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**Obama is spending his political capital on TPA – it will pass but it will be a tough fight**

**Politi, 2/10/14** (James, Financial Times, “Trade: Pacts of strife”

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/c1254a20-8ff3-11e3-aee9-00144feab7de.html>

But that vision is colliding with a sobering domestic reality. Passing big trade bills though Congress has always been difficult, relying on a coalition … community lobbying would kick into gear and help carry the legislation over the finishing line.

For now, however, that scenario seems a long way away, and the phones in the congressional offices of moderate Democrats such as Mr Delaney are ringing with antitrade messages. It seems natural for a lawmaker in that position to hold fire on the subject – even if it keeps the global trade agenda in limbo. “ I come to this with a certain perspective, of someone who believes in trade. But that doesn’t mean I’m a rubber stamp for any agreement,” Mr Delaney says.

**The plan is unpopular**

Goodman 12 Alana goodman, Editor @ Commentary Magazine, 12/18/12. <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2012/12/18/menendez-expected-to-take-over-as-foreign-relations-chair/#more-814117>

Finally, some good news to come out of John Kerry’s likely secretary of state

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party attacking his Iran policy from such a prominent perch in the Senate.

**TPA key to trade leadership and global security**

Riley 13 – Riley-Senior Analyst Trade Policy, Heritage-4/16/13

Bryan Riley is Jay Van Andel Senior Analyst in Trade Policy and Anthony B. Kim is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Center for International Trade and Economics at The Heritage Foundation.

Senior Analyst in Trade Policy

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) has been a critical tool for advancing free trade

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fosters open markets, democracy, and peace throughout the world.[3]

**Free trade prevents extinction**

Panzner **08** – Michael, faculty at the New York Institute of Finance, 25-year veteran of the global stock, bond, and currency markets who has worked in New York and London for HSBC, Soros Funds, ABN Amro, Dresdner Bank, and JPMorgan Chase “Financial Armageddon: Protect Your Future from Economic Collapse,” pg. 136-138

Continuing calls for curbs on the flow of finance and trade will inspire the United

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between Muslims and Western societies as the beginnings of a new world war.

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**Economic engagement must be conditional**

Shinn 96 [James Shinn, C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia at the CFR in New York City and director of the council’s multi-year Asia Project, worked on economic affairs in the East Asia Bureau of the US Dept of State, “Weaving the Net: Conditional Engagement with China,” pp. 9 and 11, google books]

In sum, conditional engagement consists …-for-tat and security engagement for asymmetric tit-for-tat. A symmetric response is one that counters a move by China in the same place, time, and manner; an asymmetric response might occur in another place at another time, and perhaps in another manner. A symmetric tit-for-tat would be for Washington to counter a Chinese tariff of 10 percent on imports for the United States with a tariff of 10 percent on imports from China. An asymmetric tit-for-tat would be for the United States to counter a Chines shipment of missiles to Iran with an American shipment of F-16s to Vietnam (John Lewis Gaddis, Strategies of Containment: A critical Appraisal of Postwar American National Security Policy. New York: Oxford University Press, (1982). This is also cited in Fareed Zakaria, “The Reagan Strategy of Containment,” Political Science Quarterly 105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

**Vote negative –**

**a. limits – unconditional AFFs create thousands of “one exception” affs – conditionality forces AFFs to find deals that countries would accept**

**b. ground and topic education – unconditional engagement denies us “say no” and backlash arguments which are a crucial part of the engagement debate**

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**Belief in credibility primes the pump for intervention and crisis escalation**

Tang January-March 2005 (Shiping, Associate Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the Center for Regional Security Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, Co-director of the Sino-American Security Dialogue, “Reputation, Cult of Reputation, and International Conflict,” Security Studies, Volume 14, Number 1)

DECISIONMAKERS’ PERSISTENT CONCERN for losing reputation has brought unnecessary bloodiness to international politics: too

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to deter war cannot deter, and preventable war cannot be prevented.60

**Apocalyptic environmental rhetoric causes eco-authoritarianism and political apathy – turns the case**

**Buell 03 –** (Frederick, cultural critic on the environmental crisis and a Professor of English at Queens College and the author of five books, From Apocalypse To Way of Life, pages 185-186)

Looked at critically, then, crisis discourse thus suffers from a number of liabilities

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give up, or even cut off ties to clearly terminal “nature.”

