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**Debt ceiling will pass**

**Easley, 9/18/13 –** spent four years as a political columnist and the politics editor at 411mania.com, where he covered such issues as the Iraq War, warrant less wiretapping, and the daily workings of the American legislative process. Jason has also written for the Blogger News Network, and saw his 2008 presidential election coverage quoted in over 300 newspapers worldwide. Jason has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science(Jason, “Obama’s Genius Labeling of GOP Demands Extortion Has Already Won The Debt Ceiling Fight” Politics USA, <http://www.politicususa.com/2013/09/18/obamas-genius-labeling-gop-demands-extortion-won-debt-ceiling-fight.html>)

President Obama effectively **…**, Obama is routing them on the debt ceiling.

**Drains capital – backlash and hostage taking on unrelated priority legislation is empirically proven, likely in future and specifically true for Rubio – Cuba policy is totally unique – this is the best link card you will ever read**

**LeoGrande 12 –** William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action.

**Default will destroy the U.S. and global economy**

**Davidson, 9/10/13** – co-founder of NPR’s Planet Money (Adam, “Our Debt to Society” New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/magazine/our-debt-to-society.html?pagewanted=all>)

If the debt ceiling isn’t lifted again this fall, some serious financial decisions will have to be made. Perhaps the government can skimp on its foreign aid or furlough all of NASA, but eventually … effectively put a clamp on all trade and spending. The U.S. economy would collapse far worse than anything we’ve seen in the past several years.

**Nuclear war**

**Friedberg and Schoenfeld 08** – [Aaron, Prof. Politics, And IR @ Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School and Visiting Scholar @ Witherspoon Institute, and Gabriel, Senior Editor of Commentary and Wall Street Journal, “The Dangers of a Diminished America”, 10-28, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455074012352571.html>]

Then there are the dolorous consequences of a potential collapse of the world's financial architecture

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of these countries seek to divert attention from internal travails with external adventures.

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**Increasing economic engagement with Cuba destroys its domestic industries, and integrates it into the global neoliberal order – turns case**

**Gonzalez 03** – law professor (Carmen, Assistant Professor, Seattle University School of Law, Tulane Environmental Law Journal, Vol. 16, p. 685, 2003, “Seasons of Resistance: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Cuba”, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=987944>, ZBurdette)

Notwithstanding these problems, the greatest challenge to the agricultural development strategy adopted by the Cuban government in the aftermath of the Special Period is … alternative agricultural model in the face of overwhelming political and economic pressure from the United States and from the global trading system.

**Neoliberalism causes extinction**

**Makwana 06 –** (Rajesh, STWR, 23rd November 06, <http://www.stwr.org/globalization/neoliberalism-and-economic-globalization.html>, ZBurdette)

Neoliberalism and Economic … frequently sued by corporations for loss of profit, and even loss of potential profit. Without this pressure they would have been able to stimulate domestic industry and self sufficiency, thereby reducing poverty. They would then be in a better position to compete in international markets.

**Reject the AFF to endorse “Cubanalismo” – that spills over**

**Fanelli 08** – Carlo Fanelli – Department of Sociology, York University. Carlo Fanelli is SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Politics & Public Administration, Ryerson University, with interests in critical political economy, labour studies, Canadian public policy, social movements, urban sociology and education. He received his PhD from the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Carleton University, with a specialization in Political Economy, and his M.A. in Sociology and B.A. in Sociology and Political Science from York University. Carlo serves as editor of Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research – New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry; Vol.2, No. 1 (November 2008) Pp. 7-16

When considering potential alternatives to neoliberalism, few individuals would regard Cubaas the vehicle that

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US led neoliberalism and to **stimulate waves of change** throughout the developing world.

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**Using its licensing authority and enforcement discretion, the United States Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control should exempt transactions involving agricultural economic sanctions from enforcement under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and stop using resources to maintain the embargo**

**Counterplan solves via specific exemptions without linking to politics**

**Golumbic and Ruff 13** — Court E. Golumbic, Managing Director and Global Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Bribery and Government Sanctions Compliance Officer at Goldman Sachs & Co., Lecturer-in-Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, former Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and Robert S. Ruff III, Associate in the Securities Litigation practice group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 2013 (“Leveraging the Three Core Competencies: How OFAC Licensing Optimizes Holistic Sanctions,” *North Carolina Journal of International Law & Commercial Regulation* (38 N.C.J. Int'l L. & Com. Reg. 729), Spring, Available Online to Subscribing Institutions via Lexis-Nexis)

