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### Plan

The United States Department of Defense should provide personnel to support political opposition groups in Bahrain in order to strengthen capacities for an accountable and responsive government.

### Crackdowns 1AC (1/3)

#### Contention 2 – Crackdowns

#### Protests are increasing --- the U.S. is walking a fine line

**Khalifa**, **3/10**/2012 (Reem, Bahrain protesters boost pressure with huge rally, The Boston Globe, p. http://articles.boston.com/2012-03-10/world/31139917\_1\_pearl-square-bahrain-protesters-isa-al-khalifa)

The march stretched for miles. Some … main Gulf forces on Iran’s doorstep.

#### Protests inflame Pakistan in sectarian tensions.

**Edroos**, 2/22/**2011** (Syed Nadir El – teaches Economics at Bellerbys College, consultant at London Research International, Will Bahrain’s sectarian divide impact Pakistan, The Express Tribune, p. <http://blogs.tribune.com.pk/story/4481/will-bahrains-sectarian-divide-impact-pakistan/>)

What makes events in Bahrain relevant … Saudi Arabia and Iran while Pakistan is unlikely to be left unscathed.

### Crackdowns 1AC (2/3)

#### Overwhelms deterrence – sparks an Indo/Pak nuclear war.

**Schulz**, 7/19/**2001** (John – professor of international communication at Boston University, former National War College professor, South Asia’s Nuclear Powder Keg, The Boston Globe, p. http://www.commondreams.org/views01/0719-04.htm)

FOR MOST AMERICANS, news … the ideological, geostrategic superpower rivalry.

### Crackdowns 1AC (3/3)

#### Crackdowns escalate to regional instability --- draws in every major power.

**Shaikh**, 3/23/**2011** (Salman – director of the Brookings Institution’s Doha Center and fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Bahrain Crisis and its Regional Dangers, The Middle East Channel at Foreign Policy, p. http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/03/23/the\_bahrain\_crisis\_and\_its\_regional\_dangers)

While US and international attention is focused largely elsewhere in the region, especially Libya, the violent crackdown against protestors in the tiny island kingdom of Bahrain may well pose a bigger threat to the entire region's …further its interests in the region.

#### No constraints on escalation.

**Singh**, 9/22/**2011** (Michael, What has really changed in the Middle East, Foreign Policy, p. <http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/09/22/what_has_really_changed_in_the_middle_east>)

Third, and most troubling, the Middle … shift any contest for regional primacy into overdrive.

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (1/6)

#### Contention 3 – Base Politics

#### Transnational anti-base movements are increasing --- this undermines the sustainability of U.S. basing posture.

**Yeo** **2011** (Andrew – assistant professor of politics at the Catholic University of America, Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests, p. 199-200)

These similarities and patterns warrant … no easy or permanent solutions.

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (2/6)

#### The lack of a consistent and clear signal for democracy in Bahrain undermines the sustainability of U.S. military base presence worldwide.

**Cooley and Nexon**, 4/5/**2011** (Alexander and Daniel, Bahrain’s Base Politics, Foreign Affairs, p. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67700/alexander-cooley-and-daniel-h-nexon/bahrains-base-politics>)

U.S. policymakers have long …part of a broader pattern.

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (3/6)

#### Failure to soften Bahraini basing rights undermines global basing agreements.

**Cooley and Nexon**, 4/5/**2011** (Alexander and Daniel, Bahrain’s Base Politics, Foreign Affairs, p. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67700/alexander-cooley-and-daniel-h-nexon/bahrains-base-politics>)

In Kyrgyzstan last year, accusations that … **autocratic friends under the bus**.

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (4/6)

#### Successful base politics is the linchpin of U.S. primacy and allies.

**Cooley 2008** (Alexander – Tow Professor of Political Science at Barnard College and Faculty Member of Columbia University’s Harriman Institute, Base Politics: Democratic Change and the U.S. Military Overseas, p. 4-8)

The Enduring Significance of … domestic political and social practices.20

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (5/6)

#### Alliances prevent nuclear war.

**Ross**, Winter 1998/**1999** (Douglas – professor of political science at Simon Fraser University, Canada’s functional isolationism and the future of weapons of mass destruction, International Journal, p. lexis)

Thus, an easily accessible tax base … **involving nuclear or other WMD**.

#### Causes great power war

**Kagan 3-14** (Robert – senior fellow of foreign policy at the Center on the United States and Europe, America Has Made the World Freer, Safer and Wealthier, p. http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2012/0314\_us\_power\_kagan.aspx)

We take a lot for granted about the … American order came into being.

