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**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 … political and economic pressure from the United States and from the global trading system.

**Neoliberal engagement of Latin America results in loss of value to life, political oppression, military intervention, and environmental destruction – makes extinction inevitable**

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

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

**Reject the AFF as a means to uphold “Cubanalismo” – provides a key anti-neoliberal model that could spillover**

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

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

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

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**Immigration is Obama’s top priority, it will pass and capital is key**

**Matthews, 10/16/13** (Laura, International Business Times, “2013 Immigration Reform Bill: 'I'm Going To Push To Call A Vote,' Says Obama2013 Immigration Reform Bill: 'I'm Going To Push To Call A Vote,' Says Obama” <http://www.ibtimes.com/2013-immigration-reform-bill-im-going-push-call-vote-says-obama-1429220>)

When Congress finally passes a bipartisan bill … reform legislation passed in the House and signed into law.”

**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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**Economic engagement must be conditional**

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

In sum, conditional engagement consists of a set of objectives, a strategy for attaining those objectives, and …, (1982). This is also cited in Fareed Zakaria, “The Reagan Strategy of Containment,” Political Science Quarterly 105, no. 3 (1990), pp. 383-88).

**Vote negative –**

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

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

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**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

**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 .. and let reconciliation – both within the island and across the Florida Straits – begin.

**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.”

**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 … 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**

**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.

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

**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 … 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 … serve 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.

**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**

**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.

**Aerosols block warming now**

**Biello 11** – (David Biello- award-winning online associate editor for environment and energy for Scientific American- Stratospheric Pollution Helps Slow Global Warming-July 11 2011- [http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=stratospheric-pollution-helps-slow-global-warming](http://www.drroyspencer.com/research-articles/satellite-and-climate-model-evidence/?id=stratospheric-pollution-helps-slow-global-warming))

Now, research suggests that for the past decade, such stratospheric aerosols—injected

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prevented 0.07 degrees Celsius of warming in average temperatures since 2000.

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**2NC IMPACT OVERVIEW**

**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 … 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 …, such as Brazil, Mexico, China, and Singapore, may incentivise modest investments by their firms.”

**d. Travel and targeted industry commercialization now and large-scale**

**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 .. this summer, the government announced it would begin to deregulate its biggest enterprises.

**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 economic reform together with important steps of political liberalization. Ironically … the United States beyond the two years limit of its recent migratory reform.

**Economic change, Diaz-Canel, and Betancourt are signaling political opening**

**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

“We can already see that it … funds from social investors and philanthropists to nonprofit development projects in Cuba

**2NC SOLVES THE AFF**

**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 … the United States, perhaps emboldening U.S. diplomats to seek further openings with Cuba.

**Reforms now – limited engagement 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 … a significant difference in bilateral relations if he decided to lead on the issue by using his prerogative as a diplomat-in-chief.

**It’s the only way to lay the political groundwork for compromise**

**Egozcue, 12** – Researcher and Professor at the Univeristy of Havana’s Centro de Estudios de la Econmia Cubana, expert in International trade, macroeconomics, social and economic development, and the application of econometric models to monetary, exchange rate, and trade policies, visiting professor at the Institut des Hautes Etudes de l’Amerique Latine at the University Sorbonne Nouvelle and a visiting scholar at the Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University (Jorge Mario Sachez, Debating U.S.-Cuban Relations, “The Pending Normalization”)

Unless the frame of reference for political relations changes, the potential for economic relations

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what has been achieved so far, for the benefit of both nations.

**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 …** 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 … from economic dependence. The benefits to Cuba are many, 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.

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

**2NC SOLVENCY – AGRICULTURE**

**Solves your agricultural advantage, prefer specificity –**

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

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

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

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

**BIS and OFAC can issue licenses for agricultural and medical sales – status quo regulations prohibit banks from financing trade**

**Jurenas 04** — Remy, Congressional Research Service, 9/17, <http://www.cnie.org/nle/crsreports/briefingbooks/Agriculture/Economic%20Sanctions%20and%20Agricultural%20Exports.htm>, “Economic Sanctions and Agricultural Exports,” ADM

The interim rules to implement the 2000 Act's provisions took effect on July 26,

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, agricultural sales to that country are no longer subject to TSRA provisions.

**AT: OFAC LICENSING INSUFFICIENT**

**OFAC discretion enables optimal sanctions.**

**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)

D. The "Core Competencies" of OFAC Licensing

While OFAC's licensing practices may be opaque, they provide OFAC with the ability to

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ability to **adapt to changed circumstances** in the target of a sanctions program.

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**2NC OVERVIEW**

**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.

**b. U.S. energy independence causes Gulf states to switch alliances to China—that destroys U.S. leverage in a crisis over Taiwan**

Eduardo A. **Abisellan 12**, the U.S. Marine Corps Federal Executive Fellow in the Brookings 21st Century Defense Initiative, June 28, 2012, “CENTCOM’s China Challenge: Anti-Access and Area Denial in the Middle East,” http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/papers/2012/6/28%20centcom%20china%20abisellan/28%20centcom%20china%20abisellan

First, it is important to establish just how critical the Middle East is to

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and arms sales could ultimately lead to increased military cooperation and mutual defense.

**AT: “US PRODUCTION BOOM TRIGGERS DA”**

**And – Cuban supplies differ from US supplies. They have *heavy crude oil*.**

**Alhaiji & 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 Institute for Cuban & Cuban American studies states on its web site that oil

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light crude oil reseres in order to achieve its goal of self sufficiency.

