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**The only blockade preventing Saudi Arabian proliferation is a strong US security commitment – perception of shifting oil consumption causes proliferation**

**Rogers 3/20** – [2013 – Will Rogers is the Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). At CNAS, Mr. Rogers’ research focus is on science, technology and national security policy. He has authored or co-authored a range of publications on energy, climate change, environmental cooperation in Asia and cybersecurity, “America Committed to Gulf Security Despite Changing Relationship with Region's Oil, says Gen. Dempsey,” Center for New American Security, 2013, http://www.cnas.org/blogs/naturalsecurity/2013/03/america-committed-gulf-security-despite-changing-relationship-regions-]

America’s relationship with the Middle East’s energy resources is changing as U.S.

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**- will have to be managed carefully. What a tightrope to walk.**

**Cuban production trades-off with US- Mid-East oil ties**

**Alhaiji and Maris 04** – [Dr. A. F. Alhajji is an energy economist and George Patton Chair of Business and Economics at the College of Business Administration at Ohio Northern, Terry L. Maris is the founding executive director of the Center for Cuban. Business Studies and professor of management, “The Future of Cuba’s Energy Sector,” Cuba Today, 2004, http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/bildn/publications/cubatodaybookcomplete.pdf#page=105]

The current economic, political, and social trends in Cuba indicate that energy consumption

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the US and other oil producing countries, especially in the Middle East.

**Saudi prolif causes nuclear war**

**Edelman 11** – (Eric –Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments & Former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67162/eric-s-edelman-andrew-f-krepinevich-jr-and-evan-braden-montgomer/the-dangers-of-a-nuclear-iran>)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive significant outside support

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Middle East could lead to a new Great Game, with unpredictable consequences.

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Text: **The United States Department of the Treasury will not adversely regulate or fine actions to protect drilling safety in Cuban territorial waters but will award licenses to firms with the equipment and expertise to fight the effects of an oil spill to operate in Cuban waters.**

**Solves the oil spills advantage**

**Stephens ’11 –** et al, Sarah Stephens – Executive Director of the Center for Democracy in the Americas – “As Cuba plans to drill in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. policy poses needless risks to our national interest,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf

Recommendations Pursue Unilateral Actions • The Obama administration should aggressively and comprehensively use its existing

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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling) for environmental planning with Cuba.

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**United States federal government should ease its impediments to oil technology sharing towards Cuba if and only if the governments of a majority of Latin American nations commit to:**

**--actively seeking a normalization process between the United States and Cuba, and**

**--compelling the Cuban government to work towards establishing representative democracy and better respect for human rights.**

**Counterplan solves the case and unilateral lifting crushes democracy promotion efforts in Latin America**

**Castañeda 9** - Jorge G. Castañeda, professor at New York University and fellow at the New America Foundation, was Mexico’s foreign minister from 2000 to 2003, April 21, 2009, Wall Street Journal, "The Right Deal on Cuba," proquest)

The question of what to do about the embargo has once again cornered an American president. If President Barack Obama lifts the embargo unilaterally, he will send a message to the Castros and the rest of Latin America that human … with no political change) would be a major foreign policy victory for Mr. Obama.

**Latin American democracy’s a key model for democracy globally**

Fauriol and Weintraub 95 – \*director of the CSIS Americas program and \*\*Prof of Public Affairs at the University of Texas Georges and Sidney, The Washington Quarterly, "U.S. Policy, Brazil, and the Southern Cone", Lexis

The democracy theme also carries much force in the hemisphere today. The State Department

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on all three in Latin America will compromise progress elsewhere in the world.

