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### contention 1 is coalition

#### Scenario 1 is relations

#### Now a key time for US-Latin American ties. Permanent collapse coming.

Shifter ‘12

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If the United States and Latin America do not make the effort now, the

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wellbeing. It is time to seize the moment and overhaul hemispheric relations.

#### Plan sends a signal to Latin America that the US is willing to be reasonable- boosts US credibility in the region and salvages regional cooperation

White 3/7 –([Robert E. White](http://www.ciponline.org/about-us/experts-staff/robert_white), a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, was the United States ambassador to Paraguay from 1977 to 1979 and to El Salvador from 1980 to 1981, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba “ NYTimes March 7, 2013 <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=1&_r=0&partner=rss&emc=rss-Accessed-7-9-13-RX>)

Yet for a half-century, our policies toward our southern neighbors have alternated

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cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

#### Cuba is key to US-Latin American Relations-specifically spills-over to *global* coop on warming- overcomes alt causes

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Cuba, too, poses a significant challenge for relations between the United States and

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consultation and collaboration on a new, more effective approach to the problem.

#### Improving the effectiveness of global coop key to solve warming

Slaughter‘11

(Anne-Marie, Bert G. Kerstetter '66 university professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University, “Problems Will Be Global -- And Solutions Will Be, Too”, Foreign Policy, Sept/Oct, Issue 188, Ebsco)

A more multilateral world is just the beginning Before considering the world in 2025,

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states and the societies they represent will have no choice but to adapt.

#### Warming is real and anthropogenic

EDF ‘9

[Environmental Defense Fund, a US-based nonprofit environmental advocacy group, “Global Warming Myths and Facts,” 1/13/2009, http://mrgreenbiz.wordpress.com/2009/01/13/global-warming-myths-and-facts-2/]

There is no debate among scientists about the basic facts of global warming. The

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emissions in order to identify the most likely range for future climatic change.

#### The impact is billions of deaths.

Cummins ‘10

(Ronnie, International Director – Organic Consumers Association and Will Allen, Advisor – Organic Consumers Association, “Climate Catastrophe: Surviving the 21st Century”, 2-14, http://www.commondreams.org/view/2010/02/14-6)

The hour is late. Leading climate scientists such as James Hansen are literally shouting

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and the fossil fuel lobby appear determined to maintain "business as usual."

#### Scenario 2 is multilateralism

#### Unilateralism ensures self-sufficient trading blocs, leading to great power wars

**Kupchan 12** – (Ph.D. in international relations from Oxford, Associate Professor of International Relations @gtown, Senior Fellow and Director of Europe Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, Charles Kupchan, “Sorry, Mitt: It Won't Be an American Century”, FEBRUARY 6, 2012, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/02/06/it\_won\_t\_be\_an\_american\_century?page=0,2)

In an election season, such talk rolls easily off the tongue. But Romney's

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but on guiding a more diverse and unwieldy globe to consensus and cooperation.

#### The plan solves–

#### First, repeal would represent a commitment to multilateralism for the international community

**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)

In addition, the US needs to improve its international human rights reputation which was

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

#### Second, the plan fosters a credible conflict resolution model which prevents conflict in Kashmir and the Middle East – status quo policies risk disengagement

**Dickerson 10** – Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, paper submitted in fulfillment of a Master of Strategic Studies Degree at the US Army War College (Sergio M, “UNITED STATES SECURITY STRATEGY TOWARDS CUBA,” 1/14/10, <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a518053.pdf>) // NG

At the international political level, President Obama sees resuming relations with Cuba as a

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decline in the greater global order bringing true peace for years to come.

#### Middle East war causes World War 3

The Earl of Stirling 11, hereditary Governor & Lord Lieutenant of Canada, Lord High Admiral of Nova Scotia, & B.Sc. in Pol. Sc. & History; M.A. in European Studies, “General Middle East War Nears - Syrian events more dangerous than even nuclear nightmare in Japan”, http://europebusines.blogspot.com/2011/03/general-middle-east-war-nears-syrian.html

Any Third Lebanon War/General Middle East War is apt to involve WMD on

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, fought with 21st Century weaponry will be anything but the Biblical Armageddon.

#### Third, the plan sends a clear signal of Latin American cooperation to reinvigorate the OAS

**White 13** – Senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador (Robert, “After Chávez, a Chance to Rethink Relations With Cuba”, New York Times, 3/7/13, <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/08/opinion/after-chavez-hope-for-good-neighbors-in-latin-america.html?pagewanted=all)//TL>

FOR most of our history, the United States assumed that its security was inextricably

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cooperating in matters of common concern would be reduced to a historical footnote.

#### That bolsters influence in international institutions, allowing the US to lead multilateral forums

**Sabatini and Berger 12 –** Christopher Sabatini is editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly and senior director of policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas. Ryan Berger is a policy associate at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas(Christopher/Ryan, "Why the U.S. can't afford to ignore Latin America" 6/13/12, CNN/Global Public Square, [http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/)//AD](http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/%29/AD)

 Speaking in Santiago, Chile, in March of last year, President Obama

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S. “backyard” that is outside broader, global strategic concerns.