**Our response is to interrogate the epistemological failures of the 1ac – the judge is an academic and the role of the ballot is to interrogate the epistemological failures of the 1ac**

**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.

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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%29//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.

**Latin America is key to investment**

**Arnson et al 09** – (Cynthia Anderson, Mark Mohr, Riordan Roett, writers for Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, “Enter the Dragon? China’s Presence in Latin America”, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/EnterDragonFinal.pdf) (JN)

China’s role in Latin America is, above all, based on trade, despite

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region. Thus, Latin America represents a substantial market for Chinese goods.

**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

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**Status quo selective engagement spurs gradual reforms – speeding up engagement risks Cuban collapse and US intervention**

**Feinberg, 11/22** – Richard E. Feinberg is a professor at the UC San Diego and served as the Latin American expert on President Bill Clinton’s National Security Council. His most recent publication is “Soft Landing in Cuba? Emerging Entrepreneurs and Middle Classes”, (“Deciphering diplo-speak on Cuba” Miami Herald, <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/11/21/3770099_p2/deciphering-diplo-speak-on-cuba.html>)

With good reason, the administration believes it can … that gradual economic change in Cuba today is the more realistic path toward political evolution tomorrow.

**Cuba has no preparation for change and wouldn’t be able to take it all at once – lifting the embargo would cause a rapid democratic uprising**

**Erikson 08** – Senior Advisor for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and has an M.A. in Public Policy from Harvard University and a B.A. from Brown University (Daniel P., “The Cuba Wars: Fidel Castro, the United States, and the Next Revolution”, Bloomsbury Press, 10/28/08, p. 250-251)//EX

Like most of his colleagues, Monreal readily agreed that the United States was the

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the ability of the Cuban government to control this fight is very limited.”

**Rapid, unstable transition causes US intervention and incapacitates crisis management – causes global conflict escalation**

**Gorrell, 5** – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted for the USAWC STRATEGY RESEARCH PROJECT (Tim, “CUBA: THE NEXT UNANTICIPATED ANTICIPATED STRATEGIC CRISIS?” <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?

**Limited engagement spills up and solves the Aff – market changes force political reform**

**López-Levy, 13** – PhD candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver (Arturo, “Getting Ready for Post-Castro Cuba”, The National Interest, 4/10/13, [http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/getting-ready-post-castro-cuba-8316)//SJF](http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/getting-ready-post-castro-cuba-8316%29//SJF)

If Cuba implements the type of mixed economy proposed by the last Congress of the Communist Party—a new, more vital relationship with its diaspora and the world—it may also experience a political transformation. As the economy and society change, the political status quo cannot hold. The rise of market mechanisms and an autonomous non-state sector will reinforce the … relations if he decided to lead on the issue by using his prerogative as a diplomat-in-chief.

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**The United States federal government should reduce tariffs and subsidies that protect the US agricultural industry as requested by Brazil, yield on issues that have stalled the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, scale back its military operations in Columbia, formally recommit to a multilateral foreign policy, place new restrictions on democracy promotion funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and the Agency for International Development, renew its assault weapons ban, pass comprehensive immigration reform including a pathway to citizenship, and cooperate with Mexico and Argentina on a new approach to the failed War on Drugs. The United States federal government should remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list.**

**Solves the institutional legitimacy advantage**

**Grandin 10** – teaches history at New York University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Greg, “Empire's Senescence: U.S. Policy in Latin America,” New Labor Forum, 19:1, Winter 2010, pg. 14-23)//DR. H

Washington’s relations with Latin America—particularly in terms of the gap between what its

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power, and political paralysis quicken the U.S.’s fall.

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**Cuban sustainable urban agriculture is a global model that’s spurring worldwide adoption**

**Ergas, 13** – graduate student in sociology at the University of Oregon (Christina, Monthly Review, March, “Cuban Urban Agriculture as a Strategy for Food Sovereignty” <http://monthlyreview.org/2013/03/01/cuban-urban-agriculture-as-a-strategy-for-food-sovereignty>

The agricultural revolution in Cuba has ignited the imaginations of people **all over the world**. Cuba’s model serves as a … template for future food sovereignty. We can continue to learn from Cuba as they generate new technologies and innovations in organic urban agriculture into the future. In addition, the Cuban example serves as a testament to the potential for a society’s resilience and is worth investigating not just for their innovations, but for inspiration.