**Extinction**

**Diamond 1995** - Hoover Institute Senior Fellow (Larry, “Promoting Democracy in the 1990s,” http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/fr.htm)

This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being in

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which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

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**Obama will veto iran sanctions but pc is key**

**Lobe, 12/27**/13 - reporter for Inter Press Service(Jim, “Iran sanctions bill: Big test of Israel lobby power”

<http://www.arabamericannews.com/news/index.php?mod=article&cat=World&article=8046>)

WASHINGTON - This week’s introduction by a bipartisan group of 26 senators of a new sanctions bill against Iran could … joined. Against the 13 Democratic senators who signed onto the Kirk-Menendez bill, 10 Democratic Senate committee chairs urged Majority Leader Harry Reid, who controls the upper chamber’s calendar, to forestall any new sanctions legislation.

**Plan drains pc**

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.

**PC loss commits the US to supporting Israel strikes**

**Merry, 1/1/14** - Robert W. Merry, political editor of the National Interest, is the author of books on American history and foreign policy (Robert, “Obama may buck the Israel lobby on Iran” Washington Times, factiva)

Presidential press secretary Jay Carney uttered 10 words the other day that represent a major presidential challenge to the American Israel lobby and its friends on Capitol Hill. Referring … vaunted influence of the Israel lobby may be seen as being not quite what it has been cracked up to be.

**An Israel strike triggers world war 3**

**Reuveny, 10** – professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University (Rafael, “Unilateral strike could trigger World War III, global depression” Gazette Xtra, 8/7, - See more at: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2010/aug/07/con-unilateral-strike-could-trigger-world-war-iii-/#sthash.ec4zqu8o.dpuf>)

A unilateral Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear facilities would likely have dire consequences, including a regional war… strike could ultimately spark World War III.

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**A – Definition**

**Removing selective restrictions on specific goods isn’t “economic” because it doesn’t broadly affect economic life**

**Davidsson 3** – Elias Davidsson, Human Rights Researcher and Activist, Reporter for the Arab American News, Contributing Editor for Global Research, “The Mechanism of Economic Sanctions: Changing Perceptions and Euphemisms”, November, www.aldeilis.net/english/attachments/2877\_econsanc-debate.pdf‎

“Economic sanctions”, a mode of coercion in international relations resuscitated in recent years

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effect is primarily to convey displeasure, rather than to affect the economy.

**B – Plan violates** – only lifts restrictions on oil

**C – Voter** – key to check tons of small commodity affs which kill preparation and education, explodes the topic expanding the research burden

**SPILLS**

**No drilling in the status quo – all companies have bailed**

**O’Grady ’13** – Mary O'Grady is a member of the editorial board at The Wall Street Journal – WSJ – April 24, 2013 – <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324474004578442511561458392.html>

Then came promises of an oil boom and last week **the predictable bust.** The

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to Asia. Last week **came the end of shallow-water drilling.**

**Turn – plan causes drilling.**

**Embargo discouraging Cuban drilling – makes other countries more appealing**

**Krauss ’12** – (et al; Clifford Krauss has been a correspondent for The New York Times since 1990. He currently is a national business correspondent based in Houston, covering energy. He covered the State Department, Congress and the New York City police department before serving as Buenos Aires bureau chief and Toronto bureau chief. Before working at The Times, he worked as a foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal and was the Edward R. Murrow fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is author of “Inside Central America: Its People, Politics and History,” (1991). He has published articles in Foreign Affairs, GQ and Wilson Quarterly, along with other publications. New York Times – November 9, 2012 – <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/10/world/americas/rigs-departure-to-hamper-cubas-oil-prospects.html?_r=0>)

The best-case scenario for production, according to some oil experts, would

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an Italian operator to build a rig in China to drill exploration wells.

