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**SAUDI DA**

**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.

**SYRIA DA**

**The Syria authorization will pass but it will be a tough fight – capital is key to GOP support**

**Cohen, 9/3/13** (Tom, “Syria war resolution faces tough challenge in Congress” CNN,

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/03/politics/obama-syria-congress/>)

To Darrell West, the vice president and director of governance studies at the Brookings

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will work and not drag us into the mud for a long time."

**Drains capital – backlash and hostage taking on unrelated priority legislation is empirically proven, likely in future and specifically true for Rubio – Cuba policy is totally unique – this is the best link card you will ever read**

**LeoGrande 12 –** William M. LeoGrande School of Public Affairs American University, Professor of Government and a specialist in Latin American politics and U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America, Professor LeoGrande has been a frequent adviser to government and private sector agencies, 12/18/12, http://www.american.edu/clals/upload/LeoGrande-Fresh-Start.pdf

The Second Obama Administration Where in the executive branch will control over Cuba policy lie

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rarely happen unless the urgency of the problem forces policymakers to take action.

**Capital is finite and Syria requires all of it – the plan burns his leverage and consumes docket time and energy**

**Brown, 9/4/13** (Carrie, Politico, “Obama's capital spreads thin”

<http://m.politico.com/iphone/story/0913/96306.html>)

President Barack Obama faced a heavy lift in Congress this fall when his agenda included

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to walk and chew gum at the same time,” **often they cannot.**

**A failed Syria vote spurs global appeasement, allied prolif, nuclear use and shreds U.S. primacy**

**Cohen, 9/2/13** – teaches at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. From 2007-08 he served as counselor of the State Department (Eliot, “The Stakes on the Syria Vote” Wall Street Journal, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324432404579049261525066516.html>)

On Saturday, when President Obama overruled his advisers, reversed his own policy and

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brought for granted. They should not. It **hangs in the balance**.

**Extinction**

**Barnett 11** – (Thomas, Former Senior Strategic Researcher and Professor in the Warfare Analysis & Research Department, worked as the Assistant for Strategic Futures in the Office of Force Transformation in the Department of Defense, *“The New Rules: Leadership Fatigue Puts U.S., and Globalization, at Crossroads,”* The World Politics Review, March 7, 2011, <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/8099/the-new-rules-leadership-fatigue-puts-u-s-and-globalization-at-crossroads>)

Events in Libya are a further reminder for Americans that we stand at a crossroads

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. And if you know your history, that should make you nervous.

**COURTS CP**

Text: **The federal judiciary should strike down the Cuban embargo on the grounds that it violates customary international law because it undermines Cuba’s right to development.**

**Solves multilateralism**

**Manchak 10 –** BENJAMIN MANCHAK, 2010 (staff writer, Boston College Third World Law Journal, “NOTE: COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPERMISSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,” 30 B.C. Third World L.J. 417, Lexis, Accessed 2/24/2013, rwg)

Because the federal laws and regulations codifying the **Cuban embargo** conflict directly with **U.**

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for it to set an example with respect to human rights obligations." n11

**COMMISSIONS CP**

The United States federal government should establish a Presidential Bipartisan Commission on Cuba to study current U.S. policy on Cuba. The Commission should recommend that the United States federal government should normalize its economic relations toward Cuba

**A Bipartisan Commission on Cuba solves the case but avoids politics**

**Ratliff, 13** -research fellow and former curator of the Americas Collection at the Hoover Institution. He is also a research fellow of the Independent Institute. An expert on Latin America, China, and US foreign policy, he has written extensively on how traditional cultures and institutions influence current conditions and on prospects for economic and political development in East/Southeast Asia and Latin America (William, “Cuba's Tortured Transition” 1/30,

http://www.hoover.org/publications/defining-ideas/article/139281

A New Policy to Cuba

Since the early 1990s U.S. “proactive” policies have done more to stoke than reduce domestic tensions in Cuba, though we profess to seek a “peaceful transition.” Most U.S. legislators have … certainly see the need for change and its findings would **give Obama cover for action.**

**MULTILAT ADV**

**Multilateralism empirically doesn’t solve anything – four reasons**

**Harvey 04** – University Research Professor of International Relations, professor in the Department of Political Science, and the director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University (Frank, Smoke And Mirrors: Globalized Terrorism And The Illusion Of Multilateral Security, p. 43-45) // MS

The typical argument favouring multilateralism is a simple one, sum- marized by Ramesh

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threats virtually guarantees that similar conflicts will plague multilateral institutions in the future.

