## 2AC T – Democracy Assistance

### Counter-interpretation –

(b) Sense of Congress regarding mechanisms for delivering assistance

(1) Findings

Congress finds the following:

(A) Democracy assistance has many different

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auditing functions, and advance security sector reform.

(B) There is a need for

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and delivery mechanisms for United States democracy assistance.

US Code, ’10 (“§ 8262. UNITED STATES DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS” Title 22, Chapter 89, Subchapter VI,

http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/usc\_sec\_22\_00008262----000-.html)

### We meet – IMET civil-military programming is democracy assistance

Carothers, Director of Democracy at Carnegie, ’99 (Thomas, “Aiding Democracy Abroad: the Learning Curve” p 196-197)

An additional area of democracy aid that merits

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involved in human rights abuses and military dictatorships.

### Prefer our interpretation –

### Grounded literature – Carothers is the most qualified source on the topic

Brookings, ‘4 (“REVIEW: Critical Mission: Essays on Democracy Promotion” http://www.brookings.edu/press/Books/2004/criticalmission.aspx)

Demand for practical knowledge and lessons about how

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-date, comprehensive bibliography on democracy promotion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Thomas Carothers Thomas Carothers is

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expert on U.S. foreign policy.

SELECTED REVIEWS "Carothers's examinations have helped us

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Robert Kagan, author, of PARADISE AND POWER

### Core of the topic – excluding military democracy assistance is arbitrary – turns limits and predictability

Phillips, Director of National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and Mitchell, International Politics Prof at Columbia, ‘8 (David and Lincoln, May, “Enhancing Democracy Assistance” American Foreign Policy Interests, Vol 30 Issue 3, p 156-175, InformaWorld)

Decades of successful democracy assistance as well as

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as a catalyst for and supporter of change.

– Be Patient: Democratization is a process

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short period of time or on a timetable.

– Maintain Modesty: There are limits to

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they are acting as agents of the US.

– Tread Softly: External actors can help

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with local conditions, history, and culture.

– Localize Leadership: Democratic reforms are driven

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to the sustenance and legitimacy of democratic institutions.

– Recognize the Limits of Military Intervention:

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a post-facto justification for armed conflict.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Political Challenges Address Current Political

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via workshops aimed at transferring skills and building capacity

Reframe Democracy Assistance Internationally, there is a

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recommendations are beyond the scope of this report.

Rebuild Bipartisan Support Most Americans have been unaware

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and making a deeper commitment through legislative support.

Technical Tasks Don’t Try to Do Too Much

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. Goals and expectations should be set accordingly.

Plan Beyond the Short Term Democracy assistance requires

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are fluid, fast-moving and unpredictable.

Consider the Military’s Role Iraq will not be

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lest the opportunity to shape outcomes be lost.

## 2AC Condition Existing Aid on Reform CP

### 2) Egyptian military rejects the counterplan – assistance not threats key to solve

Cook, Senior Fellow at CFR, 09 (Political Instability in Egypt)

The United States will have few options should

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will seek to pass legislation cutting aid to Egypt

### 3) The military says no to avoid perceptions that the US dictates policy – only training can solve

CSM 11

(2/3, US-Egyptian military ties: How much leverage does the Pentagon have?, http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Military/2011/0203/US-Egyptian-military-ties-How-much-leverage-does-the-Pentagon-have)

At the Pentagon, the Egyptian … be **counterproductive,**” Cordesman says.

### 4) Only a strategy that recognizes the military’s concern with their image will be successful

Martini and Taylor, Middle East Associate and Political Scientist at RAND, 11

(Sept/Oct, Commanding Democracy in Egypt, Foreign Affairs, Vol. 90, Issue 5)

That said, the United States can still

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from the international community if they truly liberalize.

### Egypt unhappy with the conditions that were just set – Obama opposes it

Revkin, Assistant Director Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, 12-19-’11 (Mara, “Congress Moves to Condition Egypt's Military Aid on Power Transfer to Civilians” Atlantic Council, http://www.acus.org/egyptsource/congress-moves-condition-egypts-military-aid-power-transfer-civilians)

The U.S. Congress is seeking

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, rather than undermine, the democratic transition.

The Senate has reportedly agreed to provisions in

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(see pages 1092-93 of HR3671).

The legislation also includes harsh language referring to

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military protest in Tahrir Square on November 18.

