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**Obama’s consistent pressure and Democratic unity are key to get Boehner to allow a vote**

**Sullivan, 10/24/13** (Sean, “John Boehner's next big test: Immigration” Washington Post Blogs, The Fix, lexis)

President Obama delivered remarks Thursday morning to renew his call for Congress to pass sweeping immigration reform. The prevailing sentiment in Washington is that it’s not going to happen this year, …. That's enough to believe he will at least entertain the possibility of tuning the hard-liners out a bit more this time around.

**Menendez link – plan makes him disrupt Obama’s entire agenda**

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.

**Immigration reform generates an effective base of IT experts - solves cyberterror**

**McLarty 09 –** (Thomas F. III, President – McLarty Associates and Former White House Chief of Staff and Task Force Co-Chair, “U.S. Immigration Policy: Report of a CFR-Sponsored Independent Task Force”, 7-8, http://www.cfr.org/ publication/19759/us\_immigration\_policy.html)

We have seen, when you look at the table of the top 20 firms

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going to **strengthen**, I think, our system, **our security needs**.

**A successful cyber-attack ensures accidental nuclear war**

**Fritz 09 –** (Jason, BS – St. Cloud, “Hacking Nuclear Command and Control”, Study Commissioned on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, July, [www.icnnd.org/Documents/Jason\_Fritz\_Hacking\_NC2.doc](http://www.icnnd.org/Documents/Jason_Fritz_Hacking_NC2.doc))

The US uses the two-man rule to achieve a higher level of

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of mass DDoS attacks, real world protests, and accusations between governments.

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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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**Using its licensing authority and enforcement discretion, the United States Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control should exempt transactions involving agricultural commodities to Cuba from enforcement under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations.**

**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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**Their demands for US intervention are constructed by the military-industrial complex to legitimize mass genocide making extinction inevitable**

Engelhardt 10/12 (Tom, Fellow at the Nation Institute, “Overwrought empire: The discrediting of US military power,” <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/10/20121010104331399712.html>)

And here's the odd thing: in a sense, little has changed since then

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no longer be altered. In other words, they can't help themselves.

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

**Buell 3** (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.”

**Security is based on the desire to control and knowledge, ensuring aggression and enemy creation- vote neg to re-program our ontological pre-supposition**

**Burke 7**—Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations in the University of New South Wales (Anthony, *Theory & Event*, Volume 10, Issue 2, 2007, “Ontologies of War: Violence, Existence and Reason,” Project MUSE)

This essay develops a theory about the causes of war -- and thus …. which are less predictable and controllable?91 And most fundamentally: Are we seeking to coerce or persuade? Are less violent and more sustainable choices available? Will our actions perpetuate or help to end the global rule of insecurity and violence? Will our thought?

**1NC TRANSITION**

**Gradual transition now---political liberalization is facilitating an economic “soft landing”---solves the Aff**

**Piccone, 10/3** – Acting Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institute (Ted, “Cuba’s Stroll Toward Change: A View from the Streets”, Brookings Institute, 10/3/13, http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2013/10/03-cuba-trip-piccone)//SJF

We are witnessing today the unfolding of a transitional hybrid economy that has one foot on the accelerator and one foot on the brake. On one hand, a host of ongoing reforms in the … It is time to exploit the opportunity offered by Cuba’s economic reforms and let reconciliation – both within the island and across the Florida Straits – begin.

**Alt cause- aging workforce- that’s Morales**

**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, 8** – 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.”

**Plan doesn’t foster non-NGO organizations which are critical to solve- that’s 1ac Lopez-Levy**

**Taiwan war won’t happen since nobody cares anymore. They ignore new political shifts**

**Saunders and Kastner 09** – \*Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National

Defense University, \*Assistant Professor in the Department of Government and Politics

at the University of Maryland and former China Security Fellow at the Institute for National

Strategic Studies (Phillip and Scott, International Security, 33.4, “Bridge over troubled water? Envisioning a China-Taiwan peace agreement”, http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1162/isec.2009.33.4.87, WEA)

