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**Text: The United States federal government should [insert mandate of AFF] if and only if Venezuela:**

* **ousts narco-kingpins from government**
* **institutes constitutional, economic, and electoral reforms**
* **dismantles Iranian and Hezbollah networks in Venezuela, and**
* **demonstrates commitment to protecting human rights.**

**The counterplan solves and establishes democracy and stability in Venezuela and Latin America**

**Noriega, 13 –** Roger F., former assistant secretary of state under President George W. Bush, is a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, 3/5/13, <http://www.aei.org/article/foreign-and-defense-policy/regional/latin-america/a-post-chvez-checklist-for-us-policymakers/>, “A post-Chávez checklist for US policymakers,” ADM

The State Department should set aside … organizations committed to **democracy, human rights, anti-drug cooperation, and hemispheric solidarity**, which have been neutered by Chávez’s destructive agenda

**Chávez’s economic policy forced repression and destruction of economic freedom – stats prove that only economic reform solves**

**Roberts and Daga 13 –** James M., primary responsibility as The Heritage Foundation's lead expert in economic freedom and growth is to produce the Index of Economic Freedom co-published by Heritage and The Wall Street Journal. Roberts also studies economic and political issues in Latin America and Europe, Sergio, promotes economic freedom in Latin American nations as a visiting senior policy analyst in The Heritage Foundation's Center for International Trade and Economics. Among his tools is Heritage's flagship publication, the annual Index of Economic Freedom, 4/15/13, http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/04/venezuela-us-should-push-president-maduro-toward-economic-freedom, “Venezuela: U.S. Should Push President Maduro Toward Economic Freedom,” ADM

The foundations of economic freedom in Venezuela have crumbled. When Chavez took office in

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his Chavista cronies in the region through such schemes as ALBA and PetroCaribe.

**Economic freedom is a basic human right – sovereign governments have the primary responsibility of protecting economic freedom – d-rule**

**Holmes 08** – Kim R., Ph.D., is Vice President of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies and Director of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies at The Heritage Foundation, 7/24/08, <http://www.heritage.org/research/lecture/economic-freedom-as-a-human-right>, “Economic Freedom as a Human Right,” ADM

It is in that vein, then, that I wish to speak about economic

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of eco­nomic freedom also enjoy higher levels of income for women.

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**The affirmative locks in a view of other actors as a constant enemy – this legitimizes endless war and a discursive orientation in crisis politics**

**Wendt 1992** – the Ralph D. Mershon Professor of International Security at Ohio State, also professor at Yale, Dartmouth, and University of Chicago (Alexander, “Social theory of international politics”, pages 261-266, Google Books, WEA)

Enemy images have a long pedigree, and some states continue to position each …to suck all of its members into the fray, making nonalignment or neutrality very difficult.58 The principal exception will be states that are able to “hide” because of the material condition of geography (Switzerland in World War II), although geography’s signi®cance is itself subject to material changes in technology (nuclear weapons).

**Our response is to interrogate the epistemological failures of the 1ac – debate is an academic forum and your job is to inculcate valuable understanding – having a coherent intellectual position is more important than specific political battles**

**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.

**Representations are a prior question – political rhetoric frames our understanding of political reality**

**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.

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**Framing the drug trade in the context of existential threats creates a securitizing logic that allows for militarization**

Fuentes 11 – Ariel Gomez Fuentes, MA in Governance and Democracy from the International Institute of Social Studies (“The Securitization of the War on Drugs in Mexico and the Intensification of Violence”, September 2011)

In this way, Calderon’s administration (the securitizing actor), with a large support

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they were judge by a special military legislation instead of a civic one.

**Drug trafficking prevention now solves**

**Seelke 09 –** (Clare Ribando, Clare Ribando Seelke is a specialist in Latin American Affairs at the Congressional Research Service, the research arm of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. , Seelke holds a Master of Public Affairs and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. “Mérida Initiative for Mexico and Central

America: Funding and Policy Issues", August 21, 2009, http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R40135\_20090821.pdf\\CLans)

Apart from the Mérida Initiative, DOD has its own legislative authorities to provide certain

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. government to provide increased technical assistance and training for Mexican law enforcement.

**Naval discourse internalizes masculine values which are then used as the basis for decision-making by military leaders, makes antagonism inevitable**

**De Bere 03** – (Samantha Regan, lecturer at Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, Military Masculinities Identity and the State, pgs. 95-98) // NG

MILITARY MEN ANDTHEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH NAVAL DISCOURSE Various symbolic characteristics have been assigned to the

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useful way of explaining their own (controlled) behavior once in service.