**The world is moving to pluralism, not multi-polarity – the US can still maintain unipolar leadership because most challengers are regional**

**Etzioni, 13** – served as a senior advisor to the Carter White House; taught at Columbia University, Harvard University and The University of California at Berkeley; and is currently a university professor and professor of international relations at The George Washington University (Amitai, “The Devolution of American Power” 37 Fletcher F. World Aff. 13, lexis)

The theory that the world is moving from a unipolar order, dominated by the United States, to a multipolar distribution of power has led to a robust debate concerning the consequences of this change on the international order. However, the global power distribution is currently following a different pattern. Instead of what is … the global/global accommodations between declining and rising global powers, and thus are less likely to lead to outright conflicts. With devolution, the central power yields, therefore risking much less when pluralism increases than when a transition from uni- to multipolarity takes place. This is one of the principle strengths of pluralism.

**Unilateralism is what sustains primacy – other states bandwagon with the US for fear of other rising powers – moving towards multilateralism makes it unsustainable**

**Seldena, 13** – assistant professor of political science at the University of Florida (Zachary, “Balancing Against or Balancing With? The Spectrum of Alignment and the Endurance of American Hegemony” Security Studies Volume 22, Issue 2, 2013, Taylor and Francis)

Understanding which of these choices—soft balancing against the hegemon or alignment with the hegemon—is more prevalent among second-tier states has significant ramifications for the endurance of American hegemony. The record of the 2001–2009 period indicates that a wide range of second-tier … to project power and an increased reluctance to use its power in support of its national interests.

**The plan is surrender – it emboldens Latin American socialism and collapses US influence – turns case**

**Brooks 09 –** Senior fellow for National Security Affairs in the Davis Institute at The Heritage Foundation. (Peter – Heritage foundation “Keep the Embargo, O“ April 16, 2009 http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2009/04/keep-the-embargo-o)//EB

In another outreach to roguish regimes, the Obama administration on Monday announced the easing

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

**Latin American socialism causes nuclear war and turns case**

**Manwaring 05 –** General Douglas MacArthur Chair and Prof of Military Strategy @ U.S. Army War College, Ret U.S. Army Colonel, Adjunct Professor of International Politics @ Dickinson College (Max G, October, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare”, Strategic Studies Institute, http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB628.pdf)

At the same time, President Chávez’s approach to Latin American security and stability requires

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they and their associated problems endanger global security, peace, and prosperity.

**Lack of Obama credibility prevents effective multilateralism and turns the AFF**

**Coes 11** – Ben Coes 11, Visiting Fellow at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. A graduate of Columbia College, where he won the prestigious Bennett Cerf Memorial Prize “The disease of a weak president”, The Daily Caller, <http://dailycaller.com/2011/09/30/the-disease-of-a-weak-president/>

The disease of a weak president usually begins with the Achilles’ heel all politicians are

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one or the other. The status quo is simply not an option.

**US primacy prevents global conflict and turns their impacts**

**Brooks et al 13 –** [Stephen G. Brooks is Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College.G. John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University.William C. Wohlforth is the Daniel Webster Professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment”, Winter 2013, Vol. 37, No. 3, Pages 7-51,http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/ISEC\_a\_00107, GDI File]

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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case would generate intensely competitive behavior, possibly including regional great power war).

**Can’t solve – your author lists five alt causes**

**Burgsdorff** **09** – Ph. D in Political Science from Freiburg University, EU Fellow at the University of Miami (Sven Kühn von, “Problems and Opportunities for the Incoming Obama Administration”, [http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf)//NG](http://aei.pitt.edu.proxy.lib.umich.edu/11047/1/vonBurgsdorfUSvsCubalong09edi.pdf%29//NG)

As a matter of fact, together with other measures such as closing Guantanamo,

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it would be interpreted by the international community as steps towards effective multilateralism.

**Credibility resilient**

**Walt 11 –** (Stephen, Professor of International Relations – Harvard University, “Does the U.S. still need to reassure its allies?” Foreign Policy, 12-5, <http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/12/05/us_credibility_is_not_our_problem>, GDI File)

A perennial preoccupation of U.S. diplomacy has been the perceived need to

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about it, but in most cases little incentive to actually do it.

**RELATIONS ADV**

**Chinese influence in Latin America is a key to their soft power**

**Castillo 09 –** Anthony Castillo is a writer for the Diplomat, (“China in Latin America, June 18, 2009, <http://thediplomat.com/2009/06/18/china-in-latin-america/?all=true)//sawyer>

China’s aim in Latin America these days differs dramatically from the 1960s, when the

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Chinatown’s leaders play a central role in making connections and building partnerships.’