Most observers agree that the issue of Taiwan’s status is not ripe for resolution. China remains committed to the ultimate goal of unification and refuses to renounce the use of force to prevent Taiwan independence. Former President Jiang Zemin emphasized the goal of … 2008 presidential election called for negotiation of a peace agreement with Beijing, and President Ma repeated the call in his inaugural address.9 Upon assuming office, Ma moved quickly to restart dialogue between Taiwan’s Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) and the PRC’s Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS), the semiofficial bodies that previously served as vehicles for cross-strait dialogue.10

**Cuban government has to reform domestic industries- that’s CSG**

**Plan doesn’t solve econ – current Cuban economic model prohibits FDI**

* US embargo ≠ rc of Cuban econ collapse
* Cuba’s econ model = centralized – structurally impossible to grow

Feinberg 11 - professor of international political economy at UC San Dieg, nonresident senior fellow with the Latin America Initiative at Brookings (Richard E., “Reaching Out: Cuba’s New Economy and the International Response”, November, Brookings, http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2011/11/18%20cuba%20feinberg/1118\_cuba\_feinberg.pdf)//ID

Despite these advances, the Cuban economy remains in the doldrums (as described in

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their bilateral trade accounts, but are frustrated by Cuba’s scant economic offerings.

**No warrant for their Taiwan impact- yes the US might get distracted but zero warrant why they couldn’t intervene if there was conflicts**

**Any Cuban economic decline will be mitigated – remittances, tourism, oil, and diversification**

- even if Cuban econ collapses, remittances, tourists, oil, and diversified trade prevent it from being too extreme

Messa-Lago, 13 – Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh (Carmelo, “The possible impact of the death of Chavez in the Cuban economy”, 12/03/2013, http://www.cubaencuentro.com/cuba/articulos/el-posible-impacto-de-la-muerte-de-chavez-en-la-economia-cubana-283444, translated from Spanish by Google Translate)//eek

If substantially reduce or end Venezuelan aid (equivalent to more than a fifth of

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of trade and investment with other countries but not yet achieved substantial results.

**The embargo isn’t key**

Jorge 2k (Dr. Antonio, Professor of Political Economy at Florida International University, "The U.S. Embargo and the Failure of the Cuban Economy" (2000).Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies Occasional Papers.Paper 28. http://scholarlyrepository.miami.edu/iccaspapers/28)

Under the real world of Castroism, however, the answer must be a terse

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not have been any different, regardless of who had financed his Revolution.

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**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 employed respond to economies of scale. Incentives to grow into commercial operations .. competitive with food from urban gardens, 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.

**Status quo solves**

**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 foundation for self-… 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.

**Organoponics don’t solve- can’t overcome consumption that’s cross-ex**

**Increasing economic engagement with Cuba destroys its ag industry, 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 likely to be external—the … 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.

**US won’t adopt Cuba’s model.**

**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

**If their adoption args are true, the US could adopt Cuba’s model now because it understands how and why it is good**

**No shortages – food is abundant**

* food is abundant – there’s enough wheat, rice, and grains to feed every single human
* problem ≠ lack of food, but rather poverty
* many poor countries actually export food

Poole, 6 – Institute for Food and Development Policy (Holly Kavana, “12 Myths About Hunger”, Backgrounder, 12(2), Summer, 4-9, http://www.foodfirst.org/12myths) //SP

Myth 1: Not Enough Food to Go Around Reality: Abundance, not scarcity

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right now. Many are net exporters of food and other agricultural products.

**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.

**Warming inevitable even if we cut emissions to zero—multiple studies confirm**

**Gillett et al 10 –** director @ the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis

Nathan, “Ongoing climate change following a complete cessation of carbon dioxide emissions”. *Nature Geoscience*

Several recent studies have demonstrated that CO2-induced 17 global mean temperature change is

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several centuries owing to the long delay associated with 42 subsurface ocean warming.

**Warming won’t cause extinction**

**NIPCC 11** – Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change. Surviving the unprecedented climate change of the IPCC, 8 March 2011, <http://www.nipccreport.org/articles/2011/mar/8mar2011a5.html>

In a paper published in Systematics and Biodiversity, Willis et al. (2010

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the fossil record indicates **remarkable biotic resilience** to wide amplitude fluctuations in climate."