### contention 2 is agriculture

#### Cuban agroecology is at risk – it’s the only model for adaptation to future agricultural challenges without mass food shortages

Raj Patel, Fellow at the Institute for Food and Development Policy, 2012

(April, What Cuba Can Teach Us About Food and Climate Change, www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/future\_tense/2012/04/agro\_ecology\_lessons\_from\_cuba\_on\_agriculture\_food\_and\_climate\_change\_.single.html)

The Studebakers plying up and down Havana’s boardwalk aren’t the best advertisement for dynamism and

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to the future, even if their automobiles are stuck in the past.

#### Access to the US market is key to the continued viability of Cuban organics

William Kost, Economist at the US Department of Agriculture, 2004

(CUBAN AGRICULTURE: TO BE OR NOT TO BE ORGANIC?, <http://www.ascecuba.org/publications/proceedings/volume14/pdfs/kost.pdf>)

For the U.S. organic market, in addition to a lifting of

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domestic consumption in an environment where other production approaches are just not available.

#### Lifting the embargo is critical for investment in Cuban organoponics and leads to US adoption which fuels worldwide adoption

Jacob Shkolnick, JD Candidate at Drake, Fall 2012

(SIN EMBARGO: n1 THE CUBAN AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE UNITED STATES” 17 Drake J. Agric. L. 683, lexis)

While investment in Cuban businesses and sales or purchases of Cuban products must still move

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may be just what is needed to allow for urban agriculture to flourish.

#### Cuba is the vanguard of a global model for sustainable agriculture

Ruiz-Marrero 6-9-13

Carmelo Ruiz-Marrero is a research associate at the Institute for Social Ecology and director of the Puerto Rico Project on Biosafety<http://www.counterpunch.org/2013/06/07/cubas-other-revolution/>

Cuba is the one country in the world that

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Latin America’s Farmer to Farmer Movement for Sustainable Agriculture (5).

#### Increasing investment prevents Cuban backsliding

M. Dawn King, Professor of Environmental Studies at Brown, 3/21/12

(Cuban Sustainability: The Effects of Economic Isolation on Agriculture and Energy, wpsa.research.pdx.edu/meet/2012/kingmdawn.pdf)

Cuba needed an alternative agricultural model when foreign oil imports were cut off significantly at

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goal of sustainable development to increase short-term capital and energy needs.

#### Lifting the embargo won’t cause Cuban abandonment of agroecology - they’ll be able to outcompete industrial models and promote global adoption

Christina Cornell, Research Associate at Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 4/17/09

(Cuba Elevates Urban Gardening to a Cause, <http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=11525>)

Many worry whether Cuba’s budget and planning services will be able to maintain its commitment

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important economic actor, ultimately expanding its profits through competitive transactions and trade.

#### Global food shortages risk extinction from starvation and war

Julian Cribb, Professor in Science Communication at the University of Technology Sydney, 2010

(Julian, principal of JCA, fellow of the Australian Academy

of Technological Sciences and Engineering, “The Coming Famine: The

Global Food Crisis and What We Can Do to Avoid It”, pg 10

The character of human conflict has also changed: since the early 1990s, more

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believe future food shortages are a far bigger world threat than global warming."

#### Energy intensive agriculture is the primary cause of environmental degradation

Dale Allen Pfeiffer, Geologist, science journalist, and editor of From the Wilderness, 10/3/2003

(Eating Fossil Fuels, [www.organicconsumers.org/corp/fossil-fuels.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/corp/fossil-fuels.cfm))

Just when agricultural output could expand no more by increasing acreage, new innovations made

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is one of the major factors in species extinctions and in ecosystem stress.

#### Ecological collapse risks extinction

Anne Ehrlich & Paul Ehrlich, Professor of Biology and Senior Research Scientist at Stanford, 1/9/13 (Can a collapse of global civilization be avoided?,Proceedings of the Royal Society Biological Sciences, Proc. R. Soc. B 2013 280)

But today, for the first time, humanity’s global civilization—the worldwide,

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or that gross domestic product can be disengaged from resource use [26]

### plan

#### The United States federal government should normalize its economic relations with Cuba.

### contention 3 is solvency

#### Plan solves immediately

Holmes 2010 (G. Holmes, MA from Georgetown, “SEIZING THE MOMENT,” <https://repository.library.georgetown.edu/bitstream/handle/10822/553334/holmesMichael.pdf?sequence=1>)

From an image stand point repealing the sanctions and removing the embargo is symbolic.

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, the two benefits that stand out the most are trade and fuel.

#### Lift the embargo--- it’s not working anyway

Bandow 2012 (Doug Bandow, senior fellow at the Cato Institute and a former special assistant to former US president Ronald Reagan, December 11, 2012, “Time to End the Cuba Embargo,” CATO Institute, http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/time-end-cuba-embargo)

It is far past time to end the embargo.¶ During the Cold War,

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maintaining this hostility, all it does is strengthen and embolden the hardliners.”