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**Specifications are key in the context of engagements – vagueness makes it impossible to predict affs**

**Jakštaitė 10** (Gerda, Doctoral Candidate Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Political Sciences and Diplomacy (Lithuania), “CONTAINMENT AND ENGAGEMENT AS MIDDLE-RANGE THEORIES,” December 10, 2010, BALTIC JOURNAL OF LAW & POLITICS VOLUME 3, NUMBER 2 (2010), <http://versita.metapress.com/content/0w3157n438689417/fulltext.pdf>)

The concept of **engagement has different interpretations in the sphere of international relations**. Manager of „Brookings Institution”

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foreign policy during the particular period, when engagement dominated, can be detected.

#### “Normalizing relations” is not economic engagement

**Crocker ‘9** [9/13/09, Chester A. Crocker is a professor of strategic studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, was an assistant secretary of state for African affairs from 1981 to 1989. “Terms of Engagement,” http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/opinion/14crocker.html?\_r=1&]

PRESIDENT OBAMA will have a hard time achieving his foreign policy goals until he masters some key terms and better manages the expectations they convey.

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is simply no better way to convey authoritative statements of position or to hear responses. But establishing talks is just a first step. The goal of engagement is to change the other country’s perception of its own interests and realistic options and, hence, to modify its policies and its behavior.

### 1NC-Econ

Unemployment extension will pass-

Sargent, 1/31

(Greg, the founder and writer of The Horse's Mouth, a blog about the reporting of politics and the politics of reporting, 1/31/14, Delaware Online, “A new push to extend unemployment benefits,” <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20140131/OPINION16/301310004/A-new-push-to-extend-unemployment-benefits>, Accessed: 1/31/14, LPS.)

¶ ¶ Republicans may soon be challenged to vote again on extending the unemployment benefits program for the more than 1 million Americans

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"Will they take yes for an answer or will they try to hide behind procedural arguments because they just don't want to allow any progress to help job seekers?" the aide asked.

PC key to unemployment deal- Obama push now-

Associated Press, 12/21

(Associated Press, 12/21/13, UPI, “Obama: Progress in 2014 depends of Congress,” <http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2013/12/21/Obama-Progress-in-2014-depends-of-Congress/UPI-28521387623600/>, Accessed: 12/25/13, LPS.)

¶ WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UPI) -- U.S. President Barack Obama Saturday urged Congress to extend unemployment

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And if Congress continues to act in the spirit of cooperation we've seen in recent weeks, I'm confident we can make much more progress together in the year to come," the president said.¶ Topics: Barack Obama

#### Plan saps Obama’s capital

Birns & Mills, Council on Hemispheric Affairs director and senior research fellow, 1/30/13

(Larry and Frederick B., Council on Hemispheric Affairs, “Best Time for U.S.– Cuba Rapprochement Is Now,” <http://www.coha.org/best-time-for-u-s-cuba-rapprochement-is-now/>, Accessed 7/9/13)

Despite the basic intransigence of US policy towards

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An end to the embargo has been long overdue, and the judgment of history may very well be that it ought never to have been started.

Unemployment is the largest stimuli for the economy- we hold the best internal-

Roberts, 12/23

(Dan, the Guardian's Washington Bureau chief, covering politics and US national affairs, 12/23/13, “The Guardian, Expiration of unemployment benefits threatens US recovery, adviser warns,” <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/23/us-unemployment-benefits-expiration-economy>, Accessed: 12/25/13, LPS.)

The expiration of benefits for 1.3 million jobless Americans this weekend will exacerbate the worst period of chronic unemployment in post-war history,

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, Republicans and Democrats are expected to return to the issue early in the New Year with a vote on a three-month extension and the resumption of talks about longer-term benefits.

#### Economic downturn causes great power wars and extinction and terrorism-

AUSLIN ‘9 - scholar at American Enterprise Institute (Michael, “The global Economy Unravels” American Enterprise Institute, [http://www.aei.org/publications/filter.all,pubID.29502/pub\_detail.asp](http://www.aei.org/publications/filter.all%2CpubID.29502/pub_detail.asp))

What do these trends mean in the short and medium term? The Great Depression showed how social and global chaos followed hard on economic collapse.

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The result may be a series of small explosions that coalesce into a big bang

Cross apply their Terror Impacts- we hold the best internal

### 1NC- Eurocentrism

#### The affirmative represents a masculinized attempt to impose security through control – this entrenches gender hierarchies and prevents successful alternatives.

Tickner 1992

(J. Ann Tickner, Professor of International Relations at USC. Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security. 1992, <http://www.ciaonet.org/book/tickner/>)

In previous chapters I have argued that traditional notions of national security are becoming dysfunctional.