**Not anthropogenic**

**Spencer 12 –** (Roy, former NASA climatologist and author, “Ten Years After the Warming,” 2/26, <http://www.drroyspencer.com/2012/02/>)

As can be seen, in the last 10 years the estimated forcing has been

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next 10 years. Eek! But I personally doubt that will happen.

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**2NC CONDO – 1 K, 1 CP (0:43)**

**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 in deliberation, they must **tolerate ambiguity** and **appreciate contradiction** without losing sight of the necessity for … **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.

**AT: NO SOLVENCY ADVOCATE BAD**

**Here is a solvency advocate – solves your ag advantage**

**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”).

**1NC DISEASE**

**Extinction genetically impossible and ahistorical**

**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.

**b. 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.

**2NC IMPACT OVERVIEW**

**The impact to the transition advantage is the impact to the DA – concede all 2ac impact calculus.**

**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.

**2NC REFORMS NOW**

**b. talks at the UNGA prove**

**Hungwe, 10/3** – reporter at the Financial Gazette (Allen, “Contrast Of Priorities”, The Financial Gazette, 10/3/13, http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/contrast-of-priorities/)//SJF

In Cuba, the Communist Party remains in control but Raul Castro, who succeeded Fidel Castro has ... Cuba, unlike in the Castro days, has also taken a back seat in “spitting the anti-West venom” during the UNGA.

**c. new free-trade zone shows signs of end to the embargo and increased emphasis on globalization**

Frank 10/3, Marc, FT and Reuters reporter in Havana, 10/3/13, “Cuba’s new port offers a small opening to the global economy,” http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/bc2f5a54-2ab5-11e3-ade3-00144feab7de.html?siteedition=intl#axzz2hFsB1wVY)//DR. H

When Havana hosts its annual international trade jamboree next month, officials .., such as Brazil, Mexico, China, and Singapore, may incentivise modest investments by their firms.”

**d. travel and targeted industry commercialization now and large-scale deregulation prove reforms work**

**Wicary, 10/7** – former Globe and mail reporter, foreign policy reporter (Stephen, “A business-friendly Cuba gets a hand from Canada”, Globe and Mail, 10/7/13, http://m.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/rob-magazine/a-business-friendly-cuba-gets-a-hand-from-canada/article14006239/?service=mobile#!/)//SJF

If things go as planned, the state’s jackpot will come in the form of remittances. A study released in June concluded that cash sent home already tallied $2.6 billion in 2012 – in other words, one of Cuba’s biggest revenue streams (all .. the fields – to produce markets and urban services. And, this summer, the government announced it would begin to deregulate its biggest enterprises.

**e. liberalization is opening opportunities for US engagement – solves the AFF**

**Lopez-Levy and Cancio, 10/8** – \*lecturer and PhD Candidate at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, Research Associate of the Institute for the Study of Israel in the Middle East (ISIME) and teaches Latin American Politics, and Comparative Politics at the University of Denver and the Colorado School of Mines, \*\* publisher and editor-in-chief of the new magazine Art On Cuba (Arturo, Hugo, “Obama speaks to Rouhani. Is Raul Castro next?”, PR Newswire, 10/8/13, http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/obama-speaks-to-rouhani-is-raul-castro-next-226980201.html)//SJF

In contrast, Cuba is undergoing a major .. and Havana in Haiti. Cuba should open categories of study and work travel for their citizens wanting to study and work in the United States beyond the two years limit of its recent migratory reform.

**2NC SOLVES THE AFF**

**Status quo solves the AFF –**

**a. Canadian business interests cause the AFF in the long-term**

**Wicary, 10/7** – former Globe and mail reporter, foreign policy reporter (Stephen, “A business-friendly Cuba gets a hand from Canada”, Globe and Mail, 10/7/13, http://m.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/rob-magazine/a-business-friendly-cuba-gets-a-hand-from-canada/article14006239/?service=mobile#!/)//SJF

Today, the American embargo is effectively a twofold opportunity for Canadian firms – it

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, the embargo is lifted, we sell out to American interests.’

**b. reforms and Diaz-Canel solves the AFF**

**López-Levy, 4/10** – 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)

In Cuba, a post-Castro era is looming on the horizon. The

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the issue by using his prerogative as a diplomat-in-chief.

