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Chinese influence in Cuba is high now

Xinhua 7/24 (7/24/13, “Chinese leader stresses close ties with Cuba,” http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90883/8340137.html)//DR. H

Chinese leader Liu Yunshan said Wednesday

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He briefed Liu on the current situation of Cuba and the Communist Party of Cuba.

Changes in US-Cuba policy effect overall influence in Latin America – crowds China out

Doherty 8 (Patrick, "An Obama Policy for Cuba," McClathy Newspapers, December 12, cuba.newamerica.net/publications/articles/2008/obama\_policy\_cuba\_9301)

With his national security team in place**,**

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drugs, immigration, energy insecurity - will simply fester.

China engagement key to diplomatically isolating Taiwan

Ellis ’11 (R. Evans is an Assistant Professor of National Security Studies in the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University. “Chinese Soft Power in Latin America: A Case Study,” JFQ, Issue 60, 1st Quarter 2011, http://www.ndu.edu/press/chinese-soft-power-latin-america.html)

Diplomatic Recognition of Taiwan.

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were to change their diplomatic posture.13

Peaceful unification of Taiwan depends on China’s economic leverage and growing diplomatic recognition – the alternative is war.

Lee 13 (Dennis, Harvard International Review, “A Narrowing Strait” Global Security Notebook, January 28, 2013, <http://hir.harvard.edu/a-narrowing-strait>)

Since the 1970s, the cross-straits relationship has swung

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and Taiwanese independence highly unlikely.

That war goes nuclear

Lowther 3-16, William, Taipei Times, citing a report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 3/16/13, “Taiwan could spark nuclear war: report,” <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2013/03/16/2003557211>

Taiwan is the most likely potential crisis

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tremendously dangerous and quite possibly devastating.”

# Debt Ceiling DA

The debt ceiling will pass but it will be a fight

Washington Post, 9/15/13 (“Congress can turn back to the budget now” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/congress-can-turn-back-to-the-budget-now/2013/09/15/e05c975c-1ca5-11e3-82ef-a059e54c49d0_story.html>)

WITH PRESIDENT Obama’s bid for congressional

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not be in either side’s political interest.

New Latin American economic engagement initiatives cause a massive loss in political capital

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Though Latin Americans’ perceptions of the United States

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hope that the tone and content of the President’s visit reflect that.

Capital is finite and spending it elsewhere prevents a debt ceiling deal

Moore, 9/10/13 - Guardian's US finance and economics editor. (Heidi, “Syria: the great distraction” The Guardian, <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/10/obama-syria-what-about-sequester>)

The country will crash into the debt ceiling in

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wants to accomplish, one at a time.

Default will destroy the U.S. and global economy

Davidson, 9/10/13 – co-founder of NPR’s Planet Money (Adam, “Our Debt to Society” New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/magazine/our-debt-to-society.html?pagewanted=all>)

If the debt ceiling isn’t lifted again this

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we’ve seen in the past several years.

Nuclear war

Friedberg and Schoenfeld 8

[Aaron, Prof. Politics. And IR @ Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School and Visiting Scholar @ Witherspoon Institute, and Gabriel, Senior Editor of Commentary and Wall Street Journal, “The Dangers of a Diminished America”, 10-28, <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122455074012352571.html>]

Then there are the dolorous consequences

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internal travails with external adventures.

# Neolib K

The aff’s enframing of Mexico in terms of oil produces an extractive and violent approach to the land that ensures environmental violence – economic engagement is merely a means of creating a stable network for the reproduction of this social terrain

Nixon ‘11

(Rob, Rachel Carson Professor of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor, pgs. 17-18)

In the global resource wars, the environmentalism

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characteristics that made it inhabitable.

Neoliberalism produces crises, securitizes them and militarily lashes out against them-this cycle triggers every impact and terminates in extinction.

Mosaddeq, 2010 Sussex University IR professor, (Nafeez, “Globalizing Insecurity: The Convergence of Interdependent Ecological, Energy, and Economic Crises”, 7-20, http://yalejournal.org/2010/07/globalizing-insecurity-the-convergence-of-interdependent-ecological-energy-and-economic-crises/, DOA: 6-29-12)

The logic of ‘growth’ – as currently defined

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preventively by re-thinking the efficacy of our current way of life.

Our alternative is to reject the aff as a means to create space for alternatives to neoliberalism.

Munck ‘03 professor of Globalization and Social Exclusion,3 (Ronaldo, Department of Sociology, Social Policy & Social Work Studies and Globalisation and Social Exclusion Unit, University of Liverpool, “Neoliberalism, necessitarianism and alternatives in Latin America: there is no alternative (TINA)?”, Third World Quarterly, Vol 24, No 3, pp 495–511, 2003, http://www-e.uni-magdeburg.de/evans/Journal%20Library/Trade%20and%20Countries/Neoliberalism,%20necessitarianism%20and%20alternatives%20in%20Latin%20America.pdf, ZBurdette)

Taking as its point of departure the position that

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developing a credible and viable alternative to its policies.