**Lifting the embargo will collapse Cuban agriculture – land grabs and neoliberal restructuring of the Cuban economy**

**Gonzalez 04 –** Associate Professor, Seattle University School of Law (Carmen, “WHITHER GOES CUBA? PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PART II OF II: Trade Liberalization, Food Security, and the Environment: The Neoliberal Threat to Sustainable Rural Development” 14 Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs. 419, lexis)

The **greatest challenge** to Cuba's unique …. **lines**. The results could be devastating. It is therefore important to recognize the neoliberal threat, to consider whether neoliberalism can ever be made compatible with food security and ecological sustainability, and to explore alternative strategies for sustainable rural development.

**Even if the model spills over – the system is unsustainable**

**Kost, 4** – 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)

Even without an organic approach to food production, is Cuba’s urban gardening system viable? In Cuba, both were an integral part of a common development. That integration is not required. While it is possible to have a high-tech and chemical-based production system in a small-scale gardening environment, it is unlikely to be sustainable at levels sufficient to provide a significant portion of a city’s food needs. Most high-tech and chemical technologies …, and urban workers would increasingly quit growing their own food. While there might continue to be urban gardens, it is unlikely that they will have a long-term role in providing a substantial portion of urban consumers’ food needs.

**No adoption**

**Pfeiffer, 03** – energy editor for From the Wilderness (Dale, “Cuba-A Hope”, From the Wilderness,

http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/120103\_korea\_2.html.

Resistance to Cuban-style agricultural reform would be particularly stiff in the United States

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gardens to turn a profit is effectively drowned out by the overproduction of agribusiness

**No impact to the environment**

**Sagoff 97** – Mark, Senior Research Scholar – Institute for Philosophy and Public policy in School of Public Affairs – U. Maryland, William and Mary Law Review, “INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEFINING TAKINGS: PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION: MUDDLE OR MUDDLE THROUGH? TAKINGS JURISPRUDENCE MEETS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT”, 38 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 825, March, L/N

Note – Colin Tudge - Research Fellow at the Centre for Philosophy at the London School of Economics. Frmr Zoological Society of London: Scientific Fellow and tons of other positions. PhD. Read zoology at Cambridge.

Simon Levin = Moffet Professor of Biology, Princeton. 2007 American Institute of Biological Sciences Distinguished Scientist Award 2008 Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti 2009 Honorary Doctorate of Science, Michigan State University 2010 Eminent Ecologist Award, Ecological Society of America 2010 Margalef Prize in Ecology, etc… PhD

Although one may agree with ecologists such as Ehrlich and Raven that the earth stands

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sense, good for mankind. The most valuable things are quite useless.

**Alt cause to agriculture food shock – Laundry list**

**Banse et al 08 –** (Dutch Ministry of Agriculture; Why Are Current World Food Prices So High? <http://www.agripressworld.com/_STUDIOEMMA_UPLOADS/downloads/opr24Y32.pdf>) HS

What explains the recent increase in agricultural prices? A combination of record low global

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last decades did not provide an incentive to invest in productivity enhancing technologies.

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**Single issues, like the embargo, aren’t key to multilateralism.**

**Lake, 10–** Professor of Social Sciences, distinguished professor of political science at UC San Diego (David A., “Making America Safe for the World: Multilateralism and the Rehabilitation of US authority”, http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/documents/LakeMakingAmericaSafe.pdf)//DR. H

President Obama and his administration appear to recognize the need to bolster the authority and

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even deeper into multilateral institutions that can provide real checks on potential opportunism.

**Zero evidence that the plan commits the US to international institutions, they just have evidence that removing the embargo is a multilateral action**

**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 following a different pattern. Instead of what is conventionally …. 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 … 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

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communist regime, we should hold firm onto the leverage the embargo provides.

**Lack of Obama credibility triggers multiple conflicts**

**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.

**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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**turns agriculture**

**Toon 07** - (Owen B, chair – Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences – Colorado University, climate.envsci.rutgers.edu/pdf/acp-7-1973-2007.pdf)

To an increasing extent, people are congregating in the world’s great urban centers,

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should be carried out as well for the present scenarios and physical outcomes.

