### Plan – The United States Federal Government should expand its Civil Military Support Element’s democratic governance program for Yemen consistent with a local level approach.

## Advantage One

### Contention One is Counterinsurgency

### Intervention to rebuild failed states is inevitable

Choksy & Choksy, Former Director Middle East Studies at Indiana, ’11

[Carol E. B. Choksy, Adjunct lecturer in Strategic Intelligence and Information Management at Indiana University, CEO of IRAD Strategic Consulting, Inc, PhD from U Chicago, Jamsheed K. Choksy, Professor of Central Eurasian, International, Iranian, and Islamic Studies and Former Director of The Middle Eastern Studies Program at Indiana University, Council on the Humanities at the US National Endowment for the Humanities, PhD from Harvard University, “American Intervention in Failing Countries is Necessary,” May 12th 2011]

Intervention to stabilize and reconstruct failed, failing, fragile, and even re-orient hostile countries may not be avoidable for the U.S….

**impact everyone** and require attention and resolution.[9]

### Current post-intervention reconstruction will fail to successfully utilize COIN

Luján, Special Forces Major, ’12

[Fernando Luján, International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations based at the Center for a New American Security, Major in the U.S. Special Forces, Served in the Pentagon's AfPak Hands program, “Beyond Groundhog Day,” Foreign Affairs; Jan/Feb 2012, Vol. 91 Issue 1, pg. 180-183]

The real danger as the United States withdraws

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soldiers to repeat the mistakes of the past.

### Only COIN can win future wars – the alternative is coercive tactics which ensure escalation

Kahl, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for The Middle East, ’07

[Colin Kahl, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, Associate Professor in the Security Studies Program in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, “COIN of the Realm,” Foreign Affairs, November/December 2007, HYPERLINK "http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63035/colin-h-kahl/coin-of-the-realm?page=show" http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63035/colin-h-kahl/coin-of-the-realm?page=show]

HEARTS AND MINDS Counterinsurgency refers to military,

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to "eliminate extremists without alienating the populace."

### Failure to control these conflicts will cause large-scale escalation

Horowitz & Shalmon, PoliSci Prof @ UPenn, ’09

[Michael C. Horowitz, Assistant Professor of Political Science at The University of Pennsylvania, PhD in Government from Harvard University, Foreign Policy Research Institute Scholar, Dan A. Shalmon, Senior Analyst at Lincoln Group, LLC., Graduate Student at Georgetown University, “The Future of War and American Military Strategy,” Spring 2009]

In an uncertain international security environment, small-scale events can spiral unpredictably, triggering large-scale conflict. …

**politically fragment, the** United States **could find itself embroiled in a sporadically technology-intensive** “small war” **or stability operation.**

### Failed states cause disease spread

African Studies Centre, ’03

[The Transnational Institute, The Center of Social Studies, Coimbra University, and The Peace Research Center – CIP-FUHEM, “Failed and Collapsed States in the International System,” December 2003, HYPERLINK "http://www.globalpolicy.org/nations/sovereign/failed/2003/12failedcollapsedstates.pdf" http://www.globalpolicy.org/nations/sovereign/failed/2003/12failedcollapsedstates.pdf]

In the malign scenario of global developments the

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faced with direct attacks on their national security.

### Disease spread causes extinction

Greger, Director of Public Health at The Humane Society, ’08

[Michael, M.D., Director of Public Health and Animal Agriculture at The Humane Society of the United States, Bird Flu: A Virus of Our Own Hatching, HYPERLINK "http://birdflubook.com/a.php?id=111" \t "\_blank" http://birdflubook.com/a.php?id=111]

Senate Majority Leader Frist describes the recent slew

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a tune whistled whilst passing a graveyard.”3154

### North Korea collapse is inevitable

Kim, ’11

[Hyung-Jin Kim, Writer for the Associated Press, “SKorea: Nuclear push could bring North's collapse,” January 17th 2011, HYPERLINK "http://www.kansascity.com/2011/01/17/2588331/skorea-nuclear-push-could-bring.html" http://www.kansascity.com/2011/01/17/2588331/skorea-nuclear-push-could-bring.html]

Impoverished North Korea could bring its own **collapse**

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see it as an indication of their desperation."

