# 1nc 1

A) Interpretation:

“Democracy assistance” must be … political—aff includes military training

**Burnell, ‘1**

(Peter, PhD, Professor of … risky to entertain at home.

**B) violation – aff only indirectly supports democracy – judicial exchanges can function in dictatorships**

**C) Vote Neg for Limits and ground : the infinite number of indirect, economic, and social aid programs makes the Neg research burden impossibly large and unpredictable, they make the topic bidirectional and undermine our preparedness for all debates**

# 1nc 2

**Jackson Vanik will pass now – capital key**

ICTSD 3/21 (International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development, “US Lawmakers Begin Debate on Russia Trade Restrictions,” <http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridgesweekly/128997/>)

The highly-anticipated debate over … amendment “within a couple of months.”

#### Democracy assistance drains political capital

McLaughlin, contributing writer – The Washington Diplomat, 5/31/’11

(Seth, “Key Foreign Policy Players Try to Master Capitol Hill,” The Washington Diplomat)

But it's not just politicos … expenses were trimmed by $39 million.

**Political capital is key**

Miller 11 (Jacqueline Miller, senior associate at the EastWest Institute, April 7, 2011, “The WTO and the Reset,” EastWest Institute, <http://www.ewi.info/wto-and-reset>)

It took Barack Obama several … security cooperation we have achieved.”

Repeal of Jackson-Vanik is the key to relations-outweighs and overwhelms all other issues

Medetsky 9 (Anatoly, “Putin Links ‘Brave’ U.S. Shift to Trade” Moscow Times, http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/383672.html)

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said … with global investors, Putin said.

**Russian relations are key to solve every impact-alternative is crisis escalation and war**

Commission on US Policy Toward Russia 2009(US Senate, “THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA,” March)

Securing America’s vital national interests … . Failure could impose significant costs.

# 1nc 3

SCAF control now-presidential concessions prove

Brian Fox, American Thinker contributor, 3/17 (Cultivating a deep-rooted democracy in Egypt, <http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/03/cultivating_a_deep-rooted_democracy_in_egypt.html>)

Although Egypt's parliament has held … Mubarak was still in power.

**Relations are strong now**

Charles **Davis** is a writer who … human rights" on the other.

The SCAF hates the plan-will backlash against the U.S. finding new partners, and crack down on civilians turning the case

POMED 2011 (U.S. Military Assistance: Obstacle or Opportunity for Reform, http://pomed.org/us-military-assistance-obstacle-or-opportunity-for-reform/#.Tt0MT2BHB0E)

Responding to a question from Graefe, … essential to bringing real reform.

**That kills relations and crushes US freedom of action, turns heg**

Martini and Taylor September 2011. JEFF MARTINI is a Project Associate at the RAND Corporation, JULIE TAYLOR is a Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation, Sept/Oct 2011, “Commanding Democracy in Egypt,” Foreign Affairs, 90.5, Ebsco

Yet the United States' capacity … can do little to change.

# 1nc 4

CP: The United States federal government should reinstate the restrictions on US military and economic aid to Egypt until Egypt fulfills the requirements to demonstrate democratic progress.

# 1nc 5

The plan collapses all cred and spills over to other issues-no one will believe any U.S. threats

NPR 11 February 2011 (U.S. Could use Egypt to boost credibility some say, <http://www.npr.org/2011/02/11/133661083/u-s-could-use-egypt-to-boost-credibility-some-say>)

"We find ourselves in … in the occupied West Bank.

Saudi Arabia models the plan-will use Egypt saying no as a pretext to kick out all U.S. NGOs

Stratfor 2/9 (Egypt: Using the NGO Case to Discourage U.S. Efforts, <http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/egypt-using-ngo-case-discourage-us-efforts>)

The fundamental issue for the … relations with the United States.

And, U.S. Saudi relations are fine now, but the U.S. will overreact to the NGO kick out damaging relations

Christopher Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs CRS, 10 March 2011 (Saudi Arabia: Background and U.S. Relations, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33533.pdf)

The ongoing political upheaval in … have continued with congressional oversight.

If relations are weakened Saudi will seek its own nuclear umbrella

Levi 2003, Michael, Science And Technology Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Brookings Institution, 2003 [The New Republic , June 2 http://www.iranwatch.org/privateviews/Brookings/perspex-brookings-levi-060203.htm]

Realists counter that the United … have the money to do so.

**Saudi prolif collapses the global economy, causes a regional arms race, and results in nuclear terrorism**

**MCDOWELL 2003**, Lt, US navy, November 2003[Steven ,“Is Saudi Arabia a Nuclear Threat?” Naval Postgrad Thesis, http://www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/research/theses/McDowell03.pdf]

The security umbrella provided by … in the war on terrorism.

# stability

# lashout—no lashout

**No lashout**

**Jenkins-Smith 04** – professor of government at Texas A&M (Hank, “U.S. Public Response to Terrorism: Fault Lines or Bedrock,” http://www.spp.gatech.edu/current-students/exams/Fall-2004\_reviewmanuscript.pdf)

Our final contrasting set of … significantly over the following year.