**Gorrell says collapse allows for terror safehaven---that causes the U.S. to lash out, precipitating global war**

**Speice, 6** (Patrick, J.D. Candidate 2006, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, “NEGLIGENCE AND NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION: ELIMINATING THE CURRENT LIABILITY BARRIER TO BILATERAL U.S.-RUSSIAN NONPROLIFERATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,” William & Mary Law Review, Feb, l/n)

The potential consequences of the unchecked spread of nuclear knowledge and material to terrorist groups

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draw in the United States and escalate to the use of nuclear weapons.

**Fettweis is wrong – empirics go neg and a failed transition collapses Cuba---prevents effective investment flows---turns the Aff**

**Naím, 1** – editor of Foreign Policy (MOISÉS, “When Countries go Crazy”, MARCH 1, 2001, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2001/03/01/when\_countries\_go\_crazy)//eek

Some countries can drive other countries crazy. When people have this effect on one

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, the powerful interest groups that blinded him to the lessons of experience.

**AT: SOUTH CHINA SEA**

**1. No scenario for escalation in the South China Sea**

**Spitzer 6/11**/12 – (Kirk, “U.S. Takes A Pass — For Now — On China Sea Disputes” TIME, June 11 2012, <http://battleland.blogs.time.com/2012/06/11/u-s-takes-a-pass-for-now-on-china-sea-disputes/#ixzz1zTcVBswz>)//MR

For its part, **China has played down the dispute with Japan in recent months**

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**cutting off any shipping would mean cutting off its own, as well.**

**b) no escalation due to capability gap**

**Richardson 6/28/12 –** (Michael Richardson, visiting senior research fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, “China’s Iron Fist in a Velvet Glove,” The Japan Times, http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/eo20120628mr.html, Sawyer)

SINGAPORE — China could easily grab control of the disputed Scarborough Shoal fishing grounds in the South China Sea using its increasingly modern and powerful armed forces. Chinese naval, air and amphibious units, working in unison, already have the capability to enforce Beijing's claims of island ownership and maritime control in the northern sector of the sea, where the shoal is located just 220 km from the Philippine mainland. **China dwarfs the puny Philippine military.** Yet it deliberately chose not to deploy its regular armed forces to secure the unoccupied shoal, even though the standoff with the Philippines continued **for more than two months.** On June 16, Manila withdrew its remaining two coast guard vessels from the Scarborough area, ostensibly because of a passing typhoon, without saying whether they would return after the weather clears. There are several reasons for China's decision not to use warships. The Philippines is an **ally of the U**nited **S**tates and China could not be sure the U.S. would not intervene if Chinese armed forces became directly involved in a Scarborough clash and takeover. In the past few years, China's increasingly assertive actions not just in the South China Sea, but also against Japan over disputed islands and maritime boundaries in the East China Sea, have alarmed and alienated many of its neighbors. "The **last thing China wants** is to see these **countries and the U.S. joining hands against China,"** Chen Xiangyang, deputy director of the Institute of World Political Studies in the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, wrote in the online edition of China Daily on June 11. This has created a major foreign policy management issue for China as it prepares for a once-in-a-decade **leadership transfer** later this year. At this sensitive time, and as its economy slows, **China needs a stable neighborhood.** Yet Chinese leaders bidding for the top posts cannot afford to appear weak in upholding national unity.

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**Conditionality is good – first our OFFENSE:**

**1. 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 … citizens—all of which suggests that democratic citizens must be more like foxes than the hedgehogs of political philosophy and democratic revisionism.

**AT: CUBA HEALTH CARE**

**Cuba healthcare strong now – aff ev is just American bias.**

**Gelder 07** (Sarah van Gelder is co-founder and executive editor of YES! Magazine and YesMagazine.org. YES! explores some of today's biggest challenges, showing how a radically different approach can bring about a more just and sustainable world. y. “Why Cuba Is Exporting Health Care to the U.S.” June 4, http://www.alternet.org/story/53087/why\_cuba\_is\_exporting\_health\_care\_to\_the\_u.s.)

They live longer than almost anyone in Latin America. Far fewer babies die.

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of a right to health care and wipe out the diseases of poverty."

**. burn-out takes out the impact**

**Gerber 05 –** (Leah R. Gerber, PhD. Associate Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Sciences, Ecological Society of America, "Exposing Extinction Risk Analysis to Pathogens: Is Disease Just Another Form of Density Dependence?" August 2005, Jstor)

The density of it population is an important parameter for both PVA and host-

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extent to which transmission depends on the density of the endangered host species.