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genuine security requires not only the absence of war but also the elimination of unjust social relations, including unequal gender relations

#### This is the point in which everything that isn’t white, male, European, and human is permanently devalued to always be inferior.

#### **The epistemological legitimization of Eurocentrism white-washes history and legitimizes violence, imperialism, colonialism and genocide**

Shohat, Professor of Cultural Studies at New York University and Stam, French University Professor at New York University, 97

(Ella, and Robert, “Unthinking Eurocentrism,” <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&sqi=2&ved=0CDkQFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.csus.edu%2Findiv%2Fo%2Fobriene%2Fart112%2Freadings%2FUnthinkingEurocentrismIntroduction.rtf&ei=0v7VUcj6C8agigLbt4FI&usg=AFQjCNGzs72xcKKnpIfpEkBPsIhMONn0eQ&sig2=6WnFAZPF8pes3AW7uu-HLw&bvm=bv.48705608,d.cGE>, Accessed: 7/4/13, LPS.)

Eurocentrism first emerged as a discursive rationale for colonialism, the process by which the European powers reached positions of

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"holds a monopoly on beauty, intelligence, and strength."

#### Must reject the Aff - Eurocentrism sweeps these impacts under the rug. Their world becomes self-contained leading to the forced subjugation of entire populations.

#### The alternative is to reject the affirmative’s knowledge production in favor of examining politics through a gendered lens—this is a prior question to effective policies

Tickner 1997

(J. Ann Tickner - Professor in the School of International Relations at University of Southern California, President of the International Studies Association, the most respected and widely known scholarly association in this field - Dec., 1997 “You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists” International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 41, No. 4.)

Many of these issues seem far removed from the concerns of international relations.

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women's (and certain men's) security broadly defined can be formulated.

### 1NC

#### Solves trade multilateralism

Erixon 12 (Fredrik Erixon; 2012; Center for European Studies; “Transatlantic Free Trade:¶ An Agenda for Jobs,¶ Growth and Global Trade¶ Leadership”; [www.thinkingeurope.eu](http://www.thinkingeurope.eu); KDUB)

First, it would generate significant economic gains.

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Such¶ leadership could create positive tensions in the world trading¶ system that would motivate the transatlantic and other key¶ economies to favour stronger liberalisation within the WTO.

#### US engagement pisses the EU off and crowds them out

Andreas Feldmann, xx-xx-2006, Associate Professor of the Institute of Political Science at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, “The Interest of the European Union in Security Issues in Latin America in the 21 st Century,” <http://www.capital-social.net/moodle/images/Sudamerica_Gefahren.pdf#page=67>

The United States has historically played a prominent role in the Western Hemisphere.

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the United States has regarded the region as its sphere of influence and thus maintained a relatively large presence in order to guarantee and protect its multiple security and economic interests.

#### Key to US-EU relations

Suominen 2/13 (Kati, adjunct fellow in the Europe program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, adjunct professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and founder of U.S. Export Capital, LLC. “The case for TAFTA” Foreign Policy <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/02/13/the_case_for_tafta_us_europe_free_trade?page=full>) will

Fourth, a deep TAFTA is miracle water for the U.S.-EU relationship,

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Washington and Brussels to reassert leadership in the world economy they have built together, and it undercuts Beijing's divide-and-conquer tactics.

#### Strong relations with Europe are key to prevent European instability and nuclear war

Mearsheimer ‘1 John J. Mearsheimer, R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, “The Future of the American Pacifier,” Foreign Affairs, September/October 2001, ebsco

Without the American pacifier, Europe is not guaranteed to remain peaceful.

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Germany with alarm and take measures to protect itself—for example, by increasing its defense spending and establishing closer relations with Russia. Germany, of course, would perceive these actions as hostile and respond with measures of its own.

### Bioterror

#### The impacts of bioweapons are overblown – current investment solves and no extinction

Macfarlane, MIT Security Studies Program, 5

[Allison, 2005, MIT Center for International Studies, “All Weapons of Mass Destruction Are Not Equal”, <http://web.mit.edu/cis/pdf/Audit_6_05_Macfarlane.pdf>, pg. 2 accessed 7-10-13, HG]

Some experts consider biological and nuclear weapons to be the “

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At this time, there is simply not enough data to suggest that biological weapons should occupy the same policy category as nuclear weapons.