**Lifting embargo uniquely causes drilling – prefer daily drilling damage over unlikely accidental catastrophe**

**White ’10** – (Jonathan P. White; J.D. 2010, University of Colorado Law School. Mr. White thanks Daniel Whittle, Cuba Program Director, Environmental Defense Fund; Dr. Orlando Rey Santos, Lawyer and Director of the Environmental Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology, and the Environment (CITMA), Havana, Cuba; and Richard Charter, Senior Policy Advisor, Defenders of Wildlife, for their guidance and input in preparation of this note. Summer, 2010 – Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy – 21 COLO. J. INT'L ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 557 – lexis)

**Even without a catastrophe** like the Deepwater Horizon spill, as a basic matter,

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expenses associated with doing business with the communist nation **may inhibit drilling**. n162

**Cuban and non-US prevention efforts are sufficient now**

**Sadowski 11 –** Richard Sadowski is a Class of 2012 J.D. candidate, at Hofstra University School of Law, NY. Mr. Sadowski is also the Managing Editor of Production of the Journal of International Business and Law Vol. XI. “Cuban Offshore Drilling: Preparation and Prevention within the Framework of the United States’ Embargo” – Sustainable Development Law & Policy Volume 12; Issue 1 Fall 2011: Natural Resource Conflicts Article 10 – <http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1497&context=sdlp>

Fears that Cuban offshore drilling poses serious environmental threats because of the proximity to the

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American technology from being utilized, foreign sources have provided supplemental alternatives.66

**Sanctions won’t block US safety response – Helix proves**

**Bolstad ’12 –** Erika Bolstad is a reporter who covers Washington for the Anchorage Daily News, the Idaho Statesman and McClatchy Newspapers. This evidence internally quotes Lee Hunt, the former president of the International Association of Drilling Contractors. Hunt, in this instance, is arguably not biased in favor of drilling, as he is speaking to safety and clean-up regimes and he is speaking before a liberal think-tank in favor of human rights – McClatchy Newspapers – May 10, 2012 – <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/05/10/148433/cuba-embargo-could-threaten-oil.html#.UaoUWpyADq0>

Several of the experts said Thursday they are confident that the Treasury Department could react

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companies that have contracted to use the same rig next in Cuban waters.

**Cuban oil spills stay contained – no risk of large spread**

**Whittle ’12 –** Daniel J. Whittle et al, Cuba Program Director for the Oceans Program, Environmental Defense Fund, 2012, “Bridging the Gulf: Finding Common Ground on Environmental and Safety Preparedness for Offshore Oil and Gas in Cuba,” http://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/EDF-Bridging\_the\_Gulf-2012.pdf

While areas at risk of immediate impact appear to be those along the Straits of

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,” Sears said in a personal interview. “**Neither** of those **happened**.”

**No impact to bio-d**

**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.

**No impact to disease**

**Posner 05 –** (Richard A., Judge U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit, Professor Chicago School of Law, January 1, 2005, Skeptic, Altadena, CA, Catastrophe: Risk and Response, http://goliath.ecnext.com/coms2/gi\_0199-4150331/Catastrophe-the-dozen-most-significant.html#abstract)

Yet the fact that Homo sapiens has managed to survive every disease to assail it

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through gene splicing into a far more lethal pathogen than smallpox ever was.

**RUSSIA**

**Debt disputes mean Cuba won’t ally with Russia**

**Frank, 13** – economic correspondent for Reuters based in Havana (Marc, “Deal brokered behind Paris Club's back”, March 14, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/14/cuba-debt-russia-idUSL1N0C592Z20130314)//eek

HAVANA, March 14 (Reuters) - Russia's agreement to settle a debt squabble with Cuba over $25 billion owed … pay its old debts, much of which now consists of accumulated service and interest charges.

**Zero US-Russia war**

**Graham 07** – (Thomas, Russia in Global Affairs, "The dialectics of strength and weakness", http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/numbers/20/1129.html)

An astute historian of Russia, Martin Malia, wrote several years ago that “

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while laying the basis for more constructive long-term relations with Russia.

**No accidental launch or miscalc**

**Quinlan 09 –** (Michael, Former Permanent Under-Sec. State – UK Ministry of Defense, “Thinking about Nuclear Weapons: Principles, Problems, Prospects”, p. 63-69)

Even if initial nuclear use did not quickly end the fighting, the supposition of

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cosmic holocaust might be mistakenly precipitated in this way belongs to science fiction.

