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#### Interpretation - Economic Engagement is conditional

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Secretary of State Madeline K. Albright has argued

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In other words, it is a variation of the traditional carrot and stick approach rather than one or the other.

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US Chamber of Congress 12,

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The members of the U.S.-Mexico Leadership Initiative

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Mexican violence against women and gender discrimination is increasing- lack institutional is the root cause

Amnesty International, 12

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¶ The Mexican authorities have failed to protect women from increasing levels of violence and discrimination or to ensure those responsible face justice,

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. Much of the problem, however, lies in the lack of effective implementation of these laws and the weakness of the institutions,” said Rupert Knox.

Lack of institutional compliance leads to mass violence, rape, murder, indigenous genocide, and further systemic injustice

Amnesty International, 12

(Amnesty International, 7/11/12, Amnesty International, “Mexico fails to tackle increased levels of violence against women,” <http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/mexico-fails-tackle-increased-levels-violence-against-women-2012-07-11>, Accessed: 9/9/13, LPS.)

Amnesty International’s submission details some of the areas in which

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must move to implement commitments to protect women's rights to end abuses and impunity,” s id Rupert Knox.

### 1NC-Terror

Associated Press, 10/17

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¶ WASHINGTON – Demands in Congress grew Wednesday for a speedy escalation of sanctions against Iran as two days of nuclear talks ended in Geneva,

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Associated Press, 10/2

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WASHINGTON A war-weary Congress generally backs President Barack Obama's outreach to Iran, but with tougher U.S. economic measures against Tehran on the way,

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Obama the presidential candidate was hit with criticism for suggesting talks with the Iranians without preconditions. Then during his re-election campaign, Obama was called weak on Iran.

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In a new twist,

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," he said, referring to the exemption.

Smith, 9/18

(Lee, Lee Smith is a senior editor at the Weekly Standard and the author of [The Strong Horse: Power, Politics, and the Clash of Arab Civilizations](http://www.amazon.com/Strong-Horse-Power-Politics-Civilizations/dp/0385516118), 9/18/13, The Tablet, “How Iran Uses Terror Threats To Successfully Deter U.S. Military Action,” <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/146178/iran-uses-terror-as-deterrence/2>, Accessed: 10/2/13, LPS.)

President Barack Obama thinks that the deal with Russia over Syria’s chemical weapons was possible only because of his credible threat of force.

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, especially in Latin America.¶

Ayson, Victoria University professor in strategic studies, 10(Robert, Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington, July, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Volume 33, Issue 7, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via InformaWorld)

A terrorist nuclear attack, and even the use of nuclear weapons in response by the country attacked in the first place, would not necessarily represent the worst of the nuclear worlds imaginable.

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, although it must be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

### Relats

#### 1) US Mexico Relations good- Obama’s trip to Mexico proves

Guilamo-Ramos, professor at NYU, and López, President of UPAEP, 5/28/13

(Vincent, a professor and co-director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health at the Silver School of Social Work at New York University, José Alfredo Miranda he president of Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP) in Puebla, Mexico, 5/28/13, The Huffington Post, “Vincent Guilamo-Ramos: The US and Mexico Have Much to Learn from Each Other,” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/vincent-guilamoramos/us-mexico-relations_b_3347068.html>, Accessed: 6/30/13, LPS.)

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Associated Press 12

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Stewart, Stratfor Vice President of Analysis, 13

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Padilla, managing director at IPD Latin America, 12

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World Politics Review 3/21/13

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