### Irregular warfare capabilities key to prevent the collapse from escalating

Maxwell, Special Forces Commander, ’10

[Colonel David S. Maxwell, US Army Special Forces Officer, Commander of Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines, Faculty at the National War College, “Irregular Warfare on the Korean Peninsula,” November 30th 2010, http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/call/docs/11-23/ch\_14.asp]

The fundamental assumption for this paper is that the threats that may emerge following collapse or conflict on the peninsula will be characterized by being irregular and ….

**insurgency** to accomplish the classic insurgent goal of ridding a land of an occupying power. Additionally, it should be noted that the term irregular warfare in Korean is the same as unconventional warfare and this breeds confusion within the alliance.

### Escalation goes global

Bennett & Lind, Government Prof @ Dartmouth, ’11

[Bruce W. Bennett, Senior Defense Analyst at The RAND Corporation, Jennifer Lind, Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, “The Collapse of North Korea: Military Missions and Requirements,” International Security, Volume 36, Number 2, Fall 2011]

A government collapse in North Korea could unleash

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risk of **escalation to the nuclear level.**7

### Irregular warfare is the only possible starting point for future conflict – deterrence prevents the independent initiation of large-scale intra-state conflict

Nagl & Burton, Security Studies Prof @ West Point, ’09

[John A. Nagl, Former President of the Center for a New American Security, Professor of National Security Studies at West Point, Former Military Assistant to The Deputy Secretary of Defense, D. Phil from Oxford, Rhodes Scholar, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, Served in Iraq, Brian M. Burton, Bacevich Fellow at CNAS, MA in Security Studies from Georgetown, “Dirty Windows and Burning Houses: Setting the Record Straight on Irregular Warfare,” The Washington Quarterly, Vol. 32, Issue 2, pg. 91-101, April 2009]

The second main argument against increasing the military’s

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the challenges that will be forced upon us.

### The plan is key to successful international implementation of COIN – 2 reasons

### First is Local Governance

### The plan creates a model of local governance focused COIN which is key to solve insurgencies

Gillam & Moran, Army Major, ’11

[Jarrod J. H. Gillam, Major, United States Army, James E. Moran, Major, United States Air Force, “THE UNITED STATES AND YEMEN: COIN IN THE ABSENCE OF A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT,” Naval Postgraduate School, December 2011]

Within this construct, the United States is

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to identify and destroy AQAP through legitimate means.

### And, governance focused COIN is key to solve failed states

Nagl, Security Studies Prof at West Point, ’09

[John A. Nagl, Former President of the Center for a New American Security, Professor of National Security Studies at West Point, Former Military Assistant to The Deputy Secretary of Defense, D. Phil from Oxford, Rhodes Scholar, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, Served in Iraq, “Letters To The Editor,” Joint Forces Quarterly, Issue 54, 3rd Quarter 2009]

In the 20th century, the primary problem of international ….

for International Development. New wars demand new warriors, but to date we have shamefully neglected the transformation of our civilian instruments of national power.

### Yemen is key to creating a global model for successful COIN

Barry, British Press Award Winner, ’11

[John Barry, Newsweek’s National Security correspondent, British Press Award Winner – The British equivalent of a Pulitzer, National Headliner Winner, Investigative Reporters & Editors Gold Medal, “Obama’s Secret Wars,” Jun 25th 2011, http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/06/25/afghanistan-troop-drawdown-america-s-other-covert-wars.html]

America may be drawing down its Afghan troops

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calling themselves al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

### The Second Internal Link is Interagency Cooperation

### No civil-military cooperation in Yemen now – USAID lacks the information to support the DoD

Mitchell, USAID Service Officer, ’11

[Robert E. Mitchell, Former Foreign Service Office with USAID (Including a tour in Yemen), “Yemen: Testing a New Coordinated Approach to Preventive Counterinsurgency,” August 1st 2011, Small Wars Journal]

Finally, because USAID has a bilateral nation-to-nation program, ….

to implement and monitor project performance. **It remains to be seen if USAID and DoD capabilities can in a coordinated manner meet** the challenges set forth as **a single** American **strategy for Yemen.** And this was just before the recent turmoil.