2. Ability to Mitigate Collateral Damage

Because OFAC prefers to formulate its sanctions program **broadly**, its economic sanctions can affect

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**produce the desired change**, rather than on **innocent civilians and businesses**. n353

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**Chinese influence in Latin America is expanding at the expense of the US – it’s zero-sum**

**Martinez, 13** – Columnist for the Sun Sentinel (Guillermo I., “America Losing Influence Throughout Latin America”, SunSentinel, 5/23, [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-05-23/news/fl-gmcol-oped0523-20130523\_1\_drug-cartels-latin-america-pri)//VP](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-05-23/news/fl-gmcol-oped0523-20130523_1_drug-cartels-latin-america-pri)/VP)

Once upon a time, as many fairy tales start, the United States was

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lose status as a premier world power. This is no fairy tale.

**Bolstering US engagement with Cuba undermines China’s presence in the region**

**Benjamin-Alvadaro 06 –** (Jonathan, Report for the Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University, PhD, Professor of Political Science at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Director of the Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Program at UNO, Treasurer of the American Political Science Association, “The Current Status and Future Prospects for Oil Exploration in Cuba: A Special,” <http://cri.fiu.edu/research/commissioned-reports/oil-cuba-alvarado.pdf>)

Additionally, Venezuela remains the fourth largest importer of oil to the United States and

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circumstances but have well-served the commercial interests of all parties involved.

**Chinese soft power solves extinction**

**Zhang 12 –** (Prof of Diplomacy and IR at the Geneva School of Diplomacy, “The Rise of China’s Political Softpower” 9/4/12 <http://www.china.org.cn/opinion/2012-09/04/content_26421330.htm>)

As China plays an **increasingly significant** role in the world, its **soft power** must

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As the China model improves, it will continue to surprise the world.

**Latin America key to Chinese economy – dependent on export growth**

**Jenkins, 13** - Professor of development economics with an particular interest in Latin America, 13 (Rhys, “Latin America and China- A New Dependency?,” 6/11, http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2012.691834#.UbphhvlQFsk)//VP

Nevertheless, the trend over the past decade has been for the USA’s share in

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dynamism has come to the rescue of Latin America and the Caribbean’s exports’.

**China economic collapse causes WW3- hotspot for escalation**

**Plate, 03 -** Mr. Plate is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Century Association of New York and the Phi Beta Kappa Society(Tom Plate, “Why Not Invade China” Asia Pacific Media Networks, 6/30, http://asiamedia.ucla.edu/TomPlate2003/06302003.htm)//JS

But imagine a China disintegrating -- on its own, without neo-con or

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-con insanity is more of a danger to the Bush presidency than China

**1nc engagement**

**Multilateralism empirically doesn’t solve anything – four reasons**

**Harvey 04** – University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (Frank, Smoke And Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism And The Illusion Of Multilateral Security, p. 43-45) // MS

The typical argument favouring multilateralism is a simple one, sum- marized by Ramesh

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threats virtually guarantees that similar conflicts will plague multilateral institutions in the future.

**The world is moving to pluralism, not multi-polarity – the US can still maintain unipolar leadership because most challengers are regional**

**Etzioni, 13** – served as a senior advisor to the Carter White House; taught at Columbia University, Harvard University and The University of California at Berkeley; and is currently a university professor and professor of international relations at The George Washington University (Amitai, “The Devolution of American Power” 37 Fletcher F. World Aff. 13, lexis)

The theory that the world is moving from a unipolar order, dominated by the United States, to a multipolar distribution of power has led to a robust debate concerning the consequences of this change on the international order. However, the global power distribution is currently … are, in general, easier to reach than the global/global accommodations between declining and rising global powers, and thus are less likely to lead to outright conflicts. With devolution, the central power yields, therefore risking much less when pluralism increases than when a transition from uni- to multipolarity takes place. This is one of the principle strengths of pluralism.