**Russia is using economic contacts in Latin America to establish geopolitical dominance and challenge U.S. hegemony– the aff trades**

Blank, 10 --- Research Professor of National Security Affairs Strategic Studies Institute U.S. Army War College (4/13/2010, Stephen J., “Russia and Latin America: Motives and Consequences,” <https://umshare.miami.edu/web/wda/hemisphericpolicy/Blank_miamirussia_04-13-10.pdf>, JMP)

However, none of the expanding economic ties should disguise Moscow’s fundamentally geostrategic orientation.

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ties between Iran and Latin American insurgents and terrorists facilitated by Chávez.83

**Russian influence is net-better than the Aff at conflict resolution**

Avram 12 – Cristina, staff writer for the World Reporter and Geopolitics.ro (“Russia and Latin America: Geopolitical Considerations”, The World Reporter, 26 January 2012, http://www.theworldreporter.com/2012/01/russia-and-latin-america-geopolitical.html#.UeFsuNI3tsl)

Venezuela is the key element in the Russian-Latin-American game. The

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which Washington considers dangerous, but that Moscow considers to be very good.

**Regional foothold is vital to IT cooperation and innovation – precondition to economic stability**

Zaitsev 7 – academic advisor at the Russian Engineering Academy (Yuri, “Russia and Latin America: innovation and cooperation”, RIA Novasti, 1/30/17, http://en.rian.ru/analysis/20070130/59930093.html)//SJF

MOSCOW. (Yury Zaitsev for RIA Novosti) - One of Russia's foreign policy priorities is to intensify political dialogue and economic cooperation with Latin America, which has a large market … medium-haul planes. It owns 45% of this market. Paradoxically, Russia is purchasing these aircraft from the United States, whereas the U.S. is buying them in Brazil.

**The status quo Russian growth model is unsustainable – IT innovation is vital to reverse this trend**

ICD, 10. Institute of Contemporary Development. “Information Technology and Russia's Future,” <http://www.riocenter.ru/en/_priorities/competitive_economy>.

Russia’s extremely strong economic growth is one of the country’s recent major accomplishments. Undoubtedly

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large-scale government programs will also encourage the development of innovative industries.

\*ICT means the Information and Communication Technology Sector

**Nuclear war**

David 99 (Steven, professor of political science at johns hopkins, foreign affairs, jan/feb)

If internal war does strike Russia, economic deterioration will be a prime cause.

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this threat more than the chaos that would follow a Russian civil war.

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**2NC OVERVIEW**

That causes China strikes

Nankivell 5 Nathan, Senior Researcher at the Office of the Special Advisor Policy, Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, Canadian Department of National Defence, 10/25/2005. “China's Pollution and the Threat to Domestic and Regional Stability,” China Brief 5.22, <http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?ItemID=9509>.

In addition to the concerns already mentioned, pollution, if linked to a specific

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**in full-scale war between two powerful, nuclear-equipped nations**.

**China war outweighs**

**Hughes 6** Mark W., 2/15/2006. “An Analysis of Recent Moves By China Which May Signal Intentions To Invade Russia,” Infoshop News, <http://news.infoshop.org/article.php?story=20060215180623912>.

Should China invade without a nuclear first-strike, then Russia would likely not

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a Chinese invasion of Russian territory **looks more plausible with each passing day**.

**Collapse makes nuclear weapons available to terrorists – impact = extinction**

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[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.

**Willful disregard for core Russian interests turns Russia into a hostile challenger of the US**

Allison and Blackwill 11 – \* director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard’s Kennedy School AND \*\* Henry A. Kissinger senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations (Graham and Robert, “Russia and U.S. National Interests Why Should Americans Care?”, Task Force on Russia and U.S. National Interests Report, October, http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Russia-and-US-NI\_final-web.pdf)

Americans often tend to focus on either Russia’s strengths or its weaknesses without seeking an integrated understanding of the real Russia. This is problematic, because it leads to dangerous assumptions about Russia’s motives and conduct. For example, **… national interests** and priorities. This is true even though most in Russia’s elite recognize that today’s Russia is not sufficiently strong to challenge American global leadership without the support of other major powers.