**Chinese soft power is an existential impact – it controls every scenario for extinction**

**Zhang 12 –** (Prof of Diplomacy and IR at the Geneva School of Diplomacy, “The Rise of China’s Political Softpower” 9/4/12 <http://www.china.org.cn/opinion/2012-09/04/content_26421330.htm>)

As China plays an **increasingly significant** role in the world, its **soft power** must

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As the China model improves, it will continue to surprise the world.

**Latin America key to Chinese economy – dependent on export growth**

**Jenkins, 13** - Professor of development economics with an particular interest in Latin America, 13 (Rhys, “Latin America and China- A New Dependency?,” 6/11, http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2012.691834#.UbphhvlQFsk)//VP

Nevertheless, the trend over the past decade has been for the USA’s share in

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dynamism has come to the rescue of Latin America and the Caribbean’s exports’.

**China economic collapse causes WW3- hotspot for escalation**

**Plate, 03 -** Mr. Plate is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Century Association of New York and the Phi Beta Kappa Society(Tom Plate, “Why Not Invade China” Asia Pacific Media Networks, 6/30, http://asiamedia.ucla.edu/TomPlate2003/06302003.htm)//JS

But imagine a China disintegrating -- on its own, without neo-con or

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-con insanity is more of a danger to the Bush presidency than China

**Multiple alt causes**

**Lee ’13** (Brianna, Senior Production Editor at CFR, U.S.-Cuba Relations, Updated: 1/31/13, <http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113#p5>)

**What is the main obstacle in U.S.-Cuban relations?** A fundamental

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alienating a strong voting bloc in an important swing state in presidential elections.

**Perception of waning relations with Cuba’s inevitable.**

**Hanson and Lee ’13** - Senior Production Editors at CFR (Updated: 1/31/13, Stephanie, Brianna, Council on Foreign Relations, “U.S.-Cuba Relations”,

http://www.cfr.org/cuba/us-cuba-relations/p11113#p5)

\*ideological differences over politics, human rights, gitmo, Cuban exile community.

What is the main obstacle in U.S.-Cuban relations? **A fundamental**

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alienating a strong voting bloc in an important swing state in presidential elections.

**Prolif will be slow**

**Tepperman 09 –** [Jonathan, Newsweek International's first Assistant Managing Editor (now Deputy Editor), “Why Obama Should Learn to Love the Bomb” 8-29, http://www.newsweek.com/2009/08/28/why-obama-should-learn-to-love-the-bomb.html, SM]

The risk of an arms race—with, say, other Persian Gulf states

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be so disastrous, given the way that bombs tend to mellow behavior.

**Slowness takes out their impact**

**Potter 08 –** [William C. and Mukhatzhanova Gaukhar**, \*** Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies and Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and \*\* Research Associate at the James Martin Center, **“**Divining Nuclear Intentions: a review essay.” International Security, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Summer 2008), pp. 139–169, Google scholar] CMR

Today it is hard to find an analyst or commentator on nuclear proliferation who is

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survival models offer considerable insight into that dimension of the proliferation puzzle.48

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**COURTS COUNTERPLAN**

**The Supreme Court ruling on the embargo solves relations and multilat better**

**Manchak 10 –** BENJAMIN MANCHAK, 2010 (staff writer, Boston College Third World Law Journal, “NOTE: COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPERMISSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW,” 30 B.C. Third World L.J. 417, Lexis, Accessed 2/24/2013, rwg)

As a matter of domestic law, it is clear the United States may disavow

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executive, legislative, and judicial--has a role to play. n125

**Links to politics you conceded it’s a net benefit. Court action doesn’t link to politics – individual rulings don’t draw attention**

**Caldeira 86** – Gregory Caldeira, 1986 Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, [The American Political Science Review, Vol. 80, No. 4 (Dec., pp. 1209-1226; “Neither the Purse Nor the Sword: Dynamics of Public Confidence in the Supreme Court”; Jstor]

In previous work on support for institutions and leaders, scholars have demonstrated the crucial

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often enough to permit a precise reading on the influence of salient events.