### The plan provides a framework for synchronizing civil-military action – key to irregular warfare capabilities

Lightsey, Special Forces Major, ’10

[Major Ross F. Lightsey Sr., Assigned to the JFK Special Warfare Center and School's 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Toured as Commander of a CMSE that had elements across Yemen, Pakistan and Tajikistan, Previously served assignments in Special Forces and Civil Affairs, “PERSISTENT ENGAGEMENT,” May 1st 2010, http://www.allbusiness.com/government/government-bodies-offices/15778943-1.html]

In ongoing irregular conflicts, the civil-

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mitigate redundancy and overlapping of projects and initiatives.

### That means CMSE use gets modeled in future military campaigns

Mitchell, Former USAID Service Officer, ’11

[Robert E. Mitchell, Former Foreign Service Office with USAID (Including a tour in Yemen), “Yemen: Testing a New Coordinated Approach to Preventive Counterinsurgency,” August 1st 2011, Small Wars Journal]

Much can be learned from America‘s linked military and civilian development initiatives in Yemen, a country in which the United States Agency for International …

failure and where American anti-terrorism programs are not yet active.

### That’s key to implementing an effective COIN strategy – Yemen will provide a test case for future operations

Kotlow, Fellow @ The Washington Institute, ’11

[Colonel Kazimierz Kotlow, Visiting Senior Service College Fellow at The Washington Institute, Recently Served as the Defense & Army Attaché at the US Embassy in Yemen, Former Special Forces Detachment Commander, “Countering Extremism in Yemen: Beyond Interagency Cooperation,” March 31st 2011, Small Wars Journal]

Extremism, especially violent extremism, is a

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as well as attacks on our allies.5

## Advantage Two

### Contention Two is Terrorism

### AQAP is expanding now – we need to shift current strategy to solve

Zimmerman, Gulf of Aden Expert @ AEI, 2-17

[Katherine Zimmerman, Gulf of Aden Team Lead for the American Enterprise Institute’s Critical Threats Project, Specializing in Yemen and Somalia, “Recipe for Failure: American Strategy toward Yemen and al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula,” February 17th 2012, http://www.criticalthreats.org/yemen/zimmerman-recipe-for-failure-american-strategy-february-17-2012]

The threat to Americans from al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (…

addressed once there is a clear successor to Saleh, an assumption that is unlikely in the extreme. The prospects for managing AQAP’s growing threat to the United States with these approaches are thus very poor.

### The plan’s interagency coordination and engagement provides us with the intelligence to target senior AQAP leadership

Cillufo & Watts, President’s Special Assistant for Homeland Security, ’11

[Frank Cilluffo, Director Homeland Security Policy Institute at GWU, Former Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security, Clinton Watts, Senior Fellow Homeland Security Policy Institute, Former US Army Officer, Former FBI Special Agent, “Yemen & Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula: Exploiting a Window of Counterterrorism Opportunity,” HSPI Issue Brief 11, June 24th 2011]

Successfully implementing a drone and SOF approach in

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an end to U.S. engagements.

### Civil Affairs operations are key to effective intelligence

Lightsey, Special Forces Major, ’08

[Major Ross F. Lightsey Sr., Assigned to the JFK Special Warfare Center and School's 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Toured as Commander of a CMSE that had elements across Yemen, Pakistan and Tajikistan, Previously served assignments in Special Forces and Civil Affairs, “Civil Affairs Support to The Surge,” March-April 2008]

Using CA capabilities to a strategic advantage required creativity. Our strategy was to provide the “ground truth” of the civil situation to the commander …

Experienced and dedicated CATs can greatly enhance rapport between the ground forces and the Iraqi citizens. During the summer of 2007, there was a major offensive campaign, Operation Arrowhead Ripper, focused on pushing al-Qaeda in Iraq, or AQI, out of Baqubah, the provincial capital of Diyala province.