**This causes war and will escalate globally**

Weitz 11 – senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and a World Politics Review senior editor (Richard, “Can We Manage a Declining Russia?” November, http://www.aei.org/files/2011/12/08/-can-we-manage-a-declining-russia\_152701899417.pdf)

Conversely, a Russia relatively weaker to the United States would have less capability to

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**to reverse their feared decline in ways that helped precipitate disastrous global wars**.

**Brain drain and economic collapse results in BW prolif to states and terrorists**

**Tucker 07** (Jonathan B, directs the Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Project at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, Bioweapons from Russia: Stemming the Flow, <http://www.issues.org/15.3/p_tucker.htm>)

Today, the legacy of the Soviet BW program, combined with continued economic

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-level scientists are not being paid their $100 average monthly salaries.

**Bioweapons cause extinction**

Clifford **Singer**, Spring **2001**. Director of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign. “Will Mankind Survive the Millennium?” The Bulletin of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 13.1, http://www.acdis.uiuc.edu/research/S&Ps/2001-Sp/S&P\_XIII/Singer.htm.

In recent years the fear of the apocalypse (or religious hope for it)

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connected human family may be in question when and if this is achieved.

**Russian co-op is key to solve the environment**

**Rojansky and Collins 10** (Matthew, Deputy Director @ Russia and Eurasia Program @ Carnegie, and James, Director @ Russia and Eurasia Program @ Carnegie, “Why Russia Matters,” 8/18, <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=41409>,)

4. Russia's environment matters. As the catastrophic fires across Western Russia have dramatically

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more clean oxygen-producing forests and reserves of freshwater than continental Europe.

**In order to restore its influence, Russia will create a confrontation over Kosovo**

FRIEDMAN 2007, George Friedman, director - Stratfor, 6/12/2007, Russia: Using missile Defense as a Geopolitical Lever, p. underinformation.wordpress.com/2007/06/12/page/2/

The administration’s geopolitical problem is obvious. It has too many irons in the fire

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have very little to lose and quite a bit to gain from confrontation.

**Balkans war goes nuclear**

DAILY HERALD 99, 5/9/1999, Dogs of War, p. lexis

We hear the grim rationale for sending in ground troops "to salvage the credibility

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point of world conflict resulting in nuclear war and incalculable self-destruction.

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**Here is ev about the plan, Cuba relationship is purely competitive – Russia will act like it’s zero-sum**

Smith 9 – Academic Reseacher at UK Defence Academy, Researcher at Royal United Services Institute, Regional Coordinator USSR and Eastern Europe at Oxford Analytica, Oxford University (Mark A, “Russian Series Russia & Latin America: Competition in Washington’s “Near Abroad”?,” Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, August 2009)//SJF

Russia has also … wishes to develop at least a quasi-alliance with Cuba. This is again linked to the desire to manifest a presence in Washington’s “back yard” as a response to US policy in the Russian near abroad.

**The plan trades off with Russia’s sphere of influence**

Smith 9 – Academic Reseacher at UK Defence Academy, Researcher at Royal United Services Institute, Regional Coordinator USSR and Eastern Europe at Oxford Analytica, Oxford University (Mark A, “Russian Series Russia & Latin America: Competition in Washington’s “Near Abroad”?,” Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, August 2009)//SJF

Conclusion.

Medvedev’s November 2008 … to challenge the US in the region, and for this reason Moscow will cultivate its strategic partnership with Caracas.

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**Military contacts act as a counterweight to regional hegemony**

AP 8 (Associated Press, “Chavez: Latin America Needs Russia to Reduce U.S. Influence, Keep Peace,” 9/21/8, http://www.foxnews.com/story/2008/09/21/chavez-latin-america-needs-russia-to-reduce-us-influence-keep-peace/)//SJF

MOSCOW – Venezuelan … after its war with Russia. Russian officials harshly criticized the U.S. deployment to Georgia's Black Sea coast.