**US Shale boom doesn’t trigger the link – overstated supply**

**Husain ’13** - [internally quoting Dr Bassam Fattouh, the Director of the Oil and Middle East Programme at the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies, Research Fellow at St Antony’s College, Oxford University and professor at the School of Oriental and African Studies was in Dhahran. Syed Rashid Husain, Energy Columnist at Saudi Gazette, CEO at Husain's Associates, Toronto, CANADA, Vice President at Al-Azzaz Est; Education: Institute of Business Administration, 6/2/13, “Breaking down US energy independence hype,” Dawn, <http://beta.dawn.com/news/1015486/breaking-down-us-energy-independence-hype>]

Last week, Dr Bassam Fattouh, the Director of the Oil and Middle East

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Middle East, the director at the Oxford Institute for Energy Research underlined.

**US Shale is too short term to bridge energy independence**

**Business Insider ’13** - [Arthur Berman, (quoted in article) Oil Analyst, Labyrinth Consulting Services, 1/20/2013, “Oil Guru Destroys All Of The Hype About America's Energy Boom,” Business Insider, <http://www.businessinsider.com/arthur-berman-shale-is-magical-thinking-2013-1?op=1#ixzz2WKIYV4kB>]

Not everyone believes the U.S. is capable of becoming energy independent thanks

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be short-lived, and certainly won't be our bridge to independence.

**US fracking won’t unlock an oil independence– the product’s quality is too low.**

**Owen ’13** - [Jane Owen, resident and founder of Citizens League for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN), “Long-Term Costs Of Fracking Are Staggering,” Climate Progress, 03/19/2013, <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/03/19/1742171/long-term-costs-of-fracking-are-staggering/?mobile=nc>]

All the hype by the fossil fuel industry about energy independence from fracking (hydraulic

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rates of supply over time and have large environmental impacts in their extraction.”

**2NC CUBAN OIL T/OFF LINK**

**US would sacrifice oil contracts from the Mid-East in exchange for Cuba – saves on transport costs**

**Fesler 09** - [Lily Fesler, Research Associate, “Cuban Oil: Havana’s Potential Geo-Political Bombshell,” June 11, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, <http://www.coha.org/cuban-oil-havana%E2%80%99s-potential-geo-political-bombshell/#sthash.XL8uloIO.dpuf>]

Cuban Offshore Oil Desperate to **end** U.S. dependence on oil from the

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, access to more oil sources could become a matter of serious import.

**AT: “NO CUBAN OIL RESERVES”**

**The plan unlocks previously prevented large-scale Cuban production**

**Padgett 08** – Tim Padgett joined TIME in 1996 as Mexico City bureau chief covering Latin America. In 1999 he moved to Florida to become TIME’s Miami & Latin America bureau chief, reporting on the hemisphere from Tallahassee to Tierra del Fuego. He has chronicled Mexico’s democratization and drug war as well as the rise of Latin leaders like Lula and Hugo Chavez, “How Cuba’s Oil Find Could Change the US Embargo” Time Magazine – Oct. 23, 2008 – internally quoting Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, a Cuba oil analyst at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599, 1853252,00.html#ixzz13Li5cosN

The Spanish energy company Repsol-YPF has entered into a production-sharing agreement

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**able to do it to the extent the Cubans need are the Americans."**

**Large untapped reserves in Cuba**

**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>

A U.S. Geological Survey estimates that Cuba’s offshore oil fields hold at

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renews cries that the embargo is largely a failure and harms human rights.

**Old studies wrong – large untapped reserves exist**

**Schenk ’10** - Christopher J. Schenk is Project Chief of the U.S. National Oil and Gas Assessment – GEOLOGIC ASSESSMENT OF UNDISCOVERED OIL AND GAS RESOURCES OF THE NORTH CUBA BASIN, CUBA – <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2010/1029/pdf/OF10-1029.pdf>

The potential for undiscovered petroleum resources of the North Cuba Basin historically has focused on

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**have significant potential for undiscovered oil and gas resources** (Schenk, 2008).

**CHINA NAVY IMPACT**

**US energy independence causes China to build a blue water navy and seize control of key sea lanes**

**Johnson 12** – (6/26/12, citing Michael Levi, David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and environment at the Council on Foreign Relation, Keith, Wall Street Journal, “U.S. Oil Boom Spotlights China’s Persian Gulf Dependence,” <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2012/06/26/u-s-oil-boom-spotlights-chinas-persian-gulf-dependence/>)

**The U.S. is moving toward greater energy independence** just as China, the world’s second-largest economy, is …the report underscored concerns that the Chinese navy represents the most serious challenge to U.S. interests in the Pacific.

**That causes escalating naval wars**

**Kaplan 11** – (2011, Robert, Chief Geopolitical Analyst for Stratfor, non-resident senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, former Distinguished Visiting Professor in National Security at the United States Naval Academy, “The South China Sea Is the Future of Conflict,” Foreign Policy, Sept/Oct 2011, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/the\_south\_china\_sea\_is\_the\_future\_of\_conflict?page=full)

JUST AS GERMAN SOIL constituted the military front line of the Cold War, **the waters of the South China Sea may constitute the military front line of the coming decades**. As China's navy … **military power has been quietly shifting from Europe to Asia.**

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**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 ecosystems … whether there is little or no change to ecosystem function(e.g., Schindler 1990)

 **XT – NO ! TO WARMING**

**c. evolution checks**

**NIPCC 11** – (Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, “2011 Interim Report from the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change,” <http://nipccreport.org/reports/2011/2011report.html>)

One of the most powerful means plant and animal species have for avoiding extinction during climate change is the ability to evolve in … **of plants have been observed to have been ―pushed off the planet** in alpine regions. This has been shown to be the case in several pertinent studies, including Walther et al. (2005), Kullman (2007), Holzinger et al. (2008), Randin et al. (2009), and Erschbamer et al. (2009).