### Taking out the local Yemeni leadership is key to destroy the organization – internationals like Awlaki don’t matter

Koehler-Derrick, Instructor @ West Point, ’11

[Gabriel Koehler-Derrick, Associate at the Combating Terrorism Center, Instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia, “A False Foundation? AQAP, Tribes and Ungoverned Spaces in Yemen,” Conducted based on Twelve Months of Fieldwork in Yemen, Including the Governorate of Marib, and Phone Interviews with Contacts in Marib and al-Jawf, September 2011]

Defensive measures must complement the direct application of

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even more importantly an enormous investment of patience.

### AQAP is preparing to attack India

Roychowdhury, Former Commander of The Indian Army, ’11

[General, Shankar Roychowdhury, Former Chief of Army Staff, Former Member of Parliament, “India needs a 360° terror appraisal”, September 6, Deccan Chronicle, http://www.deccanchronicle.com/editorial/dc-comment/india-needs-360%C2%B0-terror-appraisal-659]

In this context, Al Qaeda and its emerging connections in Yemen have become very relevant for India. Yemen’s predominantly tribal culture and harsh inaccessible terrain …

Threats to India’s national security can build up in any quarter, from any region of the world. India should have no doubts that it is very much on the AQAP’s target list, through local proxies like the LeT in Pakistan, including possible “ricin bomb” operations. So even as Mr Hazare wrestles with the threat of corruption to ensure good governance, India must take due note of other threats as well and exercise the requisite caution.

### Escalates to nuclear war

Zarate, President’s Deputy Terrorism Advisor, ’11

[Juan Zarate, Former Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism, “An alarming South Asia powder keg”, Washington Post, February 18th 2011, http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/18/AR2011021805662.html]

In 1914, a terrorist assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo - unleashing geopolitical forces and World War I. Today, while the United States rightly worries about al-Qaeda targeting the homeland, the most dangerous threat may be another terrorist flash point on the horizon…

repeat itself with Lashkar-i-Taiba. Asymmetric threats that serve as flash points for broader geopolitical crises may be the greatest threat we face from terrorism.

### AQAP will get the resources to launch a nuclear attack

Williams, Coordinator Fissile Materials Working Group, ’11

[Sarah Williams, Coordinator of the Fissile Materials Working Group and Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellow at the Center for Science, Technology and Security Policy, "After bin Laden: Nuclear terrorism still a top threat," Bulletin of Atomic Scientists – Fissile Materials Working Group, May 13th 2011, www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/columnists/fissile-materials-working-group/after-bin-laden-nuclear-terrorism-still-top-t]

Osama bin Laden's death may represent a significant

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priority must be securing this potential source material.

### The US will retaliate – triggers full scale nuclear conflict

Speice, ’06

[Patrick F. Speice, Jr.,

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Accordingly, there is a significant and ever

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triggering a full-scale nuclear conflict. 50

## ⨪2AC Case

### Al Qaeda attacks in Yemen are up

CSM, 3-5

[“Al Qaeda militants serious threat as Yemen transitions away from Saleh,” March 5th 2012, http://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/content/view/print/476125]

Al Qaeda militants in … his intention to crack down on Al Qaeda and retake the militant-controlled south.

### Yemen says yes – they want more outreach efforts

Koehler-Derrick, ’11

[Gabriel Koehler-Derrick, Associate at the Combating Terrorism Center, Instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia, “A False Foundation? AQAP, Tribes and Ungoverned Spaces in Yemen,” Conducted based on Twelve Months of Fieldwork in Yemen, Including the Governorate of Marib, and Phone Interviews with Contacts in Marib and al-Jawf, September 2011]

Successfully countering al-Qa`.. U.S. intelligence capacity in the country.

### AQAP will strike before the election

Benson, National Security Producer at CNN, ’12

[Pam Benson, CNN National Security Producer, “Al Qaeda benefits from Yemen turmoil,” January 30th 2010, http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/01/30/aqap-benefits-from-turmoil-in-yemen/]

When President Barack Obama told Americans last week that al Qaeda operatives in Yemen "are scrambling, knowing that they can't escape the …. acknowledged AQAP had "made some new gains" in Radda, but questioned soon after it happened whether the militants would be able to hold onto them.

