## Contention 1- Relations

#### Plan improves relations throughout the world and spurs the economy.

Trani 13 --- permanent member Council on Foreign Relations Eugene P. Trani, President and University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate of the University of Notre Dame (“Trani: End the embargo on Cuba”, Times Dispatch, June 23, 2013, <http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/end-the-embargo-on-cuba/article_ba3e522f-8861-5f3c-bee9-000dffff8ce7.html>, accessed June 28, 2013, MY)

The Soviet support of Cuba lasted right up to the disintegration of the Soviet Union

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and all our policy makers need is courage to bring about this change.

#### Failing to lift the embargo now dooms Latin American relations forever

**White, ’13** [3/7/13, Robert E. White, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, was the United States ambassador to Paraguay from 1977 to 1979 and to El Salvador from 1980 to 1981, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all>]

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably

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cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

#### Cuba is key to US-Latin American Relations- that solves Climate change and nuclear terrorism

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Cuba, too, poses a significant challenge for relations between the United States and

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consultation and collaboration on a new, more effective approach to the problem.

#### Latin American relations are key to solving warming, amazon deforestation and oil dependence

**Zedillo et al, ‘8** [2008, Ernesto Zedillo Commission co-chair; Former President of Mexico Thomas R. Pickering Commission co-chair; Former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Memb e r s o f the Par t n e r s h i p for t h e Ame r i cas Commi ssi o n Mauricio Cárdenas Director of the Commission; Senior Fellow and Director, Latin America Initiative, Brookings Leonardo Martinez-Diaz Deputy Director of the Commission; Political Economy Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings , “Rethinking U.S.–Latin American Relations A Hemispheric Partnership for a Turbulent World Report of the Partnership for the Americas Commission”, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2008/11/24%20latin%20america%20partnership/1124_latin_america_partnership.pdf>]

The link between carbon-intensive activities and changes in the world’s climate is now

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is pioneering the use of information technology to lessen deforestation in the Amazon.

#### Global warming is real, caused by human CO2 emissions and will cause extinction

Kaku 11 – Michio Kaku, co-creator of string field theory, a branch of string theory. He received a B.S. (summa cum laude) from Harvard University in 1968 where he came first in his physics class. He went on to the Berkeley Radiation Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley and received a Ph.D. in 1972. In 1973, he held a lectureship at Princeton University. Michio continues Einstein’s search for a “Theory of Everything,” seeking to unify the four fundamental forces of the universe—the strong force, the weak force, gravity and electromagnetism. He is the author of several scholarly, Ph.D. level textbooks and has had more than 70 articles published in physics journals, covering topics such as superstring theory, supergravity, supersymmetry, and hadronic physics. Professor of Physics — He holds the Henry Semat Chair and Professorship in theoretical physics at the City College of New York, where he has taught for over 25 years. He has also been a visiting professor at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, as well as New York University (NYU). “Physics of the Future” http://213.55.83.52/ebooks/physics/Physics%20of%20the%20Future.pdf Accessed 6/26/12 BJM

By midcentury, the full impact of a fossil fuel economy should be in full

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methane gas to be released, causing a runaway cycle of global warming.

#### Amazon deforestation causes extinction

Takacs 96 (David, Philosophies of Paradise, The Johns Hopkins Univ. Pr., Baltimore)

"Habitat destruction and conversion are eliminating species at such a frightening pace that extinction

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the famines could lead to a thermonuclear war, which could extinguish civilization.""

#### Oil dependency ensures perpetual intervention and global wars

Freeman 4 Robert Freeman, 2004 writer on economics and education, March 1, 2004, <http://www.commondreams.org/views04/0301-12.htm>

As long as the US chooses the Grab the Oil alternative, the implications for

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responses will only intensify until the US is embroiled in unending global conflict.

## Contention 2- Influence

#### US credibility on the international stage is low now-increased engagement key

Duddy & Mora **2013**,Patrick Duddy served as U.S. ambassador to Venezuela from 2007 until 2010 and is currently visiting senior lecturer at Duke University. Frank O. Mora is incoming director of the Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University, and former deputy assistant secretary of Defense, (Western Hemisphere (2009-2013)]¶ ¶ 05.01.2013¶ ¶ ¶ Latin America: Is U.S. influence waning? 5/1/13 <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/05/01/3375160/latin-america-is-us-influence.html>, Accessed July 4, 2013, KH)

Is U.S. influence in Latin America on the wane? It depends

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and investment remain the most enduring and measurable dimensions of U.S.

