” doesn’t require certainty

Webster’s 9 – Merriam Webster 2009

(http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resolved)

# Main Entry: 1re·solve # Pronunciation: \ri-ˈzälv, -ˈzȯlv also -ˈzäv or -ˈzȯv\ # Function: verb # Inflected Form(s):

AND

determine 3 : consult, deliberate

#### Should means desirable or recommended, not mandatory

Words and Phrases, 2002 (“Words and Phrases: Permanent Edition” Vol. 39 Set to Signed. Pub. By Thomson West. P. 372-373)

Or. 1952. Where safety regulation for sawmill industry providing that a two by two inch guard rail should

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Baldassarre v. West Oregon Lumber Co., 239 P.2d 839, 193 Or. 556.---Labor & Emp. 2857

#### “Resolved” doesn’t require immediacy either

Online Plain Text English Dictionary 2009

(http://www.onelook.com/?other=web1913&w=Resolve)

Resolve: “To form a purpose; to make a decision;

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especially, to determine after reflection; as, to resolve on a better course of life.”

#### 1. Blackouts are inevitable and U.S. Mexico grid cooperation solves

**Power Engineering International, 2008 (**01/04, “Achieving Versatile power sharing between the USA and Mexico <http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/print/volume-16/issue-3/features/network-interconnection/achieving-versatile-power-sharing-between-the-usa-and-mexico.html>, accessed 7/10, J.Y.)

With **strengthened grid reliability a** priority for the customer,

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This **gives an unequalled calculation capacity that is used to fine-tune the performance of the converter firing control system during various system disturbances.**

#### 2.Blackouts lead to meltdowns at nuclear reactors

**Earth Issues, 2011** (“Experts: Move to protect nuke plants from solar flare damage,” March 5, http://www.earth-issues.com/2011/03/experts-move-to-protect-nuke-plants-from-solar-flare-damage/)

**Nuclear power plants are not** themselves **self-powered and require a tie-in to the electric power grid to operate**.

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Its general manager, Kenneth Badaracco, said the plant will turn out “something less than 100″ transformers a year costing between $3 million and $5 million each.

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#### 1. Relations inevitable, there’s no impact, and they don’t solve

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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.

#### 3. Will not pass

Steve Benon, producer of the Rachel Maddow Show 10/18/13 09:36

http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/gop-already-balking-new-immigration-push

The push came on the heels of similar remarks from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.),

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Presumably, then, that’s an outcome Republicans prefer to inflict on themselves?

#### 5. Plan should have already triggered the link, Obama already pushing massive renewable projects

Lederman 2013

(Josh; President Obama to expand Renewable Energy; June 25; www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/political/president-obama-to-expand-renewable-energy; kdf)

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack

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Environmental groups say Obama's most important step will be to launch a process to regulate carbon emissions from existing power plants. ¶ The groups were not authorized to discuss Obama's plan publicly and demanded anonymity. ¶ Obama will unveil his national climate plan Tuesday at Georgetown University.

#### 6. Renewable energy investment is popular

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(Joe, “Government Investment in Renewable Energy Nearly as popular with Swing Voters as Death of Osama Bin Laden,” Think Progress, Jan 25, 2012, <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/01/25/411355/government-investment-in-renewable-energy-popular-with-swing-voters-death-of-osama-bin-laden/?mobile=nc>) APG

Voters just love government investment in renewable energy — much more than their representatives in Washington, it seems. I was reading [an analysis](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/politics/la-pn-state-of-the-union-speech-received-well-among-focus-group-of-voters-20120124,0,968523.story) of the State of the Union Address based

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Some day, some masterful, Churchillian politician will figure this all out and lead the country toward true clean energy revolution. Some day.

#### 7. 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—

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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.)

#### 10. Energy Department does the plan- no link to politics

Hattem and Goad, 8/13

(Julian, Staff writer at the Hill Washington Correspondent at [The Yomiuri Shimbun](http://www.linkedin.com/company/the-yomiuri-shimbun?trk=ppro_cprof)

Reporting Intern at [Huffington Post Investigative Fund](http://www.linkedin.com/company/huffington-post-investigative-fund?trk=ppro_cprof)

Project Coordinator at Arete Fund and Ben, Reporter at The Press Enterprise, 8/26/13, The Hill, “REGULATION NATION: Obama bypassing Congress on climate,” <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/administration/318599-regulation-nation-obama-pins-climate-hopes-on-bypassing-congress>

Most of the climate initiative can be achieved without congressional backing,

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Supporters say that the Obama has no choice than to act through regulations, given the political landscape.

#### 11. Farm bill and budget thumps Immigration

(http://bostonherald.com/news\_opinion/us\_politics/2013/10/obama\_focus\_on\_budget\_immigration\_farm\_bill#sthash.zAZEEOcz.dpuf Associated Press, 10/17/13)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says now that the shutdown is over,

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Obama's third priority is to pass an overdue farm bill. The House and Senate are at odds on that issue, too.¶

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#### 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.

# 1AR Cards

#### 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.

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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.

#### Plan popular- similar agreements have bi-part support

Kasperowicz 6/27

(Peter; House votes to implement US-Mexico offshore energy deal; thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/308263-house-votes-to-implement-us-mexico-offshore-energy-deal; kdf)

The House

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Several Democrats said during debate that they support the 2012 agreement between the U.S. and Mexico. But they pointed out that the legislation includes language that would waive a provision of Dodd-Frank that requires companies to disclose payments made to foreign governments.

#### Winners win – plan is a win for Obama because he overcomes opposition

Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute fellow and political analyst, 1993

(Norman J., Roll Call, “Clinton Can Still Emerge a Winner; Here's What to Do”, May 27, p. Online)

2. Winning comes to those who look like winners.

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will go unreported or will be played down because they will be seen as the exception that proves the rule of strength and competence.