**Unilateralism is what sustains primacy – other states bandwagon with the US for fear of other rising powers – moving towards multilateralism makes it unsustainable**

**Seldena, 13** – assistant professor of political science at the University of Florida (Zachary, “Balancing Against or Balancing With? The Spectrum of Alignment and the Endurance of American Hegemony” Security Studies Volume 22, Issue 2, 2013, Taylor and Francis)

Understanding which of these choices—soft balancing against the hegemon or alignment with the hegemon—is more prevalent among second-tier states has significant ramifications for the endurance of American hegemony. The record of the 2001–2009 period indicates that a wide range of second-tier states not only aligned with the United States, they strengthened their security cooperation in a manner that extended the reach of the US military at a time when American foreign policy was widely seen as … reduction in the ability of the United States to project power and an increased reluctance to use its power in support of its national interests.

**The plan is surrender – it emboldens Latin American socialism and collapses US influence – turns case**

**Brooks 09 –** Senior fellow for National Security Affairs in the Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation. (Peter – Heritage foundation “Keep the Embargo, O“ April 16, 2009 http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o)//EB

In another outreach to roguish regimes, the Obama administration on Monday announced the easing of some restrictions on Cuba. Team Bam hopes that a new face in the White House will heal old wounds. Fat chance. Sure, it's fine to allow separated families to see each … we learned that yet? Until we see progress in loosing the Cuban people from the yoke of the communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

**Latin American socialism causes nuclear war and turns case**

**Manwaring 05 –** General Douglas MacArthur Chair and Prof of Military Strategy @ U.S. Army War College, Ret U.S. Army Colonel, Adjunct Professor of International Politics @ Dickinson College (Max G, October, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare”, Strategic Studies Institute, http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB628.pdf)

At the same time, President Chávez’s approach to Latin American security and stability requires

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they and their associated problems endanger global security, peace, and prosperity.

**US primacy prevents global conflict and turns their impacts**

**Brooks et al 13 –** [Stephen G. Brooks is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College.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 a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University.William C. Wohlforth is the Daniel Webster Professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment”, Winter 2013, Vol. 37, No. 3, Pages 7-51,http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/ISEC\_a\_00107, GDI File]

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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case would generate intensely competitive behavior, possibly including regional great power war).

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**Alt cause – Cerrado destroyed by soy and industrial ag**

**Pearce 11** – (Fred Pearce is a freelance author and journalist based in the UK. He serves as environmental consultant for New Scientist magazine and is the author of numerous books, including When The Rivers Run Dry and With Speed and Violence. In recent articles for Yale Environment 360, Pearce has written about how an agribusiness boom threatens Africa’s second-largest mammal migration and about a dispute in Africa over rights to the waters of the Nile. “Report: The Cerrado: Brazil’s Other Biodiverse Region Loses Ground” – 14 Apr 2011 – Yale Environment 360 – http://e360.yale.edu/feature/the\_cerrado\_brazils\_other\_biodiversity\_hotspot\_loses\_ground/2393/)

But how has this been accomplished? The answer, at least in part,

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the industrializing of the cerrado as a model for transforming Africa’s savanna grasslands.

**Zero solvency –**

**a. can’t re-build sugar sector – unworkable land and long-time frame**

**Soligo 10** – et al; Ronald Soligo is a professor emeritus of economics at Rice University and a Rice scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. The author writes a chapter within the book “Cuba’s Energy Future: Strategic Approaches to Cooperation,” a Brookings Publication, edited by Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, PhD of Political Science, University of Nebraska –obtained as an ebook through MSU Electronic Resources – page 102

Three and a half billion gallons seems unrealistic for the foreseeable future. There is

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water and fertilizer, and other inputs would all need to be considered.

**b. Castro won’t allow sugar-ethanol**

**Specht 12** – (Jonathan – Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc. B.A., Louisiana State University, 2009; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis 2012. “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States” – ExpressO – http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf)

To speak of a Cuban sugarcane-based ethanol industry is, at this point

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up to 2 billion gallons of sugar-based ethanol per year.” 4

**1nc national security**

**No nuclear terrorism – tech barriers**

**Chapman 12 –** (Stephen, editorial writer for Chicago Tribune, “CHAPMAN: Nuclear terrorism unlikely,” May 22, <http://www.oaoa.com/articles/chapman-87719-nuclear-terrorism.html>)

A layperson may figure it’s only a matter of time before the unimaginable comes to

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, it appears, the worst eventuality is one that will never happen.