**Russia perceives it as zero-sum – they back out – it starts a fight**

Geopolitical Monitor 8**-**Canadian publication providing perspective on geopolitical issues-all contributors hold an MA or higher in IR or related fields and have worked at institutions such as the UN-quoting Russian diplomat (12/26/08, “Cuba Holds Key Role in Russian Foreign Policy: envoy”, <http://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/cuba-holds-key-role-in-russian-foreign-policy-envoy-1577/>) HC

Russian-Cuban relations will serve as the starting point to advance Russia's interests

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as a foreign language in all of the Cuban schools," he said.

**\*\*\*OIL**

**XT – NO DRILLING NOW (0:47)**

**Zero chance of future drilling –**

**a. rigs have departed**

**LaGesse ’12 –** David LaGesse reporter, with recent articles that have appeared in National Geographic, Money, and most frequently in U.S. News & World Report – National Geographic News – November 19, 2012 – <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2012/11/121119-cuba-oil-quest/>

An unusual high-tech oil-drilling rig that's been at work off the

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time dictator Fidel and his brother and hand-picked successor, Raúl.

**b. future trends flow negative**

**Pinon ’13 –** (Progreso Weekly talked with energy affairs researcher Jorge Piñón, a Cuban-American who left the island during Operation Peter Pan and these many years later continues to talk in first-person-singular when referring to Cuba. Piñón has worked in the oil industry and was president for Latin America of AMOCO Oil Co. At present, he is a researcher for the Center for Energy and Environmental Resources of the University of Texas at Austin. The interview was held at the Meliá Habana Hotel in Cuba. The portion quoted in this card are the portions where Pinon is speaking – Progreso Weekly – May 7th – <http://www.havanatimes.org/?p=92634>)

That is the process we have conducted for the past 10 years in Cuba,

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deep waters such as we’ve seen in the past two or three years.

**XT – BIO-D RESILIENT**

**d. redundancy theory disproves the impact**

**Griffen et al 10 –** [Blaine Griffen, Department of Biological Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, USA, “Moving species redundancy toward a more predictive Framework”, <http://aslo.org/books/ecodas8/ecodas8_030.pdf>]

The needs of a growing human population are having strong impacts on … whether there is little or no change to ecosystem function(e.g., Schindler 1990)

**Researchers don’t know the correct number of species – leads to incorrect predictions**

**Gray 13 –** [Louise, Environment Correspondent, “Extinction of millions of species 'greatly exaggerated',” The Telegraph, Jan 24, 2013,

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/9824723/Extinction-of-millions-of-species-greatly-exaggerated.html>]

Writing in the journal Science, the researchers calculate that there are around five million

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actually 500 in the first place, the loss rate **falls to zero**.

**Extinction rates based on flawed statistics**

**Sethi** **11 –** [Nitin, assistant editor of The Times of India Reporting on Development, Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change, May 21, 2011]

NEW DELHI: After climate gate, the green brigade might be looking at another

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they commit national and private funds to wildlife conservation measures across the world.

**XT – NO IMPACT**

**Extinction is impossible from disease –**

**a. 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.

**e. countermeasures and basic biology disprove the impact**

**Coates 09** – former adjunct professor at George Washington University, President of the Kanawha Institute for the Study of the Future and was President of the International Association for Impact Assessment and was President of the Association for Science, Technology and Innovation, M.S., Hon D., FWAAS, FAAAS, (Joseph F., Futures 41, 694-705, "Risks and threats to civilization, humankind, and the earth”, ScienceDirect, WEA)

Could diseases in animals be converted in a laboratory into ones transmissible among people?

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billion. The latter had no lasting effects comprising a threat to stability.