**c. the AFF is inevitable – it’s just a question of timeframe for solving Cuban collapse**

**Ashby, 3/29** – Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (Timothy, “Preserving Stability in Cuba after Normalizing Relations with the United States – The Importance of Trading with State-Owned Enterprises”, we don’t defend the language, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 3/29/13, [http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/)//SJF](http://www.coha.org/preserving-stability-in-cuba-timothy-ashby/%29//SJF)

Cuba under Raúl Castro has entered a new period of economic, social, … Hugo Chávez is likely to undermine the already dysfunctional Cuban economy, if it leads to reductions in oil imports and other forms of aid. This could bring social chaos, especially among the island’s disaffected youth. Such an outcome would generate adverse consequences for U.S. national and regional security. To maintain Cuba’s social and economic stability while reforms are maturing, the United States must throw itself open to unrestricted bilateral trade with all Cuban enterprises, both private and state-owned.

**Rapprochement coming now, but it’s slow and fragile – the AFF crushes diplomatic momentum**

AP, 6/21 (Associated Press, “Cuba, U.S. try talking, but face many obstacles”, Naples News, 6/21/13, http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2013/jun/21/cuba-us-try-talking-face-many-obstacles/)//SJF

They've hardly become allies, but Cuba and the U.S. have taken some baby steps toward rapprochement in recent weeks that have people on this island and in Washington wondering if a breakthrough in … Rene Gonzalez to return home was met with only muted criticism inside the United States, perhaps emboldening U.S. diplomats to seek further openings with Cuba.

**2NC AFF KILLS REFORM**

**The Cuban government can’t control the outcome---lack of scapegoat causes disruptive uprising**

**Koenig, 10** – US Army Colonel, paper submitted for a Masters in Strategic Studies at the US Army War College (Lance, “Time for a New Cuba Policy” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA518130>)

The United States needs to take the initiative away from the Castro regime, and

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the Cuban economy sputters and the government realizes they don’t have a scapegoat.

**Lifting the embargo would pressure Cuba for rapid reforms**

**Cave, 12** – foreign correspondent for The New York Times, based in Mexico City and has a B.A. from Boston College and an M.S. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (Damien, “Easing of Restraints in Cuba Renews Debate on U.S. Embargo”, NY Times, 11/19/12, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/20/world/americas/changes-in-cuba-create-support-for-easing-embargo.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//EX>

Still, in a country where Cubans “resolve” their way around government restrictions

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the 1950s. “There is a lot of work to be done.”

**The regime fears fast economic opening as destroying its control**

**Colomer, 5** – Research Professor in Political Science, Professor at the University of Barcelona

(Joseph M., “Who Could End the Embargo? A Game-Theoretical Perspective”, 2004-2005, 14 Transnat'l L. & Contemp. Probs. 163, heinonline)//KW

For the same reason, the worst possible … or death," clearly illustrate this position. A different ordering will be considered later, basically as a hypothetical preference change induced on Cuban rulers by either the further effects of the embargo or their weakened capability to maintain social control.

**That will cause a crackdown and civil war**

**Iglesias, 12** – Commander, US Navy. Paper submitted for the Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the the US Army War College (Carlos, “United States Security Policy Implications of a Post-Fidel Cuba” <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA560408>) **GOC = Government of Cuba, FAR = Cuban military**

3) Democratic Uprising – A democratic …, as they are to American national interests.

**Fast Reforms cause instability and Diaz-Canel will follow Castro teachings**

**Suchlicki, 13** – director of the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies at the University of Miami (Jaime, “Raúl Castro’s Cuba in 2013”, Miami Herald, 1/14/13, http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/01/14/3178528/raul-castros-cuba-in-2013.html)//EX

After six years in power, Gen. Raúl Castro is unwilling to chart a

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of Fidel’s anti-American policies and military interventions in Africa and elsewhere.

**2NC UNIQUENESS**

**Prefer our argument –**

**a. the trend is with the negative**
**Friedman-Rudovsky, 12** – received a Fulbright fellowship for photography of Bolivia’s social movements and a contributor to The New York Times (Noah, “Urban Agriculture in Cuba (Photo Essay)”, NACLA (North American Congress on Latin America), 10/18/12, [https://nacla.org/news/2012/10/18/urban-agriculture-cuba-photo-essay)//EX](https://nacla.org/news/2012/10/18/urban-agriculture-cuba-photo-essay%29//EX)

Cubans see their urban agriculture movement as a possible solution as the world begins to

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the urban agriculture program, which should be extended to the entire country.”