**No nuclear terror – they’ll choose conventional weapons**

**Mueller 08** – John Mueller, political science professor at Ohio State University, “The Atomic Terrorist: Assessing the Likelihood” Jan. 1 <http://polisci.osu.edu/faculty/jmueller/APSACHGO.PDF>

Meanwhile, although there have been plenty of terrorist attacks in the world since 2001

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for delivering it: the suicide bomber (Pape 2005, Bloom 2005).

**Prolif will be slow.**

**Tepperman 09 –** [Jonathan, Newsweek International's first Assistant Managing Editor (now Deputy Editor), “Why Obama Should Learn to Love the Bomb” 8-29, http://www.newsweek.com/2009/08/28/why-obama-should-learn-to-love-the-bomb.html, SM]

The risk of an arms race—with, say, other Persian Gulf states

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be so disastrous, given the way that bombs tend to mellow behavior.

**Slowness takes out their impact**

**Potter 08 –** [William C. and Mukhatzhanova Gaukhar**, \*** Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies and Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and \*\* Research Associate at the James Martin Center, **“**Divining Nuclear Intentions: a review essay.” International Security, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Summer 2008), pp. 139–169, Google scholar] CMR

Today it is hard to find an analyst or commentator on nuclear proliferation who is

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survival models offer considerable insight into that dimension of the proliferation puzzle.48

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**Counterplan is functionally different – the counterplan *exempts* but doesn’t *lift* — sanctions are still in place – this is a meaningful difference**

**Amnesty 13** — Amnesty International, 2013 (“Somalia: UN arms embargo must stay in place,” March 4th, Available Online at http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/somalia-un-arms-embargo-must-stay-place-2013-03-04, Accessed 07-19-2013)

It is premature for the UN Security Council to … by incorporating **strict rules granting exemptions** to prevent arns from getting into the wrong hands and being used to commit human rights and humanitarian abuses.”

**Debates about OFAC regulations are important for topic education**

**Lee and Slear 06** — Judith Lee, Partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher— a global law firm with more than 1100 lawyers in 18 offices across the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, and James Slear, Counsel at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, 2006 (“Beware of OFAC,” *International Financial Law Review*, September, Available Online at http://www.gibsondunn.com/fstore/pubs/Lee-Slear-BewareOFAC0906.pdf, Accessed 07-19-2013, p. 58)

Tucked away in the labyrinthine US Department of the Treasury, in the old … **of OFAC regulations can have disastrous consequences** for anyone engaged in international M&A activities or global finance.

**OFAC can issue licenses for agricultural commodities and medical items**

**GT 09** — GreenbergTaurig LLP, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, September, <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=15&ved=0CJABEBYwDg&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gtlaw.com%2Fportalresource%2Flookup%2Fwosid%2Fcontentpilot-core-401-13516%2FpdfCopy.name%3D%2FGTAlert_New%2520Gen%2520Lic%2520for%2520AgMed%2520Cuba%2520Travel_Sep2009.pdf%3Fview%3Dattachment&ei=-kDpUYjRMsKVygHy_YHwBA&usg=AFQjCNHhSnsOy348JVJyRrDsYGRomo5skA&sig2=rfnGEiEpIta__DgqzQufbw>, “New General License for AgMed Travel to Cuba,” ADM

On September 3, 2009, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

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of 2000 (TSRA), (also known as the “AgMed Program”).

**nuanced advocacy** – **conditionality enforces ideological flexibility which is the lynchpin of democratic deliberation – outweighs your offense**

**Hanson and Marcus 10** — Russell L. Hanson, Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Minnesota, and George E. Marcus, Professor of Political Science at Williams College, holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University, 2010 (“Introduction: The Practice of Democratic Theory,” *Reconsidering the Democratic Public*, Edited by George E. Marcus and Russell L. Hanson, Published by Penn State Press, ISBN 0271042923, p. 14-15)

Hence, for citizens to engage in deliberation, they must **tolerate ambiguity** and **appreciate contradiction** without losing sight of the necessity for action. Doctrinaire thinking **upsets democratic deliberation** among people with different ideas about the proper course of collective action. As Marcus (1988) argues, accommodation is possible **only** when people are not **rigidly committed** to their opinions; a certain amount of **ideological flexibility** is necessary before compromise occurs. In her contribution to this volume, Jennifer Hochschild identifies two sources of ideological flexibility: disjunction, which arises when a person is uncertain about the applicability of a principle of justice to different areas of social life, and ambivalence, which occurs when an individual holds contradictory beliefs about a single issue.