**Here is evidence – no trade occurs absent normalization of trade relations**

\* even if the US were to lift the entire embargo, that doesn’t initiate trade because actual trade depends on the provision of nondiscriminatory treatment toward trading partners – otherwise sustainable trade is non-existent

**French 09** – editor of and a frequent contributor to The Havana Note, has led more than two dozen research trips to Cuba (Anya, “Options for Engagement A Resource Guide for Reforming U.S. Policy toward Cuba” <http://www.lexingtoninstitute.org/library/resources/documents/Cuba/USPolicy/options-for-engagement.pdf>)

the path to “normal” trade relations

If the United States were to lift its trade … to Cuba. Such an agreement would need to include protection for U.S. patents and trademarks and for “industrial rights and processes,” include a safeguard mechanism to prevent market disruptions due to trade, and provide that the agreement, and its continuation, be subject to the national security interests of both parties.163 Assuming bilateral relations had reached the appropriate milestones to begin discussing two-way trade, negotiating such an agreement could potentially take years, as both countries would need to adopt statutory and regulatory changes.

**MULTILAT ADV**

**Turns Latin American relations**

**Miller ’11** – Edward – Author and Frequent Contributor to Global Research Reports. He frequently reports on issues of global trade, energy, and agriculture. He holds degrees in philosophy and law from the University of Auckland. “Cuba's Offshore Oil & the US Blockade” – Nov 06, 11 – Geopolitical Monitor – http://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/cubas-offshore-oil-the-us-blockade-4524/

With the announcement of 2.9% economic growth from the Cuban Minister for

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sense, providing them with **renewed vigour** to continue the Cuban social revolution.

**Decline of unilateralism causes international destabilization and corrupts our ability to lead multilateral forums – turns the case**

**Kakutani 12** – Pullitzer-Prize winning critic for NYT; citing Zbigniew Brzezinski, Polish American political scientist, geostrategist, and US National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter (Michiko, “Surveying a Global Power Shift”, 1/29/12; <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/30/books/strategic-vision-by-zbigniew-brzezinski.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)//Beddow>

What Mr. Brzezinski does do here — lucidly, and for the most part

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importanceto social well-being and ultimatelyto**human survival**would stall.”

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

**a. power dispersion, institutional fragmentation, and empirical gridlock**

**Held et al 13** – Master of University College and Professor of Politics and International Relations, at the University of Durham, and Director of Polity Press and General Editor of Global Policy (David, “Gridlock: the growing breakdown of global cooperation,” ProQuest, 5/24/2013, http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/docview/1355105016) // MS

Economic and political shifts in large part attributable to the successes of the post-

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they now block and inhibit problem solving and reform at the global level.

**Reject their unsustainability warrants –**

**a. analysis of singular indicators for power decline miss the complex interactions that uphold unilateralism – their methodology is flawed**

**Brooks and Wohlforth, 11 –** both professors of government at Dartmouth (Stephen G Brooks & William C Wohlforth (2011): Assessing the balance, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, 24:2, 201-219

We welcome this exchange, but readers might be excused for thinking that it has been overtaken by events. Isn't multipolarity just around the corner, as Christopher Layne seems to argue? Is not America in decline, … and political stability and adaptability, all suggest that a rapid end of a single superpower world is **extremely unlikely**.

**LATIN AMERICAN RELS ADV**

**Arizona law block US-Latin American ties: blocks effective coop on global issues.**

**Steinberg ‘10** – (James B., Deputy Secretary of State, former Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, Deputy National Security Adviser on the staff of the National Security Council, President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, affidavit filed in US v. Arizona, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, Case 2:10-cv-01413-NVW Document 6-1 Filed 07/06/10, <http://www.scribd.com/doc/33977183/U-S-v-Arizona-Exh-1-to-Motion-for-Preliminary-Injunction-Affidavit-of-James-Steinberg>)

55.If S.B. 1070, Arizona's attempt to set its own

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bilateral, regional and multilateral relationships after the fact can be extremely difficult.

**Yes, this assumes Latin America**

**Steinberg ‘10** – (James B., Deputy Secretary of State, former Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, Deputy National Security Adviser on the staff of the National Security Council, President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, affidavit filed in US v. Arizona, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, Case 2:10-cv-01413-NVW Document 6-1 Filed 07/06/10, <http://www.scribd.com/doc/33977183/U-S-v-Arizona-Exh-1-to-Motion-for-Preliminary-Injunction-Affidavit-of-James-Steinberg>)

40.Bolivia's President Morales, Ecuador's President Correa, El Salvador's President Funes and

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officials by various foreign states on a number of occasions in nonpublic settings.

**Alt cause – US drug policy**

**Shifter ‘12 –** (Michael is an Adjunct Professor of Latin American Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and writes for the Council's journal Foreign Affairs. He serves as the President of Inter-American Dialogue. “Remaking the Relationship: The United States and Latin America,” April, IAD Policy Report, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf)

Another chronic irritant is US drug policy, which most Latin Americans now believe makes

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region, the United States has shown little interest in exploring alternative approaches.