### Base Politics 1AC – Hegemony (6/6)

#### Those wars go nuclear

Kagan 7 (Robert, Senior Associate – Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “End of Dreams, Return of History: International Rivalry and American Leadership”, Policy Review, August/September, http://www.hoover.org/publications/policyreview/8552512.html#n10)

The jostling for status and influence among … the United States back in under unfavorable

### Base Politics 1AC – Bahrain (1/4)

#### Scenario\_\_\_: Bahrain

#### The risk of Fifth Fleet eviction is real --- U.S. inaction ends the base

**Rubin**, **2/5**/2012 (Michael – resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, Will unrest in Bahrain affect strategic ties with the United States?, The Enterprise Blog, p. http://www.michaelrubin.org/2012/02/bahrain-strategic-ties-united-states#continued)

As Bahrain's political unrest reaches …for the ruling family's long friendship.

### Base Politics 1AC – Bahrain (2/4)

#### U.S. military posture toward Bahraini Shia generates resentment and undermines relations.

New York Times, 2/21/**2011** (Dim View of U.S. Posture Toward Bahraini Shiites Is Described, p. http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/22/world/middleeast/22bahrain.html?pagewanted=all)

The United States military undermined … authorized to speak to the news media.

### Base Politics 1AC – Bahrain (3/4)

#### Strong Fifth Fleet presence is key to mitigate the economic threats of a Hormuz attack and deter Iran.

**Kagan**, 1/4/**2012** (Frederick – resident scholar and director of the Critical Threats Project at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Strait talk with Iran, Los Angeles Times, p. http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-kagan-iranian-threats-demand-a-strong-respon-20120104,0,111766.story)

Iran's threat to close a vital … real and dangerous provocation.

#### Lack of basing undermines any effective defense of the Strait of Hormuz

**Haddick**, 1/20/**2012** (Robert – managing editor of the Small Wars Journal, This Week at War: Iran’s Learning Curve, Small Wars Journal, p. http://smallwarsjournal.com/blog/this-week-at-war-irans-learning-curve)

Without the ability to operate from … consequences for the global economy.

#### Even a failed attempt to close the Strait escalates to conflict --- low-level conflicts will escalate without a strong deterrent

**Singh**, 1/3/**2012** (Michael – managing director of the Washington Institute, The Real Iranian Threat in the Gulf, Foreign Policy, p. [www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC06.php?CID=1789](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC06.php?CID=1789))

Even if Iran ignored these considerations …a stronger deterrence effort.

#### Miscalculation makes escalation of war likely

**Bennett**, **1/31**/2012 (John – veteran national security correspondent, U.S., Iran Lack ‘Dialogue’ to Avoid a Costly Miscalculation, U.S. News and World Report, p. http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/dotmil/2012/01/31/us-iran-lack-dialogue-to-avoid-a-costly-miscalculation)

U.S. and Iranian war ships have … there will be miscalculation."

### Base Politics 1AC – Japan (1/4)

#### Scenario\_\_\_: Japan

#### A compromise over Futenma is still possible. The U.S. needs to reduce the backlash to military basing.

**Fackler**, **2/14**/2012 (Martin, Amid Image of Ire Toward U.S. Bases, Okinawans’ True Views Vary, The New York Times, p. <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/15/world/asia/okinawan-views-on-us-military-presence-are-nuanced.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all>)

At first glance, this tiny fishing village … to support the planned base.

### Base Politics 1AC – Japan (2/4)

#### Any future realignment agreement depends on the ability to persuade locals not the government.

**McCurry**, **2/27**/2012 (Justin, US bid to relocate military base in Japan meets opposition among locals, Global Post, p. http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/asia-pacific/japan/120227/us-bid-relocate-military-base-japan-meets-opposition)

Japan's postwar prime ministers … sparked by the regime in North Korea.

#### Failure to resolve the Futenma relocation collapses the US/Japan alliance.

**Cadei**, **2/11**/2012 (Emily – staff or Congressional Quarterly, Shrinking a Base to Bolster an Alliance in Japan, Congressional Quarterly Weekly, p. http://public.cq.com/docs/weeklyreport/weeklyreport-000004027341.html)

It’s the first time the two countries have … **policy agenda toward Asia**.