**c. if burn-out doesn’t occur, then vaccines solve**

**The Independent 03 –** “Future Tense: Is Mankind Doomed?” http://www.commondreams.org/headlines03/0725-04.htm

Maybe - though plenty of experienced graduate students could already have a stab. But

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. As scares go, this one is ideal - overblown and unrealistic.

**d. screening, cleaning, and vaccines solve the impact**

**Churchill 07** – Bernard M. Churchill is the Chairman in Pediatric Urology at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA. “Superbug are dangerous, but we are not powerless against them.” November 7, 2007. http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119439254844384511.html)

Regarding the recent article "[Attack of the Superbugs](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119370158861775597.html)" (Scott Gottlieb, op

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therapeutic developments will continue to allow us to be masters of our bodies.

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**b. framing issue – cheap, subsidized food imports crush the model faster than it’s adopted and no niche market…**

**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 …. the Cuban leadership to appreciate the benefits of sustainable agriculture and to protect Cuba’s alternative agricultural model in the face of overwhelming political and economic pressure from the United States and from the global trading system.

**c. NAFTA empirics prove they’ll be outcompeted**

**McKibben 05 –** author, environmentalist, and activist. In 1988, he wrote The End of Nature, the first book for a common audience about global warming. He is the co-founder and Chairman of the Board at 350.org, an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries around the world (Bill, “The Cuba Diet”, Harper’s Magazine, April, reprinted here - <http://billtotten.blogspot.com/2005/04/cuba-diet.html>

One question is: How resilient is the new Cuban … **by mechanizing** (and lobbying for subsidies of their own). A study by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace enumerated the environmental costs: fertilizer runoff suffocating the Sea of Cortez, water shortages getting worse as large-scale irrigation booms. Genetically modified corn varieties from the United States are contaminating the original strains of the crop, which began in southern Mexico.

**d. plan causes Cuban farmers to pursue high yields over sustainability**

**Gerlach, 12 –** undergrad at Brown; she traveled to Cuba to research this paper (Gretchen, “Modern Expressions of Urban Agriculture in Cuba” <http://cubanurbanagriculture.blogspot.com/p/disconnections-misconceptions-and.html>

Here, the reality behind the intention of organic methods is also exposed. From my perspective, farmers who are more seriously involved in cultivation, such as workers in Vivero Alamar, and tobacco farmers in Viñales, organic methods … Cuba must first **rise to sufficient levels of production**. The combination of these varying mentalities may prove dangerous to the future of the “utopian urban agriculture” yet regardless they are very illuminating with regards to the reality of Cubans relationship with UA.

**e. the embargo blocks the input of chemicals and machinery for industrial agriculture – it’s key to Cuba’s organic model**

**Warwick, 99** – A freelance journalist and Editor of Splice, the magazine of the Genetics Forum (Hugh, “Cuba’s organic revolution”, Third World Network, <http://www.twnside.org.sg/title/twr118h.htm>) //SP

The US trade embargo of Cuba, plus the … led to the complete control of the sweet-potato borer Ð a major pest Ð by the predatory ants.

**f. Lifting the embargo would cause urbanized agriculture to disappear**

**Warwick, 99** – A freelance journalist and Editor of Splice, the magazine of the Genetics Forum (Hugh, “Cuba’s organic revolution”, Third World Network, <http://www.twnside.org.sg/title/twr118h.htm>) //SP

There is also, ironically, the worry about what would happen if the US

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-dependent agriculture is not the only way to feed a country.’

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**2NC MULTILAT FAILS**

**Several structural barriers to multilateralism crush effectiveness, several warrants –**

**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.

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**2NC TRADE IMPACT OVERVIEW**

**b. solves war**

Griswold 07 – (Daniel, director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies, 4/20/2007, Trade, Democracy and Peace, HYPERLINK "<http://www.freetrade.org/node/681>" <http://www.freetrade.org/node/681>)

A little-noticed headline on an Associated Press story a while back reported

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. In short, globalization has dramatically raised the economic cost of war.