# terrorism—no attack

**Don’t evaluate their terrorism impact—… combined probability is insanely low**

**Schneidmiller 9** (Chris, Experts Debate Threat of Nuclear, Biological Terrorism, 13 January 2009, http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\_20090113\_7105.php, AMiles)

There is an "almost vanishingly … one that has been stolen.

# IL to central asia is backwards

**No escalation—shared interests**

**Collins and Wohlforth 4** (Kathleen, Prof PoliSci–Notre Dame and William, Prof Government–Dartmouth, “Defying ‘Great Game’ Expectations”, Strategic Asia 2003-4: Fragility and Crisis, p. 312-3)

Conclusion The popular great game … domestic stability in Central Asia.

**Central Asian instability is rampant – internal political problems in each state**

**Nichol 2007** – specialist in Russian and Eurasian Affairs for Congressional Research Service (4/26, Jim,

“Central Asia’s Security: Issues and Implications for U.S. Interests”, http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30294.pdf, WEA)

The problems of authoritarian regimes, … associated corruption and health problems.

## High oil prices boost the entire Russian economy, as the government distributes revenues and the ruble strengthens

### Baden ‘11

(Ben, Reporter at U.S. News & World Report, “Russia Stocks Soar on Rising Oil Prices,”4-5, http://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/mutual-funds/articles/2011/04/05/russia-stocks-soar-on-rising-oil-prices)

Of the rapidly growing "BRIC" … management consultant firm Magoon Capital.

**Russian economic decline causes nuclear war**

**FILGER 2009** (Sheldon, author and blogger for the Huffington Post, “Russian Economy Faces Disastrous Free Fall Contraction” http://www.globaleconomiccrisis.com/blog/archives/356)

In Russia historically, economic health … is its least dangerous consequence.

## A) High prices spur renewables that solve warming

### CETRON AND DAVIES ‘7

(Marvin, president of Forecasting International Ltd.; Owen, former senior editor at Omni magazine and freelance writer, The Futurist, SEPTEMBER 1)

Coal gasification. In an effort … technologies already have proven useful.

## B) Extinction

### Tickell ‘8

[Oliver, Climate Researcher, The Guardian, 8-11, “On a planet 4C hotter, all we can prepare for is extinction”, http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/aug/11/climatechange]

We need to get prepared … us towards a similar hothouse Earth.

# 2nc advantage

**No impact to failed states – not security threats**

**Finel 09** – Contributing Editor at the Atlantic Council, Senior Fellow at the American Security Project where he directs research on counter-terrorism and defense policy (April 27, Bernand, “Afghanistan is Irrelevant” http://www.acus.org/new\_atlanticist/afghanistan-irrelevant

Second, there is no straight-… United States is simply unsustainable.

# failed states—empirically denied

**Many countries empirically deny the impact**

**Impact Lab 10** – rated by Popular Science Magazine as one of the Top Five Science Blogs (6/21, “The 2010 Failed States Index.” http://www.impactlab.com/2010/06/21/the-2010-failed-states-index/)

Given time and the right … countries to the breaking point.

# legitimacy/sp

**The plan can’t boost public support for the US**

Gause 12/21—professor of political science at the University of Vermont, and was director of the University's Middle East Studies Program. PhD in pol sci from Harvard (F. Gregory, Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!, 12/21/11, [www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/12/21/america\_arab\_spring\_do\_nothing?page=0,0](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/12/21/america_arab_spring_do_nothing?page=0,0))

Given these new regional realities, … win their hearts and minds.

# alt cause – bahrain

**People only care about national interest and hard power**

**Ogoura 6** (Kazuo, President of the Japan Foundation, “The Limits of Soft Power,” http://www.cgp.org/index.php?option=article&task=default&articleid=341)

One blind spot in the … the source of its clout.

**Hard power’s key**

**Liaropoulos 10** (Andrew, Senior Analyst in the Research Institute for European and American Studies; lecturer in University of Piraeus, Department of International and European studies; also teaches in the Joint Staff War College, the National Security College, the Air War College and the Naval Staff Command College; Masters in Intelligence & Strategic Studies and PhD, “Being Hard on Soft Power,” no date given but must be written in 2010 or 2011 because he cites references published in 2010, http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/transatlantic-studies/1519-being-hard-on-soft-power-.html)

Soft power has been highly … easy task, even for a hegemon.

**Legitimacy is inevitable and isn’t key to cooperation anyway**

**Wohlforth 9** — Daniel Webster Professor of Government,  Dartmouth.  BA in IR, MA in IR and MPhil and PhD in  pol sci, Yale (William and Stephen Brooks, Reshaping the World Order, March / April 2009, Foreign Affairs Vol. 88, Iss. 2; pg. 49, 15 pgs)

FOR ANALYSTS such as Zbigniew … reform of the international system.