### Base Politics 1AC – Japan (3/4)

#### Futenma relocation is the bellwether of US/Japan cooperation --- spills over to North Korean talks.

**Shaughnessy**, 10/24/**2011** (Larry, A small base but giant issue in U.S.-Japan relations, CNN, p. http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/24/a-small-base-but-giant-issue-in-u-s-japan-relations/)

Futenma Air Station on Okinawa is just … is a key player in those talks.

### Base Politics 1AC – Japan (4/4)

#### Alliance solves multiple threats --- escalates to global nuclear war.

**Gates 11** (Robert, U.S. Secretary of Defense, “[U.S.-Japan Alliance a Cornerstone of Asian Security](http://www.defense.gov/speeches/speech.aspx?speechid=1529)”, Speech to Keio University, 1-14, http://www.defense.gov/speeches/speech.aspx?speechid=1529)

Over the course of its history, the … capabilities of our potential adversaries.

### Base Politics 1AC – South Korea (1/5)

#### Scenario\_\_\_: South Korea

#### China is building maritime power to challenge Korea’s assets --- Jeju is key to protect maritime interests. Anti-U.S. basing strategy is being used to stop construction

**The Korea Herald**, **3/12**/2012 (China’s Claims Sparks Maritime Security Concerns, p. http://www.koreaherald.com/national/Detail.jsp?newsMLId=20120312001244)

‘Seoul should enhance naval …survival,” said professor Kang.

#### Anti-base movements against Jeju spills over --- it undermines Asia basing in its entirety

**Asia Times**, 12/16/**2011** (Popping the Jeju Bubble, p. http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Korea/ML16Dg01.html)

A key test issue for the opposition…in its potential impact on global security.

### Base Politics 1AC – South Korea (2/5)

#### A lack of strong maritime deterrence makes illegal Chinese fishers inevitable --- sparks territorial disputes

**Yi**, 12/13/**2011** (John, China’s Trawler Diplomacy, International Policy Digest, p. http://www.internationalpolicydigest.org/2011/12/13/chinas-trawler-diplomacy/#.T2H7exES0-I)

The recent event has intensified … China growing aggressor in Asia.

### Base Politics 1AC – South Korea (3/5)

#### China/South Korean territorial maritime disputes escalate ---triggers US/China nuclear war

**Fisher**, 10/31/**2011** (Max – associate editor at the Atlantic, 5 Most Likely Ways the U.S. and China Could Spark Accidental Nuclear War, The Atlantic, p. http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2011/10/5-most-likely-ways-the-us-and-china-could-spark-accidental-nuclear-war/247616/#slide1)

After 10 years of close but unproductive … to have a defense treaty with the U.S.?

### Base Politics 1AC – South Korea (4/5)

#### Jeju basing is key to protect Korean maritime interest from Chinese fishers.

**Jae-woo**, 10/17/**2011** (Choo – professor at Kyung Hee University and visiting professor at Georgia Institute of Technology, Should Jeju have a naval base?, Korea Herald, p. http://www.koreaherald.com/opinion/Detail.jsp?newsMLId=20111017000429)

Division among Koreans over national … defend your interests in lieu of you.”

### Base Politics 1AC – South Korea (5/5)

#### Extinction --- precautionary principle is a side constraint

**Craig**, Winter **2003** (Robin – associate professor of law at the Indiana University School of Law, 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155, p. lexis)

Biodiversity and ecosystem function arguments … a few fishers go out of business as a result.

### Solvency 1AC (1/2)

#### Contention 4 – Solvency

#### The plan solves by engaging broader constituencies and setting a model for basing engagement.

**Cooley and Nexon**, 4/5/**2011** (Alexander and Daniel, Bahrain’s Base Politics, Foreign Affairs, p. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67700/alexander-cooley-and-daniel-h-nexon/bahrains-base-politics>)

It is time for U.S. officials to reconsider …. initial objections of authoritarian elites.

#### Only a consistent and unconditional outreach strategy can maintain the sustainability of basing.

**Yeo** **2011** (Andrew – assistant professor of politics at the Catholic University of America, Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests, p. 191-192)

To manage the security consensus, … in the withdrawal of U.S. forces.42

### Solvency 1AC (2/2)

#### U.S. hypocrisy in Bahrain is rampant. Only a reversal of DOD support can check Bahraini crackdowns.

**Ziezulewicz**, **2/12**/2012 (Geoff, With Bahrain home to 5th Fleet, US Faces dilemma over crackdown on protests, Stars and Stripes, p. http://www.stripes.com/with-bahrain-home-to-5th-fleet-us-faces-dilemma-over-crackdown-on-protests-1.168370)

But unlike the other Arab Spring … can be overlooked, he said.