### Scenario 1- Soft Power

#### International support for lifting the embargo-UN vote proves

Havana Times 12 (“Cuba Embargo Blasted Again at UN 188-3”, Havana Times, November 13 2012, <http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=82054>, Accessed: 7/4/13, EH)

HAVANA TIMES (dpa) – The UN General Assembly on Tuesday renewed a demand that the United States lift the economic embargo imposed on Cuba since the 1960s.

The 193-nation assembly voted 188-3 to adopt an annual resolution,

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demanding compliance by all companies with regard to trade and navigation with Cuba.

- See more at: <http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=82054#sthash.yJBO6ieX.dpuf>

#### The embargo continually degrades our soft power and allows Cuba to spread anti-Americanism

COLONEL LANCE R. KOENIG, US Army, Nov. 3, ‘10, TIME FOR A NEW CUBA POLICY, ACC. 6-4-2013,

www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA518130‎, JT//JEDI

The efforts expended by the United States to keep the embargo effective, the loss

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guides her onto a path that will benefit the nations of the Americas.

#### US soft power solves North Korean prolif, terrorism, Iran prolif, and disease

**Kurlantzick 06-** Joshua Kurlantzick visiting scholar in the Carnegie Endowment’s China Program and a fellow at the USC School of Public Diplomacy and the Pacific Council on International Policy; previously foreign editor at The New Republic, (The Decline of American Soft Power, [carnegieendowment.org](http://carnegieendowment.org/), 2006, <http://carnegieendowment.org/files/Kurlantzick.pdf>, Accessed: July 10, 2013, KH)

A broad decline in soft power has many practical implications. These include the drain

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of terrorism, in addition to rooting out and destroying individual militant cells.

#### North Korean weapons cause extinction

Hayes & Hamel-Green, 10 – \*Executive Director of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development, AND \*\* Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development act Victoria University (1/5/10, Executive Dean at Victoria, “The Path Not Taken, the Way Still Open: Denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia,” <http://www.nautilus.org/fora/security/10001HayesHamalGreen.pdf>)

The international community is increasingly aware that cooperative diplomacy is the most productive way to

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threat but a global one that warrants priority consideration from the international community.

#### Nuclear terrorism escalates to major nuclear war.

Ayson’10

Robert – Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington – “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Volume 33, Issue 7, July, obtained via InformaWorld

A terrorist nuclear attack, and even the use of nuclear weapons in response by

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, is further international cooperation on the control of existing fissile material holdings.

#### Iran prolif leads to Middle East nuclear arms race – causes nuclear war

Allison ‘6 – Graham Tillett Allison Jr., Graham Allison is an American political scientist and professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. (“The Will to Prevent,” Harvard International Law Review, Fall 2006, page lexis)

Meanwhile, Iran is testing the line in the Middle East. On its current

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us to have control of weapons of destruction that can threaten our existence.”

#### Disease causes extinction

Yu 9 (Victoria, Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science, 5-22, http://dujs.dartmouth.edu/spring-2009/human-extinction-the-uncertainty-of-our-fate, 6-23-11)

A pandemic will kill off all humans. In the past, humans have indeed

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could only infect birds — into a human-viable strain (10).

### Scenario 2- Obama Cred

#### Engaging Cuba is key to Obama’s credibility. The plan reverses the perceived decline of U.S. influence & creates solutions to major hotspots

Dickerson ’10, Lieutenant Colonel Sergio M. Dickerson, 2010, "United States Security Strategy Towards Cuba," Strategy Research Project, [www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA518053](http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA518053), ACC. 6-11-2013, JT//JEDI

Today, 20 years have passed since the fall of the Berlin Wall – it’s

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decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.

#### Obama weakness causes multiple nuclear conflicts- China and Indo-pak specifically

Ben Coes ‘11, a former speechwriter in the George H.W. Bush administration, managed Mitt Romney’s successful campaign for Massachusetts Governor in 2002, “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, <http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/>, ACC. 6-12-2013, JT//JEDI

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

#### US-Sino war goes nuclear. Crisis management won’t check

Lowther ‘13

Note: when this card has a line that reads “it says”, it is referencing a 42-page report by the Washington DC-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Ask your lab leaders about the CSIS and the PONI (Project on Nuclear Issues) – several of them have worked for that organization and will have unique insights. The study at hand was prepared by the CSIS’ Project on Nuclear Issues. The Tapiei Time article was written by William Lowther, who is the Washington DC staff writer for that organization and he is citing a report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 3-16-2013, “Taiwan could spark nuclear war: report,” Taipei Times, http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/03/16/2003557211

“Although Beijing and Washington have agreed to a range of crisis management mechanisms,

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arsenals, such a conflict would be tremendously dangerous and quite possibly devastating.”