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**Zoonotics are less threatening than normal ones—they are contained now**

**Torres 99** (Alfonso, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D., Deputy Administrator, USDA, Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, “International Economic Considerations Concerning Agricultural Diseases and Human Health Costs of Zoonotic Diseases,” Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 894:80-82)

Animal diseases can negatively affect the number and availability of animals, their productivity,

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the relatively few human diseases successfully eradicated from large areas of the world.

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**We’ll quantify, there is legitimately zero risk of a solvency deficit. 1ac solvency advocates say the ONLY reason a proactive approach is necessary is because of it’s 24 to 48 hour reaction timeframe**

**1ac author Stephens 11 –** et al, Sarah Stephens – Executive Director of the Center for Democracy in the Americas – “As Cuba plans to drill in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. policy poses needless risks to our national interest,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf

The BP disaster highlights the needs for a **timely response to spills**, the containment

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needs to be done—and can be done—under current law.

**The counterplan solves in less than 24 hours which is less than the plan – only evaluate our comparative evidence**

**Stephens ’11 –** et al, Sarah Stephens – Executive Director of the Center for Democracy in the Americas – “As Cuba plans to drill in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. policy poses needless risks to our national interest,” http://democracyinamericas.org/pdfs/Cuba\_Drilling\_and\_US\_Policy.pdf

The Obama administration should use its existing authority now to award licenses to firms and

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take place unencumbered by any regulatory delays at the onset of a crisis.

**SAUDI ARABIA**

**2NC OVERVIEW**

**Disad outweighs and turns the case…**

**a) magnitude – quick Saudi proliferation ensures accidents and miscalculation – that’s Edelman, impact is extinction**

**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.

**b) most probable impact**

**Russell 09** - James A. Russell, Senior Lecturer, National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, ‘9 (Spring) “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Escalation and Nuclear War in the Middle East” IFRI, Proliferation Papers, #26, http://www.ifri.org/downloads/PP26\_Russell\_2009.pdf

Strategic stability in the region is thus undermined by various factors: (1)

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the peoples of the region, with substantial risk for the entire world.

**Turns biodiversity –** nuclear shoot-outs from arms racing shoot soot into the atmosphere which creates a shield for UV radiation which destroys agriculture

**AT: NO WIDESPREAD PROLIFERATION**

**PROLIF BAD – GENERIC**

**Proliferation causes extinction – our card assumes your defense**

**Kroenig, 12** [Matthew, Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University and Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, May 26th “The History of Proliferation Optimism: Does It Have A Future?” <http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182&tid=30>)

Proliferation Optimism: Proliferation optimism was revived in the academy in Kenneth Waltz’s 1979 book

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that a future Middle East crisis could result in a devastating nuclear exchange.

**PROLIF FAST**

**Each instance of proliferation snowballs**

**Kroenig 12** (Matthew Kroenig, Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University and Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 5/26/2012, “The History of Proliferation Optimism: Does It Have A Future?”, http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182&tid=30 | JJ)

Further proliferation. Nuclear proliferation poses an additional threat to international peace and security because

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, giving us all good reason to fear the spread of nuclear weapons.

**2NC – IMPACT DEFENSE**

**The current relations standoff with Israel and Saudi Arabia increases leverage with them – the prior relationship meant they just ignored the US – and they can’t get offense because relations will never actually collapse**

**Walt, 10/25/13** – professor of IR at Harvard (Stephen, “Playing Hard to Get in the Middle East” <http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/category/topic/iran>)

A balance of power (or if you prefer, balance of threat) approach to the Middle East also highlights the costs of … the Shah of Iran), you suffer more damage if anything happens to them.

**It won’t kill US-Saudi relations**

**Joshi, 10/23/13** - research fellow of the Royal United Services Institute (Shashank, “Obama Can Safely Ignore Saudi Tantrums” Bloomberg, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-10-23/obama-can-safely-ignore-saudi-tantrums.html>)

Saudi Arabia has been throwing a diplomatic temper tantrum lately, threatening a “major shift” away from the U.S. … ensuring stability in and around Saudi Arabia. Nor will the shale revolution dissipate the need for cooperation in other areas, such as counterterrorism.