**b. traveling Cuban farmers export their model**

**Clausen 07 –** teaches sociology and environmental studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. Her research in environmental sociology focuses on fisheries and marine degradation**.** (Rebecca, “Healing the Rift” Monthly Review, May, <http://monthlyreview.org/2007/05/01/healing-the-rift>)

The rift in social metabolism of food … throughout the Americas and elsewhere. Cuban agronomists are currently teaching agroecological farming methods to Haitian farmers, as well as assisting Venezuela with their burgeoning urban agriculture movement.

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**c. framing issue – cheap, subsidized food imports crush the model faster than it’s adopted**

**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 … 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.

**d. 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 … farms that could **hope to compete 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.

**e. 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 represent more than “the only ..organic cultivation movement 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.

**f. 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 .. fields, has led to the complete control of the sweet-potato borer Ð a major pest Ð by the predatory ants.

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

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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 FRAMEWORK WALL (2:04)**

**d) \*representations are a prior question – even if we lose framework, the K outweighs as a procedural disad – political rhetoric frames our understanding of political reality and outweighs everything – star this card**

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

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

**c) personal agency – pretending to be the federal government ignores our personal responsibility for war and eliminates rational decisionmaking – independent reason to reject the team**

**Kappeler 95** – (Susanne is an associate professor at al-akhawayn university, “the will to violence: the politics of personal behavior”, pg. 10-11, MT)

`We are the war' does not mean that the responsibility for a war is

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our values' according to the structures and the values of war and violence.

**2NC PERMUTATION**

**4. Footnoting DA – we question the very need for a policy – the perm assumes we can just reform security logic and this mentality is why the AFF will inevitably fail**

**Cheeseman and Bruce 96** - \*lecturer in politics and defense studies at The University College, Australian Defense Force Academy, \*\*Associate Professor in Social Sciences at the Curtin University of Technology in Perth (Graeme and Robert, "Discourses of Danger & Dread Frontiers", pages 5-9)

This goal is pursued in ways which are still unconventional in the intellectual milieu of international relations in Australia, even though they are gaining influence worldwide as traditional modes of theory and practice are rendered inadequate by … informed, underpinned and legitimised by a narrowly-based intellectual enterprise which draws strength from contested concepts of realism and liberalism, which in turn seek legitimacy through policy-making processes. Contributors ask whether Australia’s policy-makers and their academic advisors are unaware of broader intellectual debates, or resistant to them, or choose not to understand them, and why?

**5. No net benefit—our K renders the aff inaccurate so including it can only risk political violence. If the best arg for the aff is that it’s overwhelmed by our K then you should vote neg.**

**LINK DEBATE**

**Security fears of disease cause emergency measures that are counterproductive at the domestic level and undermine critical international cooperation**

**- Enemark ‘9** (Is Pandemic Flu a Security Threat? Author: Christian Enemark DOI: 10.1080/00396330902749798 Publication Frequency: 6 issues per year Published in: journal Survival, Volume 51, Issue 1 February 2009 , pages 191 - 214

Most infectious diseases do not attract heightened political attention because their effects are mild,

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**from the need for long-term international cooperation on resisting pandemic influenza.**

**Data proves cred theory wrong ----- leads to intervention and wars**

PRESS ‘5 – Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth (Daryl Press, “Calculating credibility: how leaders assess military threats”, Google Books)

In international politics … is virtually no evidence from these crises that backing down damaged anyone's credibility. Past Actions theory is either simply wrong, or it is very weak, or it does not apply to high-stakes military crises such as those examined in this book.

**Descriptions of China are not neutral or objective – Their strategies are self-fulfilling prophecies that must be critically interrogated**

Pan 4 (Chengxin, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Arts, Deakin University, Discourses Of ‘China’ In International Relations: A Study in Western Theory as (IR) Practice, p. 305-307

While U.S. China scholars argue fiercely over "what China precisely is

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It is in this context that this article seeks to make a contribution.