#### Indo-Pak war would cause extinction-- Best new studies

Starr ’11 (Consequences of a Single Failure of Nuclear Deterrence by Steven Starr February 07, 2011 \* Associate member of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation \* Senior Scientist for PSR

Only a single failure of nuclear deterrence is required to start a nuclear war,

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tell us that such a war would mean the end of human history.

 We need to ask our leaders: Exactly what political or national goals could

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the currently operational and deployed U.S. and Russian nuclear forces.

## Contention 3- Ag

#### Cuban agroecology is at risk – it’s the only model for adaptation to future agricultural challenges without mass food shortages

Raj Patel, Fellow at the Institute for Food and Development Policy, 2012

(April, What Cuba Can Teach Us About Food and Climate Change, www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/future\_tense/2012/04/agro\_ecology\_lessons\_from\_cuba\_on\_agriculture\_food\_and\_climate\_change\_.single.html)

The Studebakers plying up and down Havana’s boardwalk aren’t the best advertisement for dynamism and

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to the future, even if their automobiles are stuck in the past.

#### Access to the US market is key to the continued viability of Cuban organics

William Kost, Economist at the US Department of Agriculture, 2004

(CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?, <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf>)

For the U.S. organic market, in addition to a lifting of

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domestic consumption in an environment where other production approaches are just not available.

#### Lifting the embargo is critical for investment in Cuban organoponics and leads to US adoption which fuels worldwide adoption

Jacob Shkolnick, JD Candidate at Drake, Fall 2012

(SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, lexis)

While investment in Cuban businesses and sales or purchases of Cuban products must still move

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may be just what is needed to allow for urban agriculture to flourish.

#### Global food shortages risk extinction from starvation and war

Julian Cribb, Professor in Science Communication at the University of Technology Sydney, 2010

(Julian, principal of JCA, fellow of the Australian Academy

of Technological Sciences and Engineering, “The Coming Famine: The

Global Food Crisis and What We Can Do to Avoid It”, pg 10

The character of human conflict has also changed: since the early 1990s, more

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believe future food shortages are a far bigger world threat than global warming."

#### The agriculture industry is key to prevent US economic decline

Pulliam 12 – John Pulliam, writer for Galesberg, winner of 2010 AP article contest (“Farmers want Cuban embargo lifted”, Galesberg, 7/8/12, <http://www.galesburg.com/news/x1271220402/Farmers-want-Cuban-embargo-lifted#axzz2Y1R3Us3L> , accessed: 7/3/13, ckr)

 “Restoring normal trade relations with Cuba is an important step in furthering Illinois

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from the United States, just because of transportation costs,” Serven said.

#### Econ collapse causes Nuclear War

Harris & Burrows 9 – Professors of History @ Cambridge

PhD European History @ Cambridge, counselor in the National Intelligence Council (NIC) & member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit Mathew, and Jennifer “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” 2009 <http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f_0016178_13952.pdf>

Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and indeed believes the future is

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

## Plan

#### The United States federal government should normalize its trade relations with Cuba.

## Contention 4- Solvency

#### Cuba says yes to full normalization

Jennifer Gerz-Escandon, Ph.D., International Relations and former professor of political science at Lynn University, October 9, ‘8, “End the US-Cuba embargo: It's a win-win,” Christian Science Monitor, ACC. 6-1-2013, <http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2008/1009/p09s02-coop.html>, JT//JEDI

Bringing an end to the decades-old US-[Cuba](http://www.csmonitor.com/tags/topic/Cuba) embargo is no longer

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development, and immigration – could provide the foundation for a postembargo relationship.

#### Only a complete elimination solves

Mitchell 01

(The Decline of Political Pertinence: U.S. Economic Sanctions Against Cuba

Lieutenant Colonal Stephen D. Mitchell, United States Army, 2001 March 18, Strategy Research Project)

There are two basic ways to lift the embargo, piecemeal or all at once

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control and Cuban sovereignty threatened, he will revert to the status quo.