# 1ac – multilateralism

**CONTENTION 1 IS MULTILATERALISM**

**Anti-americanism and unilateral military policies are decimating US legitimacy, threating the American international system – that causes excess interventions and great power wars**

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In an election season, such talk rolls easily off the tongue. But Romney's … that focuses not on ruling the roost, but on guiding a more diverse and unwieldy globe to consensus and cooperation.

**Multilateralism is a credible alternative – it promotes band-wagoning and international coalitions among US allies, strengthening the US-led system and reviving legitimacy**

**Ikenberry and Kupchan 04 –** (John Ikenberry and Charles Kupchan, “Liberal Realism: The Foundations of a Democratic Foreign Policy,” National Interest (Fall 2004))

It is misguided, however, to assume that America's preponderant power, when combined with an assertive unilateralism, promotes … disaffected allies again feel like stakeholders in the international system.

**Independently, rising powers are challenging the international system – legitimacy is critical to bring them safely into the international system**

Fujimoto 12 – (Kevin Fujimoto 12, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army, January 11, 2012, “Preserving U.S. National Security Interests Through a Liberal World Construct,” online: <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/index.cfm/articles/Preserving-US-National-Security-Interests-Liberal-World-Construct/2012/1/11>)

The emergence of peer competitors, not terrorism, presents the greatest long-term

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protect its interests later when we are no longer the world's only superpower.

**Otherwise, the consensus of hegemonic stability theorists agree that unstable power transitions cause Asian wars which go global**

**Kugler 06 –** Professor of World Politics at Claremont Graduate University (Jacek, “The Asian Ascent: Opportunity for Peace or Precondition for War?”, <http://sobek.colorado.edu/~lewiso/Kugler%20-%20The%20Asian%20Ascent.pdf>)//NG

Given the fundamental importance of demographic and economic forces in establishing the roster of states

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of the enormous costs that reasonably would be anticipated from a nuclear war.

**It also leads to greater power-sharing and international cooperation, resolving conflict**

**Pouliot 11** — Professor of Political Science at McGill University (Vincent Pouliot, “Multilateralism as an End in Itself,” International Studies Perspectives (2011) 12, 18–26)//NG

Because it rests on open, nondiscriminatory debate, and the routine exchange of viewpoints

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that further strengthen the impetus for multilateral dialog. Pg. 21-23

**The plan solves–**

**First, repeal would represent a commitment to multilateralism for the international community by bolstering human rights credibility – that refocuses global institutions**

**Burgsdorff 09 –** Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, <http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf>)//NG

In addition, the US needs to improve its international human rights reputation which was

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it would be interpreted by the international community as steps towards effective multilateralism.

**Second, the plan fosters a credible conflict resolution model which prevents conflict – status quo policies risk disengagement**

**Dickerson 10** – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted in fulfillment of a Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the US Army War College (Sergio M, “UNITED STATES SECURITY STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA,” 1/14/10, <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a518053.pdf>)//SJF

At the international political level, President Obama … plight with Cuba.35 The U.S. could begin to lead again and reverse its perceived decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.

**That conflict model bolsters Obama’s credibility and convinces other countries to negotiate with the United States**

Hinderdael, 11– M.A. candidate at SAIS Bologna Center (Klaas, “Breaking the Logjam: Obama's Cuba Policy and a Guideline for Improved Leadership”, <http://bcjournal.org/volume-14/breaking-the-logjam.html?printerFriendly=true>)//NG

Conclusion

The two countries’ histories have long been intertwined, particularly after the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 gave rise to the American belief that it would become the hemisphere’s protector. Until the immediate … diplomatic relations with the island, President Obama would indicate that he is truly willing to extend his hand once America’s traditional adversaries unclench their fists.

**Third, the plan sends a clear signal of cooperation to Latin America, creating new partnerships and bolstering relations**

**White 13** – Senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador (Robert, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, New York Times, 3/7/13, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all)//TL>

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably linked to a partnership with Latin … like Brazil, Mexico and Colombia, the vision of Roosevelt and Kennedy of a hemisphere of partners cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

**Increased regional standing bolsters influence in international institutions through the creation of voting blocs, allowing the US to lead multilateral forums**

**Sabatini and Berger 12 –** Christopher Sabatini is editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly and senior director of policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas. Ryan Berger is a policy associate at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas(Christopher/Ryan, "Why the U.S. can't afford to ignore Latin America" 6/13/12, CNN/Global Public Square, [http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/)//AD](http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/%29//AD)

 Speaking in Santiago, Chile, in March of last year, President Obama

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S. “backyard” that is outside broader, global strategic concerns.