### AQAP can’t move quickly

Harnisch & Szrom, ’11

[Chris Harnisch, Formerly the Gulf of Aden team lead and research analyst for the Critical Threats Project at The American Enterprise Institute, Charlie Szrom, Associate at DC International Advisory, a global advisory firm that provides a range of analytical, market-entry, and other services to clients with interests in the United States and around the world, former senior research analyst and program manager for the Critical Threats Project at AEI, “Al Qaeda’s Operating Environments: A New Approach To The War On Terror,” March 2011, HYPERLINK "http://www.criticalthreats.org/sites/default/files/pdf\_upload/analysis/AQAM-final.pdf" http://www.criticalthreats.org/sites/default/files/pdf\_upload/analysis/AQAM-final.pdf]

Weakening the AQN in one … In the end, a successful US global strategy against al Qaeda must constrain the group’s options and, ultimately, defeat the network.

### North Korean collapse inevitable – inside sources agree

AP, ’12

[The Associated Press, “Doubts on North Korea From Dead Leader’s Son,” January 18th 2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/19/world/asia/kim-jong-nam-says-north-korea-may-collapse-book-claims.html]

A new book claims that the estranged eldest … of the economy is within sight,” Mr. Kim is quoted as saying. “But reforms and opening up could also invite dangers for the regime.”

## 2AC T Governance [Direct Political Variables]

### Counter Interpretation – Democracy assistance is civil society, governance, elections and rule of law

GAO, ’09

[US Government Accountability Office, September 2009, HYPERLINK "http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09993.pdf" http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09993.pdf]

In January 2006, to better align foreign assistance programs with U.S. foreign policy goals, the Secretary of State appointed a Director of … Figure 1 illustrates the worldwide distribution of GJD funding, and table 2 shows funding levels and Freedom House ratings for the 20 countries with the largest allocations.

### B. Governance assistance is the largest portion of USAID’s democratic governance program in the Middle East

Seligson et al – prof of poli sci, Vanderbilt – ’08

Azpuru, Dinorah, Steven E. Finkel, Aníbal Pérez‐Liñán, and Mitchell A. Seligson. “Trends in Democracy Assistance: What has the United States Been Doing?” Journal of Democracy 19 (2), 2008. p. 150‐159.

It is often said that Western donors … past distribution of U.S. democracy assistance, policymakers and analysts can better determine where to direct funds in the future in order to achieve greater impact.

## 2AC EU Counterplan

### Civilian agencies can’t solve – they’ll get shot when they travel to places – only CMSE solves because they have military protection

Mitchell, ’11

[Robert E. Mitchell, Former Foreign Service Office with USAID (Including a tour in Yemen), “Yemen: Testing a New Coordinated Approach to Preventive Counterinsurgency,” August 1st 2011, Small Wars Journal]

Moreover, the urban-based … have not been able to visit some USAID-funded projects in many years. 10

### Won’t solve AQAP – direct tribal ties allow information to cut off AQAP recruitment and ensure effective drone strikes – counterplan doesn’t change the overall US strategy – that’s Zimmerman and Gillam & Moran – EU doesn’t solve intel cooperation

Muller-Wille ‘8 [Björn Müller-Wille, Department of Defence and International Affairs, “The Effect of International Terrorism on EU Intelligence Co-operation”, JCMS 2008 Volume 46. Number 1 pp. 49–71, http://content.ebscohost.com/pdf19\_22/pdf/2008/CMS/01Jan08/27785359.pdf?T=P&P=AN&K=27785359&S=R&D=bth&EbscoContent=dGJyMNXb4kSep7I40dvuOLCmr0mep7ZSs6e4S7WWxWXS&ContentCustomer=dGJyMPGutk2xrbNNuePfgeyx44Dt6fIA]

International terrorism seems to … agency could not produce the required intelligence, thus failing to support decisionmakers in counter-terrorism, but also make the EU look bad. The end result would simply be a transfer of blame for failures from the national to the EU level, not a solution to the terrorist threat.

