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### Payroll tax extension is Obama’s only focus --- passage is likely and he sees it as key to his overall political strategy

Lee, 12/30 (Carol E., WSJ Online, 12/30/2011, “White House Looks to Shrunken 2012 Legislative Agenda,” Factiva)

HONOLULU—President Barack Obama heads into

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will help determine what kind of country we want to be, and what kind of world we want our children and grandchildren to grow up in."

### Obama’s consistent focus on the middle class economy is reinvigorating his political strength --- key to yearlong extension of payroll tax cut

Calmes, 12/24 (Jackie, 12/24/2011, International Herald Tribune, “Big gains in a small victory for Obama; President offers a lesson on how and when to pick the right political battle,” Factiva)

President Barack Obama did not win much substantively

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**the fight over a full-year extension.**

### No political support for the plan now --- Congress will even fight to prevent budget reallocations

Richter, 11 (4/12/2011, Paul LA Times, “Debt worries stymieing U.S. financial aid to help Arab nations in transition; U.S. lawmakers not only have shut the door on new spending to stabilize countries rocked by the so-called Arab Spring. They have resisted proposals to shift money from other foreign aid programs,” <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/apr/12/world/la-fg-mideast-aid-20110413>)

The Obama administration's efforts to use foreign aid

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resistance from appropriators in Congress, aides say.

### Full extension key to prevent a double dip recession

Stewart, 12/28 --- Observer's economics editor (Heather,12/28/2011, “Extending Obama's tax cuts should be new year's resolution for Republicans,” http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/economics-blog/2011/dec/28/obama-tax-cuts-new-year-resolution?newsfeed=true)

Republicans caved in at the last minute last

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won't just be the Republicans' reputation that suffers.

### This will trigger a depression

Isidore, 8/10 (Chris, 8/10/2011, “Recession 2.0 would hurt worse,” http://money.cnn.com/2011/08/10/news/economy/double\_dip\_recession\_economy/index.htm)

And while economists disagree on just how likely

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have virtually no policy effort to counteract it.

### US key to global economy – collapse causes global stagnation

Caploe ‘9 (David-, CEO American Centre for Applied Liberal Arts and Humanities in Asia, April 7, Straits Times, “Focus still on America to lead global recovery”)

IN THE aftermath of the G-20

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going to have to be solved there too.

### Global economic collapse causes nuclear war

Mead 09 Senior Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, Only Makes You Stronger, The New Republic, [www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=571cbbb9-2887-4d81-8542-92e83915f5f8&p=2](http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=571cbbb9-2887-4d81-8542-92e83915f5f8&p=2)

The greatest danger both to U.S

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track, **we may** still **have to fight.**

## A2: Aid Now

### Their evidence is not about new spending post the recent fiscal 2012 spending plan --- the plan would immediately introduce a new initiative that was not a part of that negotiation compromise

### Non Iraq and Afghanistan assistance actually declined --- and conditions were attached to it

Cornwell, 12/19 (Susan, “U.S. foreign aid escapes slashing cuts in fiscal 2012,” 12/19/2011, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/12/19/us-usa-aid-idUSTRE7BI1KO20111219>)

(Reuters) - The U.S

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.S. foreign service officers was frozen.

### Plan still triggers focus link – evidence too old

## A2: Thumpers

### There aren’t any gauchos --- extend Lee - payroll is Obama’s sole focus and his only legislative priority.

Daily Beast, 1/1 (“Obama's 2012 Agenda Has One Item,” 1/1/2012, <http://www.thedailybeast.com/cheats/2012/01/01/obama-s-2012-agenda-has-one-item.html>)

President Obama has picked his battle with Congress

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beginning with a stop in Ohio next week.

### **Keystone blamed on technicality**

Restuccia, 1/2 (Andrew, 1/2/2012, “White House, GOP battle for supremacy on Keystone pipeline,” http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/201917-white-house-gop-battle-for-supremacy-on-keystone)

TransCanada Corp.’s Keystone XL pipeline would

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will boost the economy or harm the environment.