# 1ac – ag

**CONTENTION 2 IS CUBAN AGRICULTURE**

**Global industrial agriculture is unsustainable**

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The U.S. agricultural system is becoming increasingly more concentrated, specialized, and industrialized.10 As of this writing, **ninety-eight percent** of the food supply in the United States is produced by … practices in response to rapidly changing climate conditions and will help to ensure food security.

**Cuba’s model of urban agriculture is a sustainable alternative**

**Peters 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

While urban agriculture was a response to a dramatic crisis in Cuba’s history, through the development of a community-… and a new economy for many Cubans without negatively impacting the environment or society.

**The plan solves–**

**First, access to the US export market spreads the Cuban model**

**Kost 04** – agricultural economist, Specialty Crops Branch, Economic Research. Service, US Department of Agriculture (William, “CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?”

http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf)

In addition to the above European markets, the … for domestic consumption in an environment where other production approaches are just not available.

**Second, normalizing trade relations gives preferential status to Cuban exports – no risk of a link turn**

**Ashby 11** – a Florida-based attorney, is CEO of Federal Regulatory Compliance Services and Counsel with the International law firm SNR Denton. He served at the US Commerce Department, International Trade Administration, as Director of the Office of Mexico and the Caribbean and acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere (Timothy, States News Service, “HELPING CUBAN REFORMS THROUGH AGRICULTURAL TRADE”, 11/22, lexis)

Cuba's private farmers are an entrepreneurial class with growing disposable income. Cuba buys imported foreign goods, including new automobiles (now also legal), and are eager to sell its … access for the island's products which are of agricultural origin and would not compete with products actually grown in the U.S.

**This prevents the collapse of US agriculture**

**Peters 10 –** LL.M. expected 2011, University of Arkansas School of Law, Graduate Program in Agricultural and Food Law; J.D. 2010, University of Oregon School of Law (Kathryn, “Creating a Sustainable Urban Agriculture Revolution” J. ENVTL. LAW AND LITIGATION [Vol. 25, 203, http://law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/docs/251/peters.pdf)

An adequate food supply is **…** agricultural practices, reduce the financial strain on government resources by increasing urban productivity and enabling urbanites to grow a local food supply, and reduce socioeconomic disparities by providing less-advantaged populations in urban areas with access to an adequate supply of fresh, nutritious food.

**Third, the plan spreads organoponic production, revitalizing urban spaces**

**Shkolnick 12** – J.D. Candidate, Drake University Law School (Jacob, “SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, Fall, lexis)

VI. New Opportunities

While investment in Cuban businesses and sales or purchases of Cuban products must still move through official channels under the joint venture law or other Cuban programs, the time is …, a cost-effective and proven agricultural model like Cuba's organoponic system may be just what is needed to allow for urban agriculture to flourish.

**Industrial agriculture crushes the environment and bio-diversity, threatening extinction**

**Ehrlich & Ehrlich 13 –** Professor of Biology & Senior Research Scientist in Biology @ Stanford University (Paul R. Ehrlich (President of the Center for Conservation Biology @ Stanford University) & Anne H. Ehrlich, “Can a collapse of global civilization be avoided?,” Proceedings of the Royal Society Biological Sciences, Proc. R. Soc. B 2013 280, published online 9 January 2013)//HA

Virtually every past civilization has eventually undergone collapse, a loss of socio-political-economic complexity usually … of survivors or replacement societies, the world familiar to anyone reading this study and the well-being of the vast majority of people would disappear. pg. 1-2

**Normal Trade Relations is vital – no trade occurs without it**

**French 09** – editor of and a frequent contributor to The Havana Note, has led more than two dozen research trips to Cuba (Anya, “Options for Engagement A Resource Guide for Reforming U.S. Policy toward Cuba” <http://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/library/resources/documents/Cuba/USPolicy/options-for-engagement.pdf>)

the path to “normal” trade relations

If the United States were to … an agreement could potentially take years, as both countries would need to adopt statutory and regulatory changes.

