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**‘Its’ means ownership**

GEGT 5 Glossary of English Grammar Terms, 2005

([http://www.usingenglish.com/glossary/possessive-pronoun.html](http://www.usingenglish.com/glossary/possessive-pronoun.html" \t "_blank))

Mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs are the possessive pronouns used tosubstitute a noun and toshow possession or ownership.

EG. This is your disk and that's mine. (Mine substitutes the word disk and shows that it belongs to me.)

**Towards means in the direction of**

AHD, 9 (‘toward’, [http://education.yahoo.com/reference/dictionary/entry/toward](http://education.yahoo.com/reference/dictionary/entry/toward" \t "_blank))

to·ward (tôrd, trd, t-wôrd) KEY PREPOSITION: also to·wards (tôrdz, trdz, t-wôrdz) KEY In the direction of: driving toward home.

### 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 whose assistance was cut off after Christmas — and this time, the extension would be paid for

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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

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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 is unpopular- congress hates it

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>, Accessed: 8/26/13, LPS.)

The success of President Obama's [second-term climate agenda](http://thehill.com/video/in-the-news/318553-obamas-climate-change-policy-hinders-on-impending-regulations-" \t "_blank) hinges on a set of regulations now in the works at the Environmental Protection Agency. His plan to combat global warming through new emissions standards and a shift toward increased renewable energy faces serious opposition from business groups, and Congress is steeling for battle. But if the regulations survive the attacks — and subsequent legal challenges — they could amount to one of the president's most consequential initiatives, his supporters say.¶ “He’s doing it with one hand tied behind his back,” Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, said in reference to opposition to the effort. The centerpiece of Obama’s push is a set of regulations to limit greenhouse gas pollution from new and existing power plants, the source of about 40 percent of carbon emissions. Obama announced the steps in June, as part of a wide-ranging plan to counter the effects of global warming at a time when legislative efforts lack traction in Congress.

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

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#### The term “renewable” in the plan includes wind. The Organization of the America States division on sustainable energy defines it as such for policymakers.

Lambrides, et al., 99 (Mark, Division Chief for Energy and Climate Change in the Department of Sustainable Development at the Organization of American States, “The Renewable Energy Policy Manual,”

http://www.oas.org/dsd/publications/Unit/oea79e/ch05.htm

The term “renewable” is generally applied to those energy resources and technologies whose common characteristic is that they are non-depletable or naturally replenishable.

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such as solar water heaters and geothermal heat pumps, are also based on renewable resources, but outside the scope of this Manual.

#### – Wind farms violate indigenous peoples, pollute their land, destroying small farms and native cultures – straight turns the case.

Godoy, 13 (Emilio, Mexico-based correspondent for Inter Press Service covering the environment, human rights, and sustainable development, “Rural Mexican Communities Protest Wind Farms,” June 18, <http://www.ipsnews.net/2013/06/rural-mexican-communities-protest-wind-farms/>)

“We can’t sow our fields, which they have rented for next to nothing. What good do we get out of it?” Guadalupe Ramírez complained about wind farms operating in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca. Ramírez said

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oil from the turbines is contaminating the soil and the groundwater, the blades are killing birds, and the turbines are noisy,” Esteban López, a 55-year-old Zapotec Indian who grows maize and sorghum, told IPS.

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The aff’s depiction of environmental problems, human rights abuses, economics, nuclear war impacts, and the status quo of politics is a political tool used to obtain a ballot for their own instrumental purposes-

Gernstenfeld, 8

(Manfred, former Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, where he founded and directed the Center's Post-Holocaust and Anti-Semitism program. Dr. Gerstenfeld is an international business and environmental strategist. Dr. Gerstenfeld is the author of many books including Revaluing Italy; Environment and Confusion; Israel's New Future Interviews; The State as Business: Do It Yourself Political Forecasting; Judaism, Environmentalism and the Environment; and The Environment in the Jewish Tradition-A Sustainable World. His latest book, Europe's Crumbling Myths exposes the origins of post-Holocaust anti-Semitism, 4/9/08, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, “Holocaust Trivialization,” <http://jcpa.org/article/holocaust-trivialization/>, Accessed: 1/25/14, LPS.)

Holocaust trivialization is one among various categories of Holocaust distortion. It is a tool for some ideologically or politically motivated activists to metaphorically compare phenomena

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Other trivializers operate out of commercial or artistic considerations.

Unlike in the case of most other distortions of the Holocaust, the trivializers usually do not target Jews.