Either disjunction or ambivalence can lead to political paralysis. People who are committed to equality in politics may not be egalitarian when it comes to economics; they are likely to feel conflict when confronted by questions at the boundary of the two spheres of life, for example, questions of redistributive policy. Similarly, people who are ambivalent may approach a political issue and see that it serves one of their cherished values, say liberty, but not another, say justice. They may be uncertain about where they stand, and so they may not act. This inaction is not a sign of come incapacity for politics; it is evidence of **a capacity for deliberating about complex issues** (just as self-censorship can sometimes be the result of deliberation).

Moreover, some of Hochshild's subjects reacted to their feelings of disjunction and ambivalence in ways that seem **transformative**. They [end page 15] tried to resolve their uncertainty by **absorbing new information**, **seeking higher-order values** capable of relaxing the tensions of disjunction and ambivalence, and even **creating new identities** out of their experiences. In so doing, these respondents proved their **capacity for internal deliberation** of a sort that both precedes and anticipates the "**government by discussion**" that is **the essence of democratic communication**. Consequently, the prevalence of disjunction and ambivalence among American citizens is **a hopeful sign** for democrats interested in the peaceful reconciliation of differences in the citizenry.

An openness to different points of view, and a willingness to submit those differences to the court of public opinion, helps explain the appeal of liberal democratic theory, which Donald Moon construes as an effort to show how people who disagree on important and enduring questions regarding the ends and purposes of life can nevertheless come to live together under rules that all accept. Put this way, the skills required of citizens are **manifestly not** those identified by researchers who stress the capacity for abstract thinking and ideological consistency. Rather, the requisite virtues include **moderation**, **tolerance**, a capacity for coping with **disjunction** and **ambivalence**, and a willingness to **explore problematic issues** with fellow citizens—all of which suggests that democratic citizens must be more like foxes than the hedgehogs of political philosophy and democratic revisionism.

**Plan definitely results in a shift to multilateralism**

**1ac Dickerson** 1/14/**10** (Sergio, Lt. Col., US Army, Strategy Research Project, “UNITED STATES SECURITY ¶ STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA”, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf&AD=ADA518053)

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

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

**a. power dispersion, institutional fragmentation, and empirical gridlock**

**Held et al 13** – Master of University College and Professor of Politics and International Relations, at the University of Durham, and Director of Polity Press and General Editor of Global Policy (David, “Gridlock: the growing breakdown of global cooperation,” ProQuest, 5/24/2013, http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/docview/1355105016) // MS

Economic and political shifts in large part attributable to the successes of the post-

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they now block and inhibit problem solving and reform at the global level.

**b. security guarantee coercion**

**Jenkin 06** – University of New Hampshire, citing Frank Harvey, University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (Clinton, “Book Review: Smoke and Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism and the Illusion of Multilateral Security,” Sage Journal, Spring 2006, http://icj.sagepub.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/content/16/1/69.full.pdf+html) // MS

Smoke and Mirrors, a runner-up for the Donner Book Prize, offers

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an incorrect course of action does not become correct because of widespread agreement.

**a. analysis of singular indicators for power decline miss the complex interactions that uphold unilateralism – their methodology is flawed**

**Brooks and Wohlforth, 11 –** both professors of government at Dartmouth (Stephen G Brooks & William C Wohlforth (2011): Assessing the balance, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, 24:2, 201-219

We welcome this exchange, but readers might be excused for thinking that it has been overtaken by events. Isn't multipolarity just around the corner, as Christopher Layne seems to argue? Is not America in decline, 'this time, for real,' as Gideon Rachman (2011) …, institutional and political stability and adaptability, all suggest that a rapid end of a single superpower world is **extremely unlikely**.

**Lack of Obama credibility prevents effective multilateralism and turns the AFF**

**Coes 11** – Ben Coes 11, Visiting Fellow at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. A graduate of Columbia College, where he won the prestigious Bennett Cerf Memorial Prize “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, <http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/>

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.