# 1ac – plan

**PLAN –**

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

# 1ac – transition

**CONTENTION 3 IS TRANSITION**

**The embargo ruins Cuba’s economy – six warrants**

**CETIM 03** – independent research and political organization working at the UN (Centre Europe Tiers Monde, THE EFFECTS OF THE US EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA AND THE REASONS OF THE URGENT NEED TO LIFT IT, http://www.cetim.ch/oldsite/2003/03js04w4.htm)

**The harmful economic effects of the embargo** From an official Cuban source, the direct

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of raw materials (New York), of nickel, tobacco, rum.

**And it’s on the brink – two reasons—**

**First, geopolitical trends catalyze economic instability and make collapse inevitable**
**Morris, 11** – London Metropolitan University (Emily, FORECASTING CUBA’S ECONOMY: 2, 5, AND 20 YEARS, Presented at the international symposium “Cuba Futures: Past and Present,” organized by The Cuba Project Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies at The Graduate Center/CUNY, http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/bildn/cuba/cubaforecasting.pdf)

**Risks in the short term** Political risks arise from th e process of transferring

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within the economies of the growth leaders, China and India. 14 C

**Second, Chavez’s death and the election of Maduro undermines stability**

**French 13** – editor of and a frequent contributor to The Havana Note, has led more than two dozen research trips to Cuba (Anya Landau, “Can Cuba Survive the Loss of Chavez”, 3/6/13, http://thehavananote.com/node/1067) MDM

At the same time, it became clear to any honest observer inside or outside

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countries such as China will no doubt increase economic engagement of the island.

**Normalized relations with Cuba are key to resolving structural issues in Cuba’s economy**

**Ashby 13** – Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (Timothy, “Commentary: Presercing stability in Cuba after normalizing relations with the US”, Caribbean News Now, 4/1/13, http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/headline-Commentary%3A-Preserving-stability-in-Cuba-after-normalizing-relations-with-the-US-15197.html) MDM

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of economic, social, and

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unwise to treat Cuba differently from its stated models, China and Vietnam.

**And, it entrenches long-term economic stability – current reform process is failing**

**Piccone, 13** – Brookings Institute Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Foreign Policy (Joseph, “Opening to Havana”, 1/17/13, <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/01/opening-to-havana>)

Under Raul Castro, the Cuban government has continued to undertake a number of important

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Cuban government to engage constructively alongside an effort to empower the Cuban people.

**Two impacts –**

**First, Cuban economic collapse crushes U.S. deterrence and exacerbates hotspots**

**Gorrell 05** – Lieutenant Colonel (Tim, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” 3/18/5, <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA433074>)

Regardless of the succession, under the current U.S. policy, Cuba’s

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in an effort to facilitate a manageable transition to post-Castro Cuba?

**Hotspot escalation goes nuclear**

**Bosco 06** – senior editor at Foreign Policy magazine (David, “Forum: Keeping an eye peeled for World War III” <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06211/709477-109.stm_>)

The understanding that small but violent acts can spark **global conflagration** is etched into the

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not even a hint that France, Russia or China would respond militarily.

**Second, Cuban failed state triggers terrorism**

**Piazza 08** – Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (James A., "Incubators of Terror: Do Failed and Failing

States Promote Transnational Terrorism?," International Studies Quarterly, 2008, <http://www.politicalscience.uncc.edu/jpiazza/Terrorism%20and%20Failed%20States%20ISQ%202008.pdf>, SMS)

Both failed and failing states, scholars argue, are theoretically more likely to contain

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service to win the support of the local population and widen their activities.

**Causes extinction – high probability**

**Hellman 08 –** [Martin E. Hellman, Professor @ Stanford, “Risk Analysis of Nuclear Deterrence” SPRING 2008 THE BENT OF TAU BETA PI, <http://www.nuclearrisk.org/paper.pdf>]

The threat of nuclear terrorism looms much larger in the public’s mind than the threat

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assume that preventing World War III is a necessity—not an option.