 **TURNS CRED/DIPLOMACY**

**TPA failure wrecks US diplomacy and credibility**

**Nehru, 2/11/14** – fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace(Vikram, “America’s TPP Debacle Leaves Hamlet Without the Prince” <http://carnegieendowment.org/2014/02/11/america-s-tpp-debacle-leaves-hamlet-without-prince/h0pi>)

The irony is that leaders in other … more sense geostrategically.

**2NC UNIQUENESS WALL**

**It will be attached to TAA which reverses a core Democratic opposition**

**Inside U.S. Trade, 2/14/14** (“New Democrat Coalition Begins Informally Whipping Caucus On Fast Track” factiva) **TAA = Trade Adjustment Assistance**

Several members of the New Democrat … support the pending TPA bill. The November letter was signed by 26 members of the New Democrat Coalition, roughly half of the group's 53 members.

**That means TPA is highly likely to be enacted with an Obama push**

**Spulak and Byers, 2/12/14 –** partner at King and Spaulding and consultant at King and Spaulding specializing in international trade (Thomas and Bonnie, “Expect Trade Promotion Authority Bill To Pass” Law360, <http://www.law360.com/articles/509435/expect-trade-promotion-authority-bill-to-pass>)

Will TPA Be Enacted?

It is hard to imagine that a TPA bill will … Democrats. We believe that he will.

**Obama is still forcefully pushing TPA – reports to the contrary are second-hand accounts of a Biden remark**

**Agence France Presse, 2/14/14** (“White House insists still pushing Asia trade pact” factiva)

The White House on Friday rushed to make … that the vice president may have said in a closed door session," the official said.

**This is historically accurate – political capital makes the difference**

**Galston, 2/4/14** – senior fellow at Brookings (William, “Obama's Moment of Truth on Trade; Bill Clinton bucked his own party to get Nafta. Will this president do the same to get agreements with Europe and Asia?” Wall Street Journal, factiva)

Although House Speaker Tom Foley supported the treaty, he said that in view of divisions within his caucus, the Democratic leadership would take no position. Within two weeks, House Democratic Whip David Bonior had … tilted toward Republicans in both chambers.

**Obama is ramping up pressure now – it’s a top priority and the full-court press just began this week**

**Boyer, 2/4/14** (Dave, Washington Times, “Obama reaches out to Democratic leaders” factiva)

The White House is eager for passage of a … press on Democratic lawmakers. In addition to Monday's meeting with Mr. Reid, the president is hosting House Democrats at the White House on Tuesday night for a roundtable discussion and a reception. Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who enjoys schmoozing with lawmakers more than the president does, also will attend.

**That’s different from his prior rhetorical support – it’s going to be focused, personal campaign**

**Parnes, 1/21/14** (Arnie, “Obama: Give me fast track trade” The Hill,

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/195858-white-house-works-to-convince-dems-to-give-obama-fast-track-on-trade>

The White House is making a major push to … dialogue with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle “with a real focus on Democrats” to explain TPA and take into account their concerns.

“Any trade matter presents challenges,” the senior administration official said, adding that White House officials are “devoted” to working with members on the issue.

**Reid’s opposition just means it will be a massive fight and require Obama’s political capital with Democrats**

**Hughes, 1/30/14** (Krista, Reuters, “Analysis: White House hopes for fast-track trade hit political tangle” http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/31/us-usa-trade-analysis-idUSBREA0U05T20140131)

 (Reuters) - President Barack Obama's push for authority to fast-… much political capital to expend lining up support on a politically contentious measure ahead of the elections.

**That means it will still pass, just with amendments for labor protections**

**The Economist, 2/8/14 –** (“When Harry mugged Barry”

<http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21595958-harry-reid-threatens-impoverish-world-least-600-billion-year-when-harry>

Barely had he left the podium when Mr Reid mugged him. Answering questions from

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, and the bill should pass. The White House remains publicly optimistic.

**AT: OBAMA NOT PUSHING**

**Their evidence is only a snapshot – Obama’s about to step up to the plate over TPA**

**ICTSD, 2/6/14** - International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (““Fast Track” Trade Debate Ramps Up in Washington” <http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridgesweekly/183443/>

Obama Administration … - in that discussion.

However, in a meeting with Reid at the White House earlier this week, Obama reportedly did not raise the issue, according to the New York Times.

**Obama’s stepped up the push through personal meetings with Democrats**

**Inside U.S. Trade, 2/7/14** (“Obama Tells House Democrats That He Will Keep Pushing On Trade,” factiva)

In a Feb. 4 meeting with the House Democratic … advocating for TPA in Congress, according to congressional aides.