### The United States won't accept EU intel

Pleschinger 6 (Stefanie, Graduate of the International Relations Masters Program at Yale, “Allied Against Terror: Transatlantic Intelligence Cooperation,” Yale Journal, Fall/Winter, yalejournal.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/062106pleschinger.pdf)

The perceived lack of strategic … the EU will always be inclined to act according to the legal texts constituting its legitimacy, the United States is more flexible and can make decisions that conform to its interests.

## 2AC Orientalism Kritik

### Engaging in pragmatic policy analysis about the Middle East is necessary to maintain a link between academic scholarship and policymaking – a turn to radical politics and theory ensures disconnection

Lockman, Chair – Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies - NYU, 05 (Critique from the Right: The Neo-conservative Assault on Middle East Studies, The New Centennial Review 5.1)

The damage Orientalism wreaked on U.S. Middle East studies … or conflicting loyalties" (Kramer 2001, 2).

### The impact is right wing takeover by think tank advocates who will convince policymakers to pursue a strategy of global military domination

Lockman, Chair – Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies - NYU, 05 (Critique from the Right: The Neo-conservative Assault on Middle East Studies, The New Centennial Review 5.1)

But there was a price to be paid for the …Saudi Arabia and compel the Arabs (including the Palestinians) to make peace with Israel on the latter's terms. That the vast majority of the international community, including a great many Americans, vehemently rejected the use of military force to achieve this vision made no difference whatsoever to its advocates.12

### The reason we don’t know things in Yemen is because we don’t engage with the tribes – plan is the only way to solve

### Epistemology not flawed – communication and modern politics shattered Orientalist dogma

Samiei, Faculty of World Studies - University of Tehran, 10 (Neo-Orientalism? The relationship between the West and Islam in our globalised world, Third World Quarterly)

This article intends to critically investigate the crystallisation of the paradigm of neo-Orientalism in a broader sense through close examination of some new factors in world politics. That is to say it asks whether the above … Barack Hussein Obama as the president of the US could change many conditions which were responsible for the reinforcement of the West-and-Islam dualism after September 11. Obama is welcomed as an internationalist president. His Kenyan father, early schooling in Indonesia, race and even name, all symbolise for many a unique globalist presidential profile, one that contrasts sharply with that of his predecessor. Taking into account the fact that the US, which until recently had a deeply racist culture, could change its perspective to the extent that it was able to elect a black president, one can plausibly think that it is possible for the US even to witness even a Muslim president in the future.

### Terrorism is inevitable absent the plan – the reason AQAP exists is because of domination of periphal tribes by the central government – alternative can’t resolve

Ahmed 2-21 (Bilal-, “specializing in Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian affairs. He has been published in various internet periodicals regarding issues of state governance, revolutionary theory, and the histories of Islamicate states in the MENA region and South Asia”, “Yemeni Tribes: Using Al-Qaida as a Political Tool”, HYPERLINK "http://www.fairobserver.com/article/yemeni-tribes-using-al-qaida-political-tool" http://www.fairobserver.com/article/yemeni-tribes-using-al-qaida-political-tool)

Little attention has been paid to how Yemeni … **changes to this relationship, southern Yemen may well become another war zone** far before it is ever truly integrated into a strong Yemeni state.

### The theory-ladenness of reality is a reason why research must be problem driven – we turn every FW arg they made

Shapiro, 2005 (Ian, Sterling Professor of Political Science at Yale University, “Problems, Methods, and Theories in the Study of Politics: Or, What’s Wrong With Political Science and What to Do about It,” in “The Flight from Reality in the Human Sciences,” p. 187-9)

There is a subtler sense in which observation is theory-laden, … because the selection of one description rather than another is driven by the impulse to vindicate a particular theoretical outlook.