**Their discourse of terrorism creates a self-fulfilling prophecy and more violence – only alt can solve**

**Jackson 07 –** (Volume 42, Issue 3, Pages 394-426, Published Online: 21 Jun 2007, Constructing Enemies: 'Islamic Terrorism' in Political and Academic Discourse Richard Jackson)

In this case, for example, it can be argued that by denying the

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of the dominant discourse and to explore alternative forms of language and knowledge.

**It’s impossible to know the reality of China – predictions themselves craft Chinese identity and extinguish other possibilities guaranteeing perpetual warfare**

**Pan 12 –** (Chengxin is IR @ Australian National University and a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Deakin University, “GETTING EXCITED ABOUT CHINA”)djm

Rudd’s concern about China was not just conﬁned to stra- tegic matters. On

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of anxiety, and increasing the danger of the **self-fulﬁlling prophecy**.

**Terrorism in Africa is minor and localized**

**Guest, 2005** (Robert, Africa Editor The Economist, “Africa’s Development Problems: From Predatory to Government Accountability” June 30, 2005, Found: www.cato.org/pubs/edb/edb1.pdf)

I would like to turn to the subject of terrorism. There is a theory

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road robbing them every time they try to take their crops to market.

**No chance of African terrorism**

**Mills and Herbst, 07** – heads the Johannesburg-based Brenthurst Foundation AND Provost of Miami University of Ohio (Greg and Jeffrey, RUSI Journal, (G “Africa, Terrorism and AFRICOM,” April, Vol. 152, Iss. 2; pg. 40, 5 pgs, Proquest)

It must also be said that the danger that Westerners in most African countries face from crime and car accidents still outweighs, by a considerable degree, the damage that international terrorists have done to date. Also, while terrorists may want to kill Americans, Europeans… is very different also in terms of spatial needs: training camps have different requirements to simply providing sanctuary.

**ANTI-AMERICANISM**

**no conflagration—national incentives and history.**

**Maloney and Takeyh 07** – \*senior fellow for Middle East Policy at the Saban Center for Middle East Studies at the Brookings Institution AND \*\*senior fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (Susan and Ray, International Herald Tribune, 6/28, “Why the Iraq War Won't Engulf the Mideast”,

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2007/0628iraq\_maloney.aspx)

Yet, the Saudis, Iranians, Jordanians, … its civil strife and prevent local conflicts from enveloping the entire Middle East.

**Representations of Middle East conflict are the root cause of violence and reproduce academic orientalism**

**Bilgin 05** – PhD International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Department of International Relations Bilkent Univ (Pinar, Regional Security in the Middle East, p. 12-15)

Reflecting upon the history of US engagement with the Middle East, Douglas **Little identifies**

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**how they think security should be sought in this part of the world.**

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**1NC RUSSIA WAR**

**Give Russia war zero probability – politics, military superiority, economic concerns, and nuclear security**

**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.

**Russia threat evidence is a process of otherizing Russia that ensures a self-fulfilling prophecy**

**Jæger 2k –** (2000 SECURITIZING RUSSIA: DISCURSIVE PRACTICES OF THE BALTIC STATES Øyvind Jæger I would like to thank Lene Hansen, Grazina Miniotaite, Iver B. Neumann, Robert Geyer, Mare Haab, Zaneta Ozolina, Ole Wæver, Henrik Thune, Jan Risvik, Clive Archer, Helge Blakkisrud, Erik André Andersen and especially Pertti Joenniemi for discussions and comments on earlier drafts of this article. I researched and wrote up this piece between New Years Day and Easter 1997 while I enjoyed a Visiting Fellowship at the Copenhagen Peace Research Institute, to which I am grateful for support and hospitality.

**This is a study of a discourse of danger producing insecurity in pursuit of security**

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The question is not which will prevail – but how to get together.

**1NC FAILED STATES**

**The affirmative’s discourse of “failed states” legitimizes an interventionist epistemology that effaces difference, makes north-south inequality inevitable, and is self-fulfilling**

**Eisenträger 12 –** (Stian Eisenträger, MA student in IR, board member at International Reporter, a Norwegian NGO, 3-27-12, “Failed State or Failed Label?: The Concealing Concept and the Case of Somalia,” <http://www.e-ir.info/2012/03/27/failed-state-or-failed-label-the-concealing-concept-and-the-case-of-somalia/>) gz

The end of the Cold War shaped a new international political context where the issues

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also when we want to analyse states in Africa, and especially Somalia.