### Appointment not inconsistent with middle class warrior message

Kaper, 1-4 [Stacy Kaper, Reporter for the National Journal, “Obama reelection strategy seen in Cordray appointment,” January 4th 2012, http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0112/010412nj-obama-appointments-reelection.htm]

The White House's bombshell decision to install Richard

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to their campaign of attacks on congressional obstruction.

### It only sets a brink – stops anything but payroll

Brown and Thrush, 1/4 (CARRIE BUDOFF BROWN and GLENN THRUSH, “W.H. sees political win in Richard Cordray move,” <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0112/71092.html>)

Three years after pledging a new era of

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even more fired up for 2012, too.”

## A2: Nomination Thumper

### This doesn’t affect our link --- doesn’t require Obama to spend capital leveraging Congress and more importantly is not inconsistent with his new image as a “middle class warrior”

Kaper, 1-4 [Stacy Kaper, Reporter for the National Journal, “Obama reelection strategy seen in Cordray appointment,” January 4th 2012, http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0112/010412nj-obama-appointments-reelection.htm]

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### Won’t stop passage of payroll tax extension and Obama see it as a political win

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## A2: Keystone Thumper

### **Blaming on technicalities prevents backlash on Keystone**

Restuccia, 1/2 (Andrew, 1/2/2012, “White House, GOP battle for supremacy on Keystone pipeline,” http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/201917-white-house-gop-battle-for-supremacy-on-keystone)

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## 2NC Uniqueness

### Payroll will pass – Obama’s only focus coming up to elections – December temporary extension gave momentum to his push – prefer Lee – evidence from insiders

### Default to the link because it determines passage – if the plan makes payroll less likely to pass it’s still a reason to prefer the status quo – extend Calmes

### Temporary extension creates momentum

Rouse, 1-4 [Tom Rouse, Reporter for Left Foot Forward, “Barack Obama’s 2012,” January 4th 2012, http://www.leftfootforward.org/2012/01/barack-obamas-2012/]

Early priorities are likely to lie with extending

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the smartest thing in the world to do.”

### **Resolved funding battles**

Chaddock, 12/27 (Gail Russell, “‘Payroll Tax, The Sequel’: Did either side learn any lessons from Part 1?”http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2011/1227/Payroll-Tax-The-Sequel-Did-either-side-learn-any-lessons-from-Part-1)

“Both sides were close in December so

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faith, this can be resolved rather easily.”

### Republican opposition hit a roadblock

Bolton, 1/2 (Alexander, The Hill, “McConnell, Boehner face tough job of smoothing tensions when they return,” http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/201953-mcconnell-and-boehner-face-tough-job-of-smoothing-tensions-when-congress-returns)

**\*\*\*Ron Bonjean served as a senior aide**

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**Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.)**

“I would say that Republicans on the

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to have to eat,” the strategist said.

### Election pressure makes passage likely

Beutler, 12-28 [Brian Beutler, Writer for Talking Points Memo, “The GOP’s Year Of Living Dangerously: What Did Its Hardline Strategy Produce?,” December 28th 2011, http://tpmdc.talkingpointsmemo.com/2011/12/a-year-of-living-dangerously----a-look-back-at-the-gops-2011-strategy-and-its-consequences.php]

The GOP strategy of pushing negotiations to the

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speculated, losing control of the House in 2013

### Committee fighting is irrelevant

Dayen, 1/2 (David, 1/2/2012, “The Myth of the Actually Negotiating Conference Committee,” http://news.firedoglake.com/2012/01/02/the-myth-of-the-actually-negotiating-conference-committee/)

Steve Benen thinks that the payroll tax cut

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But it’s not really a conference committee decision.

