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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

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

# Oil DA 2AC

#### OPEC maintains high prices

Levi, David M. Rubenstein senior fellow, 12 [Michael, July/August 2012, “Think Again: The American Energy Boom” <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/06/18/think_again_the_american_energy_boom?wp_login_redirect=0> 7/10/13 EYS]

"We Can Drill Our Way Out of High Prices."

Don't bet on it. Some people claim that unleashing U.S.

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Why? All but a sliver of the increase in U.S. output was matched by cutbacks in the Middle East, leaving oil prices barely changed.

#### Even if OPEC fails, marginal costs ensure high prices

Mackenzie, Financial Times editor, 12 [Kate, May 02, 2012 “Marginal oil production osts are heading towards $100/barrel” <http://ftalphaville.ft.com/blog/2012/05/02/983171/marginal-oil-production-costs-are-heading-towards-100barrel/> 7/10/13 EYS]

Bernstein’s energy analysts have looked at the upstream costs for the 50 biggest listed oil producers and found that — surprise, surprise —

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to produce the incremental barrel of oil.

#### No capacity for backstopping

Saxena, Puru Saxena Wealth Management founder, 11 [Puru, Jul 18, 2011 “An Epic Energy Crunch, Global Crude Oil Demand Exceeds Production” [http://www.marketoracle.co.uk/Article29323.html 7/10/13](http://www.marketoracle.co.uk/Article29323.html%207/10/13) EYS]

The majority of the world’s developed economies are growing at a sluggish pace, yet the price of NYMEX crude is trading around US$100 per barrel.

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In summary, we view the panic fueled sell off in the nuclear sector as a great opportunity for the patient investor

### SO2 Screw

#### SO2 isn’t sufficient to offset increasing CO2

NewScientist.com, Weekly science and technology news magazine, considered by some to be the world's best, with diverse subject matter, 2004, (2004 “Climate Change,” www.newscientist.com/hottopics/climate/climatefaq.jsp)

Right again. One of the nice ironies of this story is that burning coal and oil produces sulphate particles - which make acid rain.

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If you carry on burning a given amount of fossil fuel, the cooling effect of the sulphates will remain constant, while the warming effect of C02 will keep on increasing. So sulphates are not a solution.

#### Black aerosols outweigh reflective particles

Science Daily, Breaking science news and articles on global warming, extrasolar planets, stem cells, bird flu, autism, nanotechnology, dinosaurs, evolution -- the latest

 10 (Best Hope for Saving Arctic Sea Ice Is Cutting Soot Emissions, Say Researchers, July 30, 2010, <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/07/100728092617.htm>)

The quickest, best way to slow the rapid melting of Arctic sea ice is to reduce soot emissions from the burning of fossil fuel,

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because there is not an efficient mechanism to cool the ocean down in the short term."

####  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, Sharyland Utilities,

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**high performance digital signal processors** (SHARC). 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

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“something less than 100″ transformers a year costing between $3 million and $5 million each.