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**ANTI-AMERICANISM**

**His defense of his reps of Middle Eastern instability is empiricism – their obsession with scientific quantification of IR is narcissism in the face of inevitable uncertainty – their studies are not neutral, but rather are deeply political – the AFF institutionalizes the false distinction between facts and values which makes ongoing structural violence and conflict inevitable – outweighs the AFF – star this card**

Jeong 99 – associate professor at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University (Ho-Won, Epistemological Foundations for Peace Research, [classweb.gmu.edu/hwjeong/epistemological.htm](http://classweb.gmu.edu/hwjeong/epistemological.htm))

Other peace researchers have attempted to find the sources of violence through a critical analysis of existing social, economicsystems.Understandingthe meaning ofpower in a … help findcreativesolutions to problems which humanity facesat the present time and in the future.

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**Pursuit of hegemonic control is a product of death anxiety – the illusion of invulnerability is an attempt to cope with an uncertain world – this myth places us on a psychological treadmill which guarantees global violence – turns the case**

**Lifton 03** – Robert Jay Lifton, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, previously Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the Graduate School and Director of The Center on Violence and Human Survival at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, 2003

[Superpower Syndrome: America’s Apocalyptic Confrontation With The World, Published by Thunder’s Mouth Press / Nation Books, ISBN 1560255129, p. 125-130 // BATMAN]

It is almost **un-American** to be vulnerable. As a people, we

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both the superpower and the world it acts upon may become **dangerously destabilized**.

**2NC RUSSIA**

**Russo-phobia skews their perspective – American objectivism makes the impact inevitable**

**Lieven 01 –** (Senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), 01 (World Policy Journal. New York: Winter 2000/2001.Vol.17, Iss. 4;  pg. 25)

Ever since the Cold War ended, Western officials and commentators have been telling the

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in which certain nations are classed as irrationally, irredeemably savage and wicked.

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**2NC BRAZIL SOPO**

**Their input-output understanding of the Brazilian economy doesn’t account for the complexity of human behavior – their predictions become self-referential and fail**

**Kaul 11 –** Writer for The Economic Times (Vivek, “The perils of prediction: Why do we believe in predictions even when they fail”, <http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2011-08-12/news/29880664_1_economists-predictions-oil-prices/2>, accessed 7/19/12)//BZ

The perils of prediction: Why do we believe in predictions even when they fail

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account a wide range of futures and pays off in any of them."

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**2NC CHINA WAR**

**They guarantee war – conservative politics will hi-jack the plan**

Pan 04 – (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. 144-45)

Thus, the problem is less about the lack of transparency in Chinese official statistics

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its most hegemonic character. The following examples help us explain this point.

**No China war 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

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for the top posts cannot afford to appear weak in upholding national unity.

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**2NC FRAMEWORK**

**a. their threat prediction method turns debate into a catastrophic prediction market – the ballot becomes the currency awarded to the most catastrophic and inevitable impact – this orients society towards permanent war and evacuates critical public spheres which means the AFF becomes anti-political – turns case and crushes education**

**Elmer and Opel 06 –** Greg Elmer, Bell Globemedia Research Chair in the School of Radio TV Arts at Ryerson University, and Andy Opel, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Florida State University, July-September 2006, Cultural Studies, Vol. 20, No. 4-5, p. 488-490

Throughout the media discourse over the virtues or moral failings of the policy analysis markets

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to investigate impropriety or ethical lapses because the fraud may be our very own

**b. epistemic arrogance – their highly detailed internal link chain inflates proabiblity estimates and distorts the likelihood of the AFF – vote neg on presumption**

**Yudkowsky 06** – cites Bruce Schneier, a security expert – Eliezer Yudkowsky, 8

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a futurist, disjunctions make for an awkward and unpoetic-sounding prophecy.

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**Each link is a DA to the perm** – **they instill a cognitive dissonance about the true state of security**

**Inan 04 –** Dr. A (Annette) Freyberg Inan Associate Professor, the Director of the Master's Program in Political Science, Univ of Amsterdam, PhD in Political Science at the University of Georgia, USA. Her MA degrees in Political Science and English were obtained at the University of Stuttgart in her native Germany. Editorial Board Member: International Studies Review, Globalizations Journal, Advisory Board Member: Millennium, What Moves Man: The Realist Theory of International Relations and Its Judgment of Human Nature 2004

Cognitive approaches concede that real-life decision makers cannot comply with the expectation of

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process are reinterpreted as evidence of confirmation.66 (128-130)