#### Tech and operational difficulties overwhelm

Mueller ‘6 John Mueller, professor of political science at Ohio State University, Overblown, 2006, p. 24

Not only has the science about chemical and biological weapons been quite sophisticated for more than a century, but that science has become

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d, “As easy as some argue that it may be for terrorists to culture anthrax spores or brew up a concoction of deadly nerve gas, the effective dissemination or dispersal of these viruses and poisons still presents serious technological hurdles that greatly inhibit their effective use.” 31

#### Weapon delivery’s near impossible

Newhouse ‘2 John Newhouse, Senior Fellow at the Center for Defense Information, Former senior policy advisor on European Affairs to secretary of State, Former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, “The threats America faces,” World Policy Journal, Summer 2002, http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\_hb6669/is\_2\_19/ai\_n28936779/?tag=content;col1

Temperature, sunlight, wind, and moisture can all prevent effective delivery of chemical weapons. Biological pathogens are living organisms and thus more fragile

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explosive effects would destroy all but 1-2 percent of the agent. 31

#### No bioterror threat

Orent ‘9 Wendy Orent, Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Michigan, leading freelance science writer, and author of Plague: The Mysterious Past and Terrifying Future of the World's Most Dangerous Disease, "America's Bioterror Bugaboo,” LA Times, 7/17/2009

After the anthrax letter attacks of October 2001, the Bush

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, by the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.

### Multilat

#### China is rising—but only strengthening the current rules-based order can “lock in” liberal internationalism and thus the liberal democratic order

Ikenberry 05 (G. John, “Power and liberal order: America’s postwar world order in transition,” 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 Co-Director of Princeton’s Center for International Security Studies. Ikenberry is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. In 2013-2014 Ikenberry will be the 72nd Eastman Visiting Professor at Balliol College, Oxford. [http://sobek.colorado.edu/~lewiso/Ikenberry%20-%20America's%20postwar%20order%20in%20transition.pdf](http://sobek.colorado.edu/~lewiso/Ikenberry%20-%20America%27s%20postwar%20order%20in%20transition.pdf))

The coming rise of China, India, and other middle-tier

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Only if American officials think that unipolarity¶ will last forever will the United States have an incentive to reduce its commitments to a mutually agreeable, loosely multilateral international order.

#### Even if US hegemonic decline is inevitable, the liberal international order, including the economic growth and democracy that comes with it, can be maintained only if rules are maintained and entrance is based on democratization

Ikenberry 11 (G. John, “A World of Our Making: The international order that America created will endure—if we make the transition to a grand strategy based on reciprocity and shared leadership.” 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 Co-Director of Princeton’s Center for International Security Studies. Ikenberry is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. In 2013-2014 Ikenberry will be the 72nd Eastman Visiting Professor at Balliol College, Oxford. <http://www.democracyjournal.org/21/a-world-of-our-making-1.php?page=2>)

Second, the character of liberal international order itself—with or without American hegemonic leadership—reinforces continuity.

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does appear to have unique characteristics that encourage integration and discourage opposition and resistance.

#### Including non-democratic institutions in the world order impairs the world’s ability to make decisions and deals—non-democracies inherently undermine world decision-making—relative levels of cooperation have no impact

Ásgeirsdóttir and Steinwand Feb-28-12 “Drawing the Line: The Use of Equidistance versus Equitable Distribution in Demarcating Shared Ocean Areas,” Áslaug Ásgeirsdóttir is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Politics at Bates College, Martin Steinwand is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Stony Brook University, <http://mysbfiles.stonybrook.edu/~msteinwand/papers/AsgeirsdottirSteinwand.2012.pdf>)

At first glance, we see that the regime type variables are statistically significant, while ¶ variables related to relative power

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Still, our analysis shows ¶ strong evidence that democracies are better at bargaining with each other.

A Mideast war would not escalate or go nuclear

Stevens ’02 **[Elizabeth Stevens, September 19, 2002, http://infomanage.com/nonproliferation/najournal/israelinucs.html]**

Thus far, Israel has confronted continuous hostility with a strong conventional superiority**.**

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It would appear that Israel does not need a nuclear arsenal.

Deterrence checks middle east conflict – emperics and fear

Waltz 2k [Kenneth, prof, http://www.ciaonet.org/olj/gjia/gjia\_winspr00f.html, dw: Spring 2000, da: 7-8-2011, lido]

We have this peculiar notion about the irrationality of rogue states. When he was Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin said these rogue leaders might be undeterrable.

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So how can we say irrational or undeterrable? But we do say it.

**Warming won’t cause extinction**

**Barrett**, professor of natural resource economics – Columbia University, **‘7**

(Scott, Why Cooperate? The Incentive to Supply Global Public Goods, introduction)

First, **climate change does not threaten the survival of the human species**.5

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The challenge would still be more difficult than asteroid defense, but we would have done much more about it by now.

**No impact---mitigation and adaptation will solve---no tipping point or “1% risk” args**

Robert O. **Mendelsohn 9**, the Edwin Weyerhaeuser Davis Professor, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 2009, “Climate Change and Economic Growth,” online: http://www.growthcommission.org/storage/cgdev/documents/gcwp060web.pdf

The heart of the debate about climate

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policies need to be developed to thwart long‐range climate risks. What is needed are long‐run balanced responses.