## AT: No Link --- Already Appropriated (NU LV – POMED 12/16 ev)

### Their POMED ev is actually a link for us --- Libya aid will only be provided on a cost-matching basis. The plan does not mandate this and is seen as a break from it.

POMED 12/16 (Todd, 2011, “Deal Reached on FY2012 Omnibus Appropriations Bill”, pomed.org/blog/2011/12/deal-reached-on-fy2012-omnibus-appropriations-bill.html/?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=feed&utm\_campaign=Feed%3A+POMED\_blog+(Project+on+Middle+East+Democracy+Blog)#.TvAO5tVe\_ZA)

Deal Reached on FY2012 Omnibus Appropriations Bill The recently-passed

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Democracy at $117m, and the Democracy Fund at $114m.

## Supreme Court Links (Wake)

### Plan is a commerce and state department program

CNSNews 08 (US Taxpayers Fund Legal Reform in China, cnsnews.com/node/11748)

The U.S. Commerce and State

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. judges to China, legal analysts said.

### That ensures Obama gets embroiled in political controversy

Wallison, 3 --- resident fellow at AEI (1/1/2003, “A Power Shift No One Noticed,” <http://www.aei.org/issue/15652>)

Control over independent regulatory agencies has traditionally resided

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a member of the Bush "economic team."

### Media skepticism causes backlash

Davies, Law Professor - George Mason, 11

(Fall, FROM THE BAG: THE ULTIMATE JUNKET, CHAPERONED, 15 Green Bag 2d 67)

But when the Justices travel, no comparable provision is made for reporters covering the Supreme Court. And those reporters do not echo -- or contradict -- their predecessors on presidential-judicial trains or their contemporaries on

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and raise an outcry when it's called for. **[15](http://www.lexis.com/research/retrieve?_m=4c547a585d10734a008524c32821ed73&docnum=3&_fmtstr=FULL&_startdoc=1&wchp=dGLzVzS-zSkAA&_md5=83a78a319a6192d47e16976eff5ccc66" \l "n15" \t "_self)** Who knows what might happen if no one is looking

### Turns the case – Congress will react by stripping the courts international role

Nevins, Professor of Law – William and Mary, 06 (Should the Supreme Court Fear Congress?, scholarship.law.wm.edu/facpubs/158)

Over the past two years, Congress has

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democracy will try to seize control of it."

## A2: Link Turns

### Our link outweighs their turn --- Obama’s consistent focus on his middle class economic agenda is vital to reinvigorating his political strength. Prefer it because it assumes the current political environment. That’s Calmes

### Implementing democracy assistance requires Obama’s sustained involvement

Carothers, 9 --- vice president for studies at Carnegie, a visiting faculty member at Oxford and has written extensively on democratic issues (Thomas, "Revitalizing U.S. Democracy Assistance" www.carnegieendowment.org/files/revitalizing\_democracy\_assistance.pdf)

In any event, the Obama administration has so far not signaled

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**entrenched interests in many quarters**.

### Obama’s pivot to focus on middle class support is driving his political strength --- the plan would just “muddle the message”

Parnes, 12/29 (Amie, “White House casts Obama as warrior for the middle class,” 12/29/2011, The Hill, http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/201595-white-house-casts-obama-as-warrior-for-the-middle-class)

President Obama’s latest makeover casts him as a

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percent but you don’t want to try it.”

## A2: Winners Win 2NC/1NR

### Limited bargaining chips – Fighting for passage of the plan FORCES a trades off with other agenda priorities

Beckmann & Kumar, 11 --- Department of Poli Sci and UC Irvine (Matthew N. Beckmann and Vimal Kumar, Journal of Theoretical Politics, “How presidents push, when presidents win: A model of positive presidential power in US lawmaking,” SAGE Journals Database)

2. The Wellsprings of Positive Presidential Power

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and show how presidents may systematically influence them.