**TPA will pass – it’s a top Obama priority**

**Seher, 2/1/14** (Jason, CNN, “Kerry, Hagel rebuke Reid on fast-track trade bill” <http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/02/01/kerry-hagel-rebuke-reid-on-fast-track-track-bill/>)

In a rare joint appearance at the Munich Security Conference, Secretary of State John Kerry … in the bureaucratic slog and would help open new markets for U.S. goods. Democrats oppose the measure, arguing past trade deals led companies to ship jobs overseas.

**AT: NO I/L PROTECTIONISM**

**TPA is vital to all trade deals – history is on our side; negotiating partners will pull out without it**

**Frenzel, 2/9/14** ­ - Guest Scholar in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution and Co-Chair, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (Bill, “These Are The Deals That Only President Obama Can Close” <http://www.forbes.com/sites/billfrenzel/2014/02/09/these-are-the-deals-that-only-president-obama-can-close/>)

TPA’s critical element is that it prohibits Congressional amendments. Under TPA, Congress can reject the treaty, or approve it, but not amend it. TPA was created in 1974, when the Kennedy Round of GATT was ratified. It recognized that various non-tariff barriers had become greater slow-downs to trade than customs duties. Since 1974, no major … specific form of a TPA bill. At the end of last year, those leaders, not including the ranking Minority member of the Ways & Means Committee, but with the blessing of the USTR, announced their agreement on a TPA bill.

**Global trade is on the brink of collapse-rising US protectionism risks global escalation.**

Lincicome 12 (Scott, trade attorney, “Is Missing American Trade Leadership Beginning to Bear Protectionist Fruit? (Hint: Kinda Looks Like It),” June 12, http://lincicome.blogspot.com/2012/06/is-missing-american-trade-leadership.html)

Over the past few years, I and several other US trade-watchers have

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its long-held place at the front of the trade liberalization pack.

**It’s inevitable – the only question is whether the US participates and TPP is key to replacing the spaghetti bowl of trade agreements with multilateral trade**

**Connell, 2/12/14 –** fellow at the American Security Project (Brendan, “The Three Overlooked Grounds for TPP” http://americansecurityproject.org/blog/2014/the-three-overlooked-grounds-for-tpp/)

Viewed in this way, there are actually three cracks in the armor of TPP critics:

(1) A Stone to Step on: It’s a fairly common argument to say free trade agreements (FTAs) act … access to important foreign markets such as Japan. The US should be aware of the consequences if the TPP goes on without it.

**AT: THUMPERS – TOP LEVEL**

**Obama avoiding controversial fights and losses**

Darrell Delamaide, Market Watch, 1/29/14, Obama’s State of the Union: The Audacity of Caution, www.marketwatch.com/story/obama-skirts-controversy-in-timid-election-year-speech-2014-01-29?pagenumber=1

The speech, in short, followed the “first, do no harm” principle. With Democrats facing an uphill battle in midterm elections this year to retain control of the Senate and hold their own in the House, Obama … may have — barely — done that.

**2NC WINNERS LOSE**

**Winners don’t win, several reasons –**

**a) time-frame differential – takes too long to generate success – prefer our evidence, it is specific to Obama**

**Silber 07** [PhD Political Science & Communication – focus on the Rhetoric of Presidential Policy-Making – Prof of Poli Sci – Samford, [Marissa, WHAT MAKES A PRESIDENT QUACK?, Prepared for delivery at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30th-September 2nd, 2007, UNDERSTANDING LAME DUCK STATUS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE MEDIA AND POLITICIANS]

Important to the discussion of political capital is whether or not it can be replenished

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. Before determining this, a definition of a lame duck President must be

developed.

**b) Obama cannot win – legislative wins don’t spillover**

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As Barack Obama prepares to be sworn in for the second time as president of

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the current president's mind today as he takes his second oath of office.

**c) uniquely true of second term presidents**

Bert **Atkinson** Jr., Independent Review Journal, **3-12**-2031 <http://www.ijreview.com/2013/03/41467-love-affair-ending-obamas-political-capital-declining/>

**The second term is notoriously tough** for two term candidates. Clinton had a little

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, you’ve got some issues. (Looking at you, Chris Matthews.)