Their apocalyptic securitized impact framing is inherently tied to ‘the Holocaust’ and ‘Holocaustic impacts’- this will lead to endless violence, assimilation, invisibility, and anti-semitism- their impacts making them inevitable under their rhetorical claims and how they act in the debate space-

Foxman, 12

(Abraham H., a Holocaust survivor, is national director of the Anti-Defamation League, 1/11/12, The Jewish Press, “Trivializing The Holocaust,” <http://www.jewishpress.com/indepth/opinions/trivializing-the-holocaust/2012/01/11/0/>, Accessed: 1/26/14, LPS.)

Yet never did I think that we would have to speak out about the abject trivialization of the Holocaust by a group of Jews living in Israel

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the significant reasons why the Jewish state of Israel was brought into being in the first place.

#### **The alternative is to reject the aff’s apocalyptic framing and ‘Holocaustic’ depiction of impacts and move towards methods of complexity interrogation and the rejection of ‘rhetorical norms’ in the construction of impact rhetoric-** Our interrogation of the 1AC is critical to identify the root cause of their harms — absent ideological reform, serial policy failure is inevitable

Ahmed 12 Dr. Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed is Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRD), an independent think tank focused on the study of violent conflict, he has taught at the Department of International Relations, University of Sussex "The international relations of crisis and the crisis of international relations: from the securitisation of scarcity to the militarisation of society" Global Change, Peace & Security Volume 23, Issue 3, 2011 Taylor Francis

While recommendations to shift our frame of orientation away from conventional state-centrism toward a 'human security' approach are valid

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is urgently required to develop coherent conceptual frameworks which could inform more sober, effective, and joined-up policy-making on these issues.

### 1nc – shunning

#### The affirmative engages with known human rights abusers-— *moral duty* to shun

Beversluis 89 — Eric H. Beversluis, Professor of Philosophy and Economics at Aquinas College, holds an A.B. in Philosophy and German from Calvin College, an M.A. in Philosophy from Northwestern University, an M.A. in Economics from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Education from Northwestern University, 1989 (“On Shunning Undesirable Regimes: Ethics and Economic Sanctions,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Volume 3, Number 2, April, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via JSTOR, p. 17-19)

A fundamental task of morality is resolving conflicting interests

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to do so others may interpret our failure as **tacit complicity** in the **willful**, **persistent**, and **flagrant immorality**.

### Manufacturing

#### Non-unique – Mexican Manufacturing and energy ties are already strong

Energy and Capital 7/5/13

[Justin Williams, Staff writer, July 5th 2013, “U.S. Natural Gas Fuels Mexican Manufacturing,” <http://www.energyandcapital.com/articles/us-natural-gas-fuels-mexican-manufacturing/3596>, Accessed 7/10/13, CB]

U.S. natural gas is shaping up to be a very important competitive advantage for manufacturers to the south. U.S.

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.to open up for more business to the south.

**Air power ineffective – empirics**

**Mueller, 10** (Karl P., senior political scientist at RAND Corporation, adjunct associate professor in the Security Studies Program, Georgetown University, 2010, “Air Power,” RAND Corporation, http://www.rand.org/pubs/reprints/2010/RAND\_RP1412.pdf, AJ)

**Strategic bombing campaigns failed to produce the sort of rapid, decisive results originally envisioned** by many of their proponents.

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in many respects not fundamentally different from those needed for other types of air campaigns.

The aff doesn’t fiat “smart grids” which means they can’t prevent meltdowns

**Their intnernal link cards say that “Solar storms are the key internal to grid failure” – that’s inevitable**

**Popular Science, YOUR AUTHOR, 2011** (Damon Tabor, "Are We Prepared for a Catastrophic Solar Storm?," http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2011-05/are-we-prepared-catastrophic-solar-storm)

One of the biggest disasters we face would begin about 18 hours after the sun spit out a 10-billion-ton ball of plasma—

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Many space-weather scientists say the Earth is due for one soon. Although CMEs can strike anytime, they are closely correlated to highs in the 11-year sunspot cycle. The current cycle will peak in July 2013.

#### Adding Mexico grid interconnections means increased renewable investment kills spare capacity – causes overstretch and blackouts

The Economist 11 (“Difference Engine: Disaster waiting to happen,” Babbage, 9/16/11, http://www.economist.com/blogs/babbage/2011/09/reliability-grid)//SJF

Yet, further down the coast, 6m citizens of southern California and south-west Arizona, along with their cousins across the Mexican border, were just recovering from a man-made disaster that had plunged their sweltering world into darkness

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Unless the grid is made more robust and secure, the threat to the country—from terrorist or technician—can only become more severe.

#### American leadership isn’t key—the international order is self-sustaining even if the U.S. declines

Ikenberry 2011 (G. John, “A World of our Making” <http://www.democracyjournal.org/21/a-world-of-our-making-1.php?page=all>)

Second, the character of liberal international order itself—

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the current liberal international order, seen in comparative perspective, does appear to have unique characteristics that encourage integration and discourage opposition and resistance.