The omnibus bill still needs to be formally

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threaten the foreign policy prerogatives of the president.”

When an early draft of the legislation was

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to use foreign assistance strategically to that end.”

### 5) Links to politics –powerful lobby’s oppose the counterplan

Boston Globe 11

(2/3, Critics question billions in aid routed back to US contractors, http://articles.boston.com/2011-02-03/news/29340241\_1\_military-aid-foreign-aid-civilian-aid/2)

Shifting away from the … are the same people,’’ Allison said.

## 2AC Payroll (Complete)

### US isn’t key to the world economy

Wassener, MSC in IR, 9—London School of Economics and Political Science, MSc , International Relations, Politics (Bettina, In Asia, a Derided Theory Returns, 1 July 2009, http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9C0CEFDE163EF932A35754C0A96F9C8B63)

For a while, when the global economic

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**much of Asia, notably China and India.**

### Obama won’t push the plan –

### First – Obama will circumvent Congress with unilateral executive action to get his agenda

Nicholas, 1/1 (Peter, 1/1/2012, LA Times, “Obama's resolution? To limit dealings with Congress,” [http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-obama-plans-20120101,0,2595075.story](http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-obama-plans-20120101%2C0%2C2595075.story))

Reporting from Honolulu— Heading into the new

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a solution for the nation's high jobless rate.

### Second, plan implemented by the DOD and funded by the DOS

Moskowitz, Policy Planning Office at Office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, ‘8 (Elisa, December, “The creation of Expanded International Military Education and Training (E-IMET)” DISAM Journal)

Funding for IMET (and other Security Assistance

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.S.-origin equipment. (3)

### Plan is not new funding – IMET internal reprogramming

 K. AISTON – State Department – Aug 2000, C ONFIDENTIAL STATE 017117 (Memo), http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/165657.pdf

WHEN AF AND DRL MET IN 1994 TO

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ALL OTHER (NON-PARIAH) STATES.

### Democratic engagement with Egyptian military is a major foreign policy win

Lane, The News Tribune, 2-15-’11 (Charles, “Obama can reap political capital from revolt in Egypt” http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/02/15/1545321/obama-can-reap-political-capital.html)

Still, even after the resignation of Hosni

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in Egypt over the rest of his term.

### PC not key – Obama won’t negotiate with Congress

Nakamura, 1/1 (David, 1/1/2012, Washington Post, “Obama taking fight to Congress,” Factiva)

HONOLULU - President Obama has a …everything he can to improve the economy.

### E-IMET not controversial

Moskowitz, Policy Planning Office at Office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, ‘8 (Elisa, December, “The creation of Expanded International Military Education and Training (E-IMET)” DISAM Journal)

The catalyst for the initiative was the Foreign

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met the intent of Congress. (12)

### **Won’t pass --- Republicans on committee have a history of not compromising**

Benen, 12/31 (Steve, contributing writer to the Washington Monthly, 12/31/2011, “Enjoy the payroll tax break while it lasts,” http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/political-animal/2011\_12/enjoy\_the\_payroll\_tax\_break\_wh034436.php)

Last week, after a needlessly-contentious

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both sides” failed to reach an agreement.

### Political capital not key – empirically proven

Edwards 3 (George C. Edwards, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M, former Director of the Center for Presidential Studies, Riding High in the Polls: George W. Bush and Public Opinion, <http://www-polisci.tamu.edu/MyDocuments/web/Edwards/Papers%20PDF/work_papers/SP01LegislativeImpact.pdf>)

One of the perennial questions about presidential-

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deference to a widely supported chief executive.44

### Major disputes remain --- agreement less likely this time around

Pear, 12/26 (Robert Pear, 12/26/2011, “Political Struggle in Congress Delayed, Not Resolved,” http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/27/us/politics/congress-delays-political-struggle.html)

WASHINGTON — When Congress handily passed a … been more protective of the unemployed.”

### Economy won’t recover quickly enough to help Obama in election

**EIU, 1/1 (Economist Intelligence Unit, “USA: Country outlook,” 1/1/2011, Factiva)**

ELECTION WATCH: The outcome of the … they will be eager to wield.

### Relations resilient

Miznin – Director of studies at the independent Moscow-based Institute of Strategic Assessments, is currently a Leading Research Fellow with the Center of International Security at the Russian Academy of Sciences’ Institute of World Economy and International Relations – ‘8 Victor, Russia’s Nuclear Renaissance, Spring, www.securityaffairs.org/issues/2008/14/mizin.php

Luckily, the next cold war is not

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an underlying premise of Moscow-Washington ties.