**The impact is magnified – the Arizona law will spillover shattering regional co-operation**

**Steinberg ‘10 –** (James B., Deputy Secretary of State, former Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, Deputy National Security Adviser on the staff of the National Security Council, President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, affidavit filed in US v. Arizona, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, Case 2:10-cv-01413-NVW Document 6-1 Filed 07/06/10, <http://www.scribd.com/doc/33977183/U-S-v-Arizona-Exh-1-to-Motion-for-Preliminary-Injunction-Affidavit-of-James-Steinberg>)

14.By contrast, by pursuing a singular policy of criminal enforcement-at

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foreign policy interests and with the United States' ability to speak with one voice

**a. US drug policy – it makes crime problems worse and despite continuous pressure from Latin America to lift it, the US has refused – that annihilates relations**

**Shifter ‘12** – (Michael is an Adjunct Professor of Latin American Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and writes for the Council's journal Foreign Affairs. He serves as the President of Inter-American Dialogue. “Remaking the Relationship: The United States and Latin America,” April, IAD Policy Report, http://www.thedialogue.org/PublicationFiles/IAD2012PolicyReportFINAL.pdf)

In the spirit of “shared responsibility,” often invoked by senior US policy officials

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Although the causes are many, the narcotics trade is a key contributor.

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**Collapse of heg causes rapid prolif globally**

**Rosen 03 –** Stephen Peter Rosen, Professor of National Security at Harvard, National Interest, Spring 2003

Rather than wrestle with such difficult and unpleasant problems, the United States could give

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is not at all clear that the alternatives are that much more attractive.

**Political capital theory is real –**

**a) empirical studies prove political capital is key**

**Beckmann & McGann 08** – [Matthew N. Beckmann, PhD and Associate Professor, Political Science School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine; Anthony J. McGann, Assistant Professor in the Political Science School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine, “NAVIGATING THE LEGISLATIVE DIVIDE POLARIZATION, PRESIDENTS, AND POLICYMAKING IN THE UNITED STATES,” Journal of Theoretical Politics 20(2): 201–220]

In his seminal work on the presidency, Richard Neustadt (1960) cited the

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its conditional nature should provide more discriminating results and permit more judicious inferences.

**b) framing issue – their studies don’t take out our disad, even if capital only works at the margin it’s still key**

**O’Geen and Lebo 11** – \*Assistant Professor of Political Science at Davidson College, \*\*Associate Professor of Political Science at Stony Brook University (July, Andrew and Matthew, The Journal of Politics, 73.3, “The President’s Role in the Partisan Congressional Arena”, http://ms.cc.sunysb.edu/~mlebo/The%20Presidents%20Role%20in%20the%20Partisan%20Congressional%20Arena.pdf, WEA)

Presidential Success

The seminal work of Neustadt (1960) provides the … has been set. Indeed, presidential success may have an important effect on the very structure of representation in future Congresses. This leads us from an investigation of the causes of success to an interest in its consequences.

**c) Obama is unique and his capital is finite and works**

**Burnett, 13**

Bob Burnett, Founding Executive @ CiscoSystems, Berkeley writer, journalist, columnist @ huffington post, 4/5, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bob-burnett/keystone-xl-obama_b_3020154.html>

On April 3 and 4, President Obama spoke at several San Francisco fundraisers.

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middle-class. He's conserving his political capital. He's being pragmatic.

**Their Dickinson evidence should be disregarded- three reasons**

**Dickinson 09 –** (Matthew, professor of political science at Middlebury College. He taught previously at Harvard University, where he also received his Ph.D., working under the supervision of presidential scholar Richard Neustadt, We All Want a Revolution: Neustadt, New Institutionalism, and the Future of Presidency Research, Presidential Studies Quarterly 39 no4 736-70 D 2009)

Small wonder, then, that initial efforts to find evidence of presidential power centered

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easier, or harder, or impossible" (Neustadt 1990, 54).

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

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

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

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

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

developed.

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

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

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

**Delay will kill the bill**

**Rogers, 9/6/13 –** (Alex, Time, “With Obama Overseas, Prospects Dim On Congressional Syria Action”

Read more: <http://swampland.time.com/2013/09/06/with-obama-overseas-prospects-dim-on-congressional-syria-action/#ixzz2e7q8SSJg>)

The longer the Senate debates the issue, the less likely the resolution’s chance is

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, allowing a cloture vote Wednesday, and debate to begin on Thursday.