### Legislative style – Obama gets too involved too publically – he has to trade away too much

Galston 10 (William, Senior Fellow for Governance Studies – Brookings Institution, “President Barack Obama’s First Two Years: Policy Accomplishments, Political Difficulties”, 11-4, http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2010/110 4\_obama\_galston.aspx)

Rather than doing this, President Obama allowed

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stiff challenges in both Congress and the states.)

### Public focus - Obama could only get a win on economic issues

Nicholas and Hook, 10 (Peter Nicholas and Janet Hook, 7/30/10, LA Times, “Obama the Velcro president,” http://articles.latimes.com/print/2010/jul/30/nation/la-na-velcro-presidency-20100730)

If Ronald Reagan was the classic Teflon president

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but it hasn't translated into dinner table conversations."

## PC Theory True

### DICKINSON CONCLUDES NEG – prefer this evidence because it’s from a peer reviewed journal and isn’t just a random blog post.

Dickinson, poli sci prof middlebury, ‘9 (Matthew Dickinson, 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)

Small wonder, then, that initial efforts

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opportunities,” Sullivan concludes (1991, 1188).

## Econ Collapse Causes War

### Broad statistical models prove – unmanaged economic declines lead to global conflict

Royal, Director of cooperative threat reduction, ‘10 [Jedediah, Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction – U.S. Department of Defense, “Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises”, Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, Ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215]

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline

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economic-security debate and deserves more attention.

## 2NC Key to Economy

### Consumer spending solves double dip

Hill, 12/28 (Patrice, Washington Times, 12/28/2011, “Economists fear withdrawal symptoms if payroll-tax cut vanishes,” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/dec/28/economists-fear-withdrawal-symptoms-if-payroll-tax/>)

It was the tax cut that nobody noticed

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say they want to enact early next year.

### Solves immediate growth

Hill, 12/28 (Patrice, Washington Times, 12/28/2011, “Economists fear withdrawal symptoms if payroll-tax cut vanishes,” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/dec/28/economists-fear-withdrawal-symptoms-if-payroll-tax/>)

“The consequences of not extending these measures

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consumers’ ability to sustain their relatively brisk spending.”

### Even if it doesn’t boost the economy, failure to extend payroll tanks it

Tompor, 11/6 (Susan, 11/6/2011, Detroit Free Press, “Susan Tompor: 2012 recession avoidable, economists say,” http://www.freep.com/article/20111106/COL07/111060424/Susan-Tompor-2012-recession-avoidable-economists-say)

Nobody expects a roaring 2012, but unless

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up consumer demand should kick in by 2013.

## Impacts

### Economic decline turns the case --- empirically fuels instability

Hanelt & Möller, 11 – \*Senior Expert “Europe and the Middle East” in the Programme “Europe’s Future” and a Member of the Management Team at Bertelsmann Stiftung in Gütersloh, Germany, AND \*\*analyst on European Integration and European Foreign and Security Policy in the Middle East (February 2011, Christian-Peter Hanelt and Almut Moller, “How the European Union can Support Change in North Africa,” <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/Digital-Library/Policy-Briefs/Detail/?lng=en&id=127838>, JMP)

The collapse of the regimes and the speed

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However, trouble was brewing under the surface.

The countries of North Africa were **hit by**

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civic Arab revolutions which broke out in 2011.

### Relative US economic collapse causes dangerous multipolarity and war with China – rising powers threaten great power wars and global instability

Khalilzad, Former US Ambassador to Iraq, ‘11 (Zalmay, February 8, “The Economy and National Security” National Review, http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/259024/economy-and-national-security-zalmay-khalilzad)

Today, economic and fiscal trends pose the most

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toward a new, dangerous era of multi-polarity.

### Economic growth best for climate change

Anderson, Senior Fellow at Hoover, ‘4 (Terry, April 29, “The Environment: Cooling the Global-Warming Debate” Hoover Digest, http://www.hoover.org/publications/digest/3020801.html)

In the March 2004 issue of Scientific American

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kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.”