### 1ac – securitized sanctions

#### Welcome to the United States – where cultures that refuse to accept our imperial mindset become threats and we respond by placing economic sanctions upon them – our culture bribes us to accept Cuba as an inferior yet threatening nation – this prevents us from seeking solutions to true oppression and establishes a colonial mindset for Latin America at large

**Schoultz 10** – Professor of Political Science at UNC Chapel Hill (Lars, “Benevolent Domination: The Ideology of US Policy Towards Cuba”, NG)

The United States and Cuba have not had normal diplomatic relations since January 3, 1961, eleven U.S. presidents ago. In contrast, the U.S. refusal to … colleagues to ‘‘think of our intervention in Cuba. This is absolutely one of the ﬁnest things in human history.’’31

#### Problematizing the way we formulate policy in academic debate is critical to challenge the current ideology and change political thought about Latin America

Bertucci 13 – (Mariano, Political Science and International Relations Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern California, “Latin America Has Moved On: U.S. Scholarship Hasn’t”, Americas Quarterly, Vol. 7 No. 2, Spring)

The bias in U.S. research on U.S. foreign policy

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to the shaping of common solutions to the shared problems in the hemisphere.

#### **Economic sanctions are a form of economic terrorism which makes colonialism an ever present fact in the lives of Cubans – the justifications of ending communism are shoddy and excuses for endless intervention and violence**

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The economic sanctions imposed on Cuba by the United States are … not be controversial if the society we live in was intellectually free.

#### These attempts to dominate a target nation is based in a form of power politics that generates violence – it must be rejected

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Critical Redefinition of Power in the International Arena The critical redefinition of power that would

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program kept them there, just dangling a carrot just out of reach.

#### It’s try or die – security’s epistemological precepts attempt to render everything knowable and hence predictable – this means that random variation in IR ensures aggression and enemy creation which makes extinction inevitable

Burke 07 – Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations in the University of New South Wales (Anthony, Theory & Event, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007, “Ontologies of War: Violence, Existence and Reason,” Project MUSE)

This essay develops a theory about the causes of war -- and thus aims to generate lines of action and critique for peace -- that cuts beneath analyses based either on a given sequence of events, threats, insecurities and political manipulation, or the play of institutional, economic or political interests (the 'military-industrial complex'). Such factors are important to be sure, and should not be discounted, but they flow over a deeper… choices available? Will our actions perpetuate or help to end the global rule of insecurity and violence? Will our thought?

#### We have reached a moment of crisis – the USFG has been co-opted by the language of the survival society where government officials maintain an atmosphere of fear to pass imperial policies – this orients society towards permanent war and evacuates critical public spheres such as debate which eviscerates agency – simulating USFG action without evaluating the securitized bedrock upon which our government formulates foreign policy makes violence inevitable

**Elmer and Opel 06 –** Greg Elmer, Bell Globemedia Research Chair in the School of Radio TV Arts at Ryerson University, and Andy Opel, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Florida State University, July-September 2006, Cultural Studies, Vol. 20, No. 4-5, p. 488-490

Throughout the media discourse over the virtues or moral failings of the policy analysis markets

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to investigate impropriety or ethical lapses because the fraud may be our very own

#### Vote AFF to epistemologically interrogate the security logic the United States federal government used to justify its economic sanctions on Cuba – the ballot is a referendum on the desirability of security logic – debate is an academic forum and your job is to inculcate valuable understanding – having a coherent intellectual position is more important than specific political battles

**Jones 99** – Professor International Politics @ Aberystwyth University (1999, Richard Wyn, Security, Strategy, and Critical Theory, p. 155-163)

The central political task of the intellectuals is to aid in the construction of a

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should act as both an inspiration and a challenge to critical security studies.

#### Representations are the organizing principles behind which culture defines and manipulates power relations to determine policy – academic interrogation is infinitely more valuable than political simulations

**Hinds & Windt Jr 91** – (1991, Lynn Boyd, is Associate Professor

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language guides our understanding about rhetoric's role in the political construction of reality.

#### To propose a decisive plan of action is to bind critical theory to political exigency – that just reifies securitization and makes progressive politics fail

**Brown 05** – Professor of political science at UC Berkeley (Edgework: Critical Essays on Knowledge and Politics, Wendy, Professor of Poli Sci, UC Berkeley)

On the one hand, critical theory cannot let itself be bound by political exigency

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them bad conscience, at best it renews their imaginative reach and vigor.

#### Predictability is a nihilistic illusion built upon a myth of sameness and unity grounded in a fear of the flux and movement which lie at the heart of life – embrace the ecstasy of risk and the glory of active interpretation which uses force to wrest meaning from the abyss of nihilism

**Lotringer 01** – Professor of Foreign Philosophy at the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature at Columbia University, (Sylvere, “The Dance of Signs” in Hatred of Capitalism: A Semiotext(e) Reader ed. Kraus&Lotringer, Los Angeles:Semiotext(e), pg 174-176)

Freud is not blind to this: "The producer which the author makes his

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to reinvent the intensity of risks, ceaselessly menacing and forever being reborn.

#### A focus on the structures of security are required to transform our approach to politics

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While recommendations to **shift our frame of orientation** away … **effective, and joined-up policy-making on these issues.**

**The procedural “bracketing out” of our affirmative is a strategy to maintain status-quo securitization**

**Meszaros 89** – (Istvan, 1989, Chair of Philosophy at the University of Sussex, The Power of Ideology, p. 232-234)

Nowhere is the myth of ideological neutrality – the self-proclaimed Wertfeihert or value

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interrelationship between methods and values which no social theory or philosophy can escape.