### Alt upholds dictatorships

Sadiki, 2011 (Larbi, Jun 6, Senior Lecturer in Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter, “The mathematics of the Arab Spring,”

HYPERLINK "http://aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2011/05/2011531132934920499.html" http://aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2011/05/2011531132934920499.html)

On the Arab side, return to autarchy is self-defeating. … narratives that have misrepresented Arabs for so long through images of invisibility, inferiority, and an incapacity to speak back.

## 2AC Jackson-Vanik

### Will only pass if it is linked to other anti-Russia legislation

Jatras, 3/23 --- Principal, Squire Sanders Public Advocacy, Washington, DC (3/23/2012, James George, Vladimir Frolov, 3/23/2012, Russia Profile, “Russia Profile Weekly Experts Panel: Will Russia Graduate From the Jackson-Vanik Amendment?” Factiva)

Until very recently, I would have said the … **by anti-Russian measures** even more insulting **than continued Jackson-Vanik application**.

### Not until after election

Herspring, 3/23 --- University Distinguished Professor at K State (Dale, Frolov Vladimir, 3/23/2012, Russia Profile, “Russia Profile Weekly Experts Panel: Will Russia Graduate From the Jackson-Vanik Amendment?” Factiva)

Will Russia finally be graduated from the Jackson-Vanik Amendment imposed … the Russians raise it (privately, without publicity). But in the meantime, I think it is a non-starter until **after the election.**

### Studies prove presidential involvement reduces chance of passage

Klein, 3/19 (Ezra, 3/19/2012, “The Unpersuaded; Who listens to a President?” HYPERLINK "http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2012/03/19/120319fa\_fact\_klein" \l "ixzz1pxjQpFdO" http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2012/03/19/120319fa\_fact\_klein#ixzz1pxjQpFdO)

In January, 2004, George W. Bush announced his intention to “take the next steps of … **President’s attempts at persuasion might have the perverse effect of making it harder for him to govern.**

### Obama woudn’t push the plan – it’s an internal military decision

Wright, ’11

[Matthew Wright, Henry M. Jackson School for International Studies, “TAKING DOWN AL-QAEDA’S NETWORK POST 9/11,” TASK FORCE 2011, COUNTERING AL-QAEDA’S IDEOLOGY: RE-ASSESSING U.S. POLICY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11]

The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) … elements have operated within their new scope with precision and continue to welcome **widespread praise.**

### Yemen operations are covert – Congress won’t know

Davis, ’10

[Charles, DC Based Journalist, "New Military Clandestine Directive Short on Oversight," Firedoglake, May 26, firedoglake.com/2010/05/26/new-military-clandestine-directive-short-on-oversight-by-design/]

The Obama administration has approved **covert** military **…** probably also think that nice Nigerian gentleman who keeps emailing is really going to send you that $200 grand.

### Special forces operations are classified

Ruppert, ’11

[Madison Ruppert, Contributing Writer for Activist Post, “Questions raised by the SEAL Team 6 deaths in Afghanistan,” August 6th 2011, http://www.activistpost.com/2011/08/questions-raised-by-seal-team-6-deaths.html]

Most of the operations carried out … it now.

### Aid now to Syria

Barnard, 3/25 (Anne, 3/25/2012, NY Times, “U.S. and Turkey to Step Up ‘Nonlethal’ Aid to Rebels in Syria,” HYPERLINK "http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/26/world/middleeast/us-and-turkey-to-step-up-nonlethal-aid-to-syrian-rebels.html?\_r=1" http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/26/world/middleeast/us-and-turkey-to-step-up-nonlethal-aid-to-syrian-rebels.html?\_r=1)

BEIRUT — Turkey and the United …. Bashar al-Assad for its violent crackdown on the opposition. On Sunday, the Russian government denounced what it called one-sided political support for the opposition from the United States and others.

### Relations resilient and no war

Weitz, 11 --- senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and a World Politics Review senior editor (9/27/2011, Richard, “Global Insights: Putin not a Game-Changer for U.S.-Russia Ties,” http://www.scribd.com/doc/66579517/Global-Insights-Putin-not-a-Game-Changer-for-U-S-Russia-Ties)

Fifth, there will inevitably be areas of

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will constrain whoever is in charge of Russia.

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