**Our argument outweighs – there is no guarantee the plan solves relations, but it definitely sends the wrong signal to enemies**

\*lifting the embargo is a devastating concession that allows Castro to accumulate funds from trade – even if it improves our image in Latin America, it allows anti-US regimes to garner political power to overturn the rest of Latin America into a military regime designated to combatting the US

\*zero risk of offense – once the socialism is truly dead, political opposition to lifting the embargo will evaporate and the embargo will be lifted – solves the entire case, they have no advantages that access fast timeframe impacts – default negative on 1% risk

**National Review ‘9** – (Editorial Staff, Editorial section – NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE – April 21 – http://www.nationalreview.com/node/227336/print)

As for Cuba, Obama himself continues to support the U.S. embargo

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among Latin governments that have neglected their democratic brethren in Castro’s island gulag.

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**No solvency for the AFF**

**Specht, 13 –** Legal Advisor, Pearlmaker Holsteins, Inc., B.A., LSU (Jonathan, “Raising Cane: Cuban Sugarcane Ethanol’s Economic and Environmental Effects on the United States”, UC Davis, 4-24-13, <http://environs.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/36/2/specht.pdf>)//NG

Like all new capitalist industries to emerge in the post-Castro era, … to make such changes to increase the appeal of the island nation to foreign investment, implementing them will take time and trial and error, which will slow the creation of a sugarcane-based ethanol industry.

**probability – terrorism will never occur, 20 barriers to any attack**

**Schneidmiller 09 –** (Chris, Experts Debate Threat of Nuclear, Biological Terrorism, 13 January 2009, http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\_20090113\_7105.php, AMiles)

There is an "almost **vanishingly small**" likelihood that terrorists would ever be able

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be difficult to build a weapon or use one that has been stolen.

**Solves Cuban agriculture – increases tech transfers and innovation**

**Embassy of the Republic of Cuba 13 –** (Embassy of the Republic of Cuba to the People’s Republic of China, “China and Cuba to Advance Cooperation in Agriculture”, 6/18, <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1306/S00449/china-and-cuba-to-advance-cooperation-in-agriculture.htm>) // JS

China and Cuba expressed their interest in keeping advancing bilateral cooperation in agriculture, innovation

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in the area as part of the update of the island’s economic sector.

**Chinese influence is effective in the context of Latin America**

**Ellis ’11** (R. Evan. Assistant Professor of National Security Studies in the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University. “Chinese Soft Power in Latin America: A Case Study” Joint Force Quarterly, Vol 60. 2011. http://www.ndu.edu/press/chinese-soft-power-latin-america.html)

China as "the Wave of the Future." Perhaps China's greatest source of soft

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PRC, and with Chinese businessmen and government officials, in the future.

**China’s engagement in Latin America is key to CCP stability.**

**Farnsworth, 12** – Vice-president of the Council of the Americas in Washington DC (Eric, “Memo to Washington: China's Growing Presence in Latin America,” Americas Quarterly, Vol. 6, No. 1, Winter, 2012, http://www.americasquarterly.org/Farnsworth)//VP

What is China doing in the Americas? It’s a good question—and an

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costs and benefits of trade with China are unequally distributed across the Americas.

**CCP instability leads to nuclear war**

**Rexing, 05** – Staff Writer (San, “The CCP’s Last Ditch Gamble: Biological and Nuclear War”, Epoch Times, 8/5, http://english.epochtimes.com/ news/5-8-5/30975.html)//VP

What, then, is the gist of this wild, last-ditch gamble

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now plans to hold one billion people hostage and gamble with their lives.

**The AFF forces China out – that devastates relations**

**Zweig, 10 –** Director of the Center on China’s Transnational Relations and a Chair Professor in the Division of Social Science **(**David, “China’s “Energy Rise”, The U.S., And The New Geopolitics Of Energy”, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, April)//VP

America’s bilateral policy may be better coordinated. The Strategic Dialogues will give America a

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can the potentially negative implications of Sino-American triangularization be better managed.

**Sino-U.S. co-op is key to solve every major issue but relations are on the brink**

**Spence, 13**- Nobel Laureate Michael Spence chairs the Academic Council which oversees the Fung Global Institute’s research agenda and intellectual output. Michael is a professor of economics at the Stern School of Business at New York University, Professor Emeritus of Management in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University, a Senior Fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations. (Michael, “The Future of Sino-US Relations”, Fung Global Institutes, 6/6/13, <http://www.fungglobalinstitute.org/publications/articles/the-future-of-sino-us-relations-446.html)//TL>

Xi Jinping and Barack Obama’s Sunnylands summit is an important step forward in establishing the

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progress without China and the US taking a leading role in the process.