#### Prolonging transition risks global stability

Farley, University of Kentucky assistant professor of Diplomacy and International Commerce, 3-7-12

(Dr. Robert, World Politics Review, "Over the Horizon: The Future of American Hegemony," http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/11696/over-the-horizon-the-future-of-american-hegemony, accessed 7-6-12, CNM)

What are the dangers?

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. Nothing about the future is guaranteed; wise policies can revise and extend a globally acceptable “American Century,” while foolish policies can cut it short.

#### Turns the case – Hegemony causes econ collapse, backlash, and foreign overstretch – only retreat is sustainable

Posen, MIT Political Science Professor, 13

[Barry R., Jan/Feb 2013, Foreign Affairs, “Pull Back,” Vol. 92, Issue 1, Academic Search Complete, accessed 7/2/13, WD]

Despite a decade of costly and indecisive warfare and mounting fiscal pressures, the long-standing consensus among American policymakers about U.S. grand strategy has remained remarkably intact. As the presidential campaign made clear,

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a shift would allow the United States to spend its resources on only the most pressing international threats, it would help preserve the country's prosperity and security over the long run.

### Poverty

#### Must weigh consequences – their moral tunnel vision is complicit with the evil they criticize

Isaac, Professor of Political Science at Indiana University 2

(Jeffrey C, Dissent Magazine, 49(2), “Ends, Means, and Politics”, Spring, Proquest)

As writers such as Niccolo Machiavelli, Max Weber, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Hannah Arendt have taught, an unyielding concern with moral goodness undercuts political responsibility. The concern may be morally laudable, reflecting a kind of personal integrity, but it suffers from three fatal flaws: (

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It alienates those who are not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

#### Status quo solar power solves lack of access

Cichon 12 (Meg Cichon, associate editor of renewable energy world, 12-14-12, “Clear Horizon for Mexican Solar,” <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/12/clear-horizon-for-mexican-solar>) gz

Most solar development in Mexico has been focused on small scale, off-grid rural electrification for the 3% of Mexicans without grid access.

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Yet Calderon, while hailing this achievement for Mexico, stressed the need for more grid-connected residential solar

#### Status Quo solves Poverty – Benefit programs in mexico and Brazil significantly reduced poverty and are modeled globally – peer reviewed

**Rosenberg 11** – (Tina, columnist for the New York Times “To Beat Back Poverty, Pay the Poor” 1/3/11 <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/01/03/to-beat-back-poverty-pay-the-poor/?_r=0>) DF

The program, called Bolsa Familia (Family Grant) in Brazil, goes by different names in different places

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. Indigenous Mexicans have particularly benefited, staying in school longer.

#### Mexican energy poverty is low and decreasing – 95% of population accesses energy

**IEF 09** – world's largest gathering of energy “ministers”; includes IEA and OPEC countries, and key international actors such as Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Russia, and South Africa; IEF countries account for more than 90 percent of global oil and gas supply and demand (International Energy Forum, “Reducing Energy Poverty through Cooperation and Partnership”, IEF Symposium on Energy Poverty, December 2009, <http://www.ief.org/_resources/files/content/events/ief-symposium-on-energy-poverty/background-paper.pdf)//AY>

Despite the alarming figures for energy poverty worldwide, significant efforts are underway to reduce the number of people suffering from a lack of access

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The Mexican example demonstrates that access can be achieved through comprehensive reform and dedicated funding.

#### Renewables worsen the quality of life for the poor

Cecelski, 2k – (Elizabeth, worked for more than twenty-five years in problems of energy and developing countries, specializing in energy, poverty and gender issues, especially in household and rural energy; and in rural electrification and rural development; holds a BA from Duke University and an MA from John Hopkins.¶ As an energy economist at Resources for the Future, she co-authored Household Energy and the Third World Poor (1979) and Energy Strategies for Developing Nations (1981). She later worked for an appropriate technology NGO, VITA, and in the Rural Employment Policies Branch of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. She is a founding member, and presently member of the Advisory Group and Technical Adviser for Advocacy & Research of ENERGIA, the International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy, and is the author of several standard references on gender and energy; “ENABLING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RURAL ¶ ELECTRIFICATION: CURRENT THINKING AND MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY, POVERTY AND GENDER,” 27 January 2000, http://www.sarpn.org/genderenergy/resources/cecelski/energypovertygender.pdf//HO

Sustainable energy development (SED) has been defined as sustainability in economic, ¶ social and environmental terms (deLucia, 1992; Munasinghe, 1995

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places severe additional burdens on poor people, ¶ and denies them the opportunity for productivity growth that fossil fuelled ¶ technologies facilitate.