### Obama will get blasted for “leading from behind” in the squo – the plan can generate a foreign policy win with voters

Jim Arkedis – Director, Progressive Policy Institute’s National Security Project – 11/23/11, MEMO TO PRESIDENT OBAMA: How to Win On Foreign Policy in 2012, http://progressivepolicy.org/memo-to-president-obama-how-to-win-on-foreign-policy-in-2012

I hope and trust that you had better

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produce, and out-think our challenges.

# Adv 1

## 2AC AC – Transition Fail

### Iran will increase aggression – causes regional nuclear war\*\*

Nisman, Argov Fellow for Leadership and Diplomacy at the IDC Herzlyia, 1-1-’12 (Daniel, “The Middle East and North Africa in 2011: On the brink of Chaos?” http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=49752)

In addition to Bahrain, the Islamic Republic

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**globe would somehow not end in apocalyptic disaster**.

by official media. Iran had announced on

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evading radar detection had been test-fired.

## 2AC ME War Likely

### Most likely scenario for global escalation – Middle East instability draws in major powers

Russell, Editor of Strategic Insights, 09 (James- Senior Lecturer Department of National Security Affairs, Spring, “Strategic Stability Reconsidered: Prospects for Escalation and Nuclear War in the Middle East” Security Studies Center Proliferation Papers, http://www.analyst-network.com/articles/141/StrategicStabilityReconsideredProspectsforEscalationandNuclearWarintheMiddleEast.pdf)

Strategic stability in the region is thus undermined

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, with substantial risk for the entire world.

## Soft Power Add-on

### a) The aff is key to send a credible signal of US support for democratization – that’s 1AC Lahoud evidence. That’s key to solve terrorism

Zarate, Senior Advisor CSIS, 11

(Summer, Washington Quarterly, The battle for Reform with Al Qaeda)

Admittedly, in many quarters, the United

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beginning of the end of the long war.

### b) Risk of bioterror attack high – most recent ev

NYT 10/26

(How Ready Are We for Bioterrorism?, www.nytimes.com/2011/10/30/magazine/how-ready-are-we-for-bioterrorism.html?pagewanted=2&\_r=1)

A decade after the 9/11 attacks, … new model. This is never going to work.”

### c) Extinction

Ochs, has published articles in the Baltimore Sun, Baltimore Chronicle, Science magazine and the website: www.freefromterror.net, past president of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Superfund Citizens Coalition, member of the Depleted Uranium Task force of the Military Toxics Project and a member of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, 6-9-2K2 (Richard, “BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS MUST BE ABOLISHED IMMEDIATELY,” http://www.freefromterror.net/other\_articles/abolish.html)

Of all the weapons of mass destruction,

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then patriotism is the highest of all crimes.

# Adv 2

## 2AC Say No

### 2) IMET is popular with Egypt – they’ve been participants for years

Miles, American Forces Press Service, 11 (7/1, Education Program Promotes Relationships, Partnerships, www.militaryconnection.com/news\july-2011\education-program-partnerships.html)

Walk into just about any U.S

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to is a fan of the IMET program.”

## 2AC No Indo-Pak War

### Even a limited nuclear war between India and Pakistan causes extinction

Fox Independent Journalist ‘8 (Maggie, April 8, “India-Pakistan Nuclear War Would Cause Ozone Hole” <http://www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/47829/story.htm>)

WASHINGTON - Nuclear war between India and Pakistan

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nuclear war," Toon said in a statement.

## 1AR Politics

### Russia doesn’t have the budget for expansionism

Koehl, Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, senior research fellow on US-European defense cooperation at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, 10-14-2K8 (Stuart, “Don't Laugh at the Bear But don't make him bigger than he is.”, The Weekly Standard)

Greenwald's main point appears to be Russia is

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has no first-strike capability at all.

## No Agenda

### Obama won’t be able to get his agenda

Clift, 12/23 --- contributing editor for Newsweek (Eleanor, “Will a Reelected President Obama Face More Gridlock in 2013?” http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/12/26/will-a-reelected-president-obama-face-more-gridlock-in-2013.html)

Even if the president wins reelection, he

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expiring Bush tax cuts again at center stage.