# Relations Advantage

Relations are high- Obama’s trip to Mexico

Guilamo-Ramos 5/28 - professor at NYU, and López, President of UPAEP, (Vincent, a professor and co-director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health at the Silver School of Social Work at New York University, José Alfredo Miranda he president of Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP) in Puebla, Mexico, 5/28/13, The Huffington Post, “Vincent Guilamo-Ramos: The US and Mexico Have Much to Learn from Each Other,” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/vincent-guilamoramos/us-mexico-relations_b_3347068.html>, Accessed: 6/30/13, LPS.)

Barack Obama's recent visit to Mexico,

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has been evolving in complex and positive ways.

Relations are resilient

O’Neil 13 - senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization (Shannon K., “Foreign Affairs”, Mexico Makes It, April 2013, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138818/shannon-k-oneil/mexico-makes-it)//SQR

Four tons of cocaine confiscated by U.S. authorities

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start seeing Mexico as a partner instead of a problem.

No internal link – Drug war

Associated Press 4/3/12 (Staff writer, Obama says Mexican drug war could hurt relations, http://www.sfgate.com/world/article/Obama-says-Mexican-drug-war-could-hurt-relations-3454377.php)

Washington -- The explosion of drug-fueled

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Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Relations growing now and spilling over

Wood 2013 - Director, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Duncan, “SECURITY COOPERATION IN MEXICO: EXAMINING THE NEXT STEPS IN THE U.S.-

MEXICO SECURITY RELATIONSHIP”, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, June 18, 2013, http://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/senate\_testimony\_security\_cooperation.pdf )//SQR

Lastly, I have been asked to comment on the recent visit

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the potential to further revitalize the relationship.

U.S. influence in Latin America is unsustainable and doomed – litany of factors

Paterson, 9 (Commander Pat, U.S. Navy, “Our Waning Influence to the South,” Proceedings Magazine, May 2009, Volume 135, Issue 5, http://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2009-05/our-waning-influence-south, Tashma)

Decades of foreign-policy hypocrisy and economic

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populous Spanish-speaking country in the world, after Mexico.

# Spills Advantage

US and Mexico already have an agreement to increase oil development and revenues for PEMEX

BBC News 12 (“US and Mexico agree Gulf of Mexico oil cooperation”, 02/20/12, http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17108286)

The deal was signed at a meeting of the G20

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Horizon oil spill in the Gulf in 2010.

Oil not key to Mexican economy

Aeppel 6-28-13 (Timothy, staff writer @Wall Street Journal; Bloomberg News “Mexico Manufacturing Looks to Gain Competitive Edge on China”, <http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2013/06/28/mexico-manufacturing-looks-to-gain-competitive-edge-on-china/>)

Mexico’s competitive edge over China in

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make goods destined for many markets.

Gulf resilient to oil

Tennessee Today 4/8 (news and information for the UT community, “Professor’s Research Shows Gulf of Mexico Resilient After Spill”, 04/08/13, <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2013/04/08/professors-research-shows-gulf-mexico-resilient-spill>)

The Gulf of Mexico may have a much greater

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the presence of oil by multiplying quite rapidly.”

No extinction

Easterbrook, 03 – senior fellow at the New Republic, 03 [“We're All Gonna Die!”, <http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.07/doomsday.html?pg=1&topic=&topic_set>=]

If we're talking about doomsday - the end of human civilization

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wrote Remembrance of Things Past while lying in bed.

# Pemex Advantage

Mexico economy will recover

Reuters 9/24 - an international news agency headquartered in London, quotes the Central Bank Governor, (September 24, 2013, “UPDATE 1-Mexico's economic slowdown temporary – Carstens”, http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/09/25/mexico-economy-growth-idUSL2N0HL03120130925)//HH

(Reuters) - A slowdown in Mexico's economy, which contracted in the second quarter,

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a row below the central bank's 4 percent ceiling.

PEMEX instability inevitable for several reasons – these cumulative risks to the industry crush the advantage

Martin and Longmire 11 – Jeremy Martin is Director of the Energy Program at the Institute of the Americas, Sylvia Longmire is a Mexico Security Expert & President, Longmire Consulting (Jeremy Martin and Sylvia Longmire, Journal of Energy Security, “The Perilous Intersection of Mexico’s Drug War & Pemex”, March 22, 2011, http://www.borderlandbeat.com/2011/03/perilous-intersection-of-mexicos-drug.html) // CB

$2billion stolen from PEMEX per yr

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not a useful element as the company makes efforts to reform itself.

No production decline – Mexico has plenty in reserves

Campbell 12 **–** Robert Campbell, 5-22-2012; Reuters Market Analyst, Mexico is no longer an oil basketcase: Campbell <http://www.petroleumworld.com/storyt12052302.htm>

The following may be taken as heresy by oil perma-bulls but let's get it out in the open

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decline, albeit at a far slower pace than a few years ago.