**Democracy assistance is only transfer of funds, expertise and material related to institutions already working towards democracy.**

**Lappin ‘10**

Richard Lappin, a PhD candidate at the Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studies at the University of Leuven in Belgium, He has participated in over a dozen democracy assistance missions with the UN, EU, OSCE and Carter Center, visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Belgrade under the JoinEU-SEE programme. “What We Talk About When We Talk About Democracy Assistance: The Problem of Definition in Post-Conflict Approaches to Democratisation”. Central European Journal of International and Security Studies. Vol.4, No.1, May (2010). http://www.cejiss.org/sites/default/files/8.pdf

Democracy assistance …. groups and political parties

**IMET is XT- technical training not related to democracy assistance**

Fas.org accessed on September 15th 2011. “International Military Education and Training (IMET)” http://www.fas.org/asmp/campaigns/training/IMET2.html#Structure and Process

Courses made available to …..manufactured weapons sytems

### Covert CP

### Text: The USFG should covertly **substantially increase its democracy assistance to the Yemeni democratic youth movement**

### Overt aid risks severe backlash turning the case - only covert assistance solves

Patrick Seale, September 1, 2011, leading British writer on the Middle East. His latest book is The Struggle for Arab Independence: Riad el-Solh and the Makers of the Modern Middle East, Middle East Online, Remaking the Arab State, <http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=47880>; BK

For many Arabs, indeed … to determine their own destiny.

Despite uprisings, relations are very good because they have similar strategic interests.

**AFP. 9.16.11.** (“US, Saudi relationship in good shape: top US official.” Donilon is the U.N. advisor to the U.S.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jA_FSDO25m2rYXq51dz_ThnLtD3w?docId=CNG.b6d207691ba28c0711d32cc4f2496bd7.551>.) {M.e. 10.04.11}

But Donilon said that ….could also be at risk.

### Turn – Saudi Arabia will hate the plan and intervene

Nasr, Professor of International Politics at Tufts, 2011

(Vali, “Will the Saudis Kill the Arab Spring?” Bloomberg News, 5/23/11, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-23/will-the-saudis-kill-the-arab-spring-.html>) JDB

The kingdom has …. qualify on neither count.

Unique Link - pushing democracy assistance will collapse US-Saudi relations

Tarpley 2011 (Press TV interview with Webster Griffin Tarpley, author, journalist and lecturer from Washington, June 18, "Saudi Arabia alarmed by US intentions" <http://www.presstv.com/detail/189582.html>, SRM)

Webster Griffin Tarpley: Well, ….to destabilize the kingdom.

Relations decline over the Arab Spring will drive the Saudis to proliferate

Guzansky July 1st, 2011 (Yoel Guzansky is a research fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University. He joined INSS after serving at Israel's National Security Council; "TEHRAN TESTS SAUDIS' NERVE ON NUKES", LEXIS, SRM)

UNTIL recently it appeared ….. than $US300 billion.

Saudi prolif leads to fast regional prolif

Center for Contemporary Conflict 2004 (“Conference on WMD Proliferation in the Middle East: Directions and Policy Options in the New Century” <http://www.ciaonet.org/olj/si/si_3_8/si_3_8_ruj01.pdf>)

James Russell from the ….ensure U.S. engagement?

Rapid prolif causes pre-emptive nuclear war.

Heurlin 2005 (Jean Monnet Professor of European Security and Integration at the Department of Political Science of the University of Copenhagen, and Sten Rynning, "Missile defence", p 162-3)

Arms control …. MD project.

### There is a direct trade off in US foreign aid

Clawson, 2000

(Patrick, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Middle East Quarterly

June 2000, pp. 43-53, http://www.meforum.org/63/debate-continue-us-aid-to-israel)MKD

MEQ: It's a zero-sum game?

Clawson: …. 10-percent-sum game.

### Latin America is the lowest priority – shifting assistance towards security objectives would come by cutting Latin American programs.

### Sanchez, 06 (MARCELA SANCHEZ, 1-28-2006 , "Linking foreign aid and security," Washington Post,) KH

### Aid experts inside ….. national security objectives.”

### Uncertainty in funding sources destroys solvency. This means any cuts create uncertainty for the aff and destroy solvency

Hyman, 2009

(Gerald F., senior adviser and president of the Hills Program on Governance at CSIS, A Cabinet-level Development

Agency Right Problem, Wrong Solution, January, CSIS, csis.org/files/media/csis/pubs/090121\_hyman\_cabinet\_web.pdf)MKD

The unwarranted …..

USAID solves for biodiversity in Latin America

Franco, 2007

(Adolfo A., Assistant Administrator - Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean United States Agency for International Development, Committee on House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, March 28, 2007, CQ Congressional Testimony)MKD

The Latin America ….. and environmental services.

### Species Loss Risks Extinction

Diner 1994(Major David N.; Instructor, Administrative and Civil Law Division, The Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army) "The Army and the Endangered Species Act: Who's Endangering Whom?" 143 Mil. L. Rev. 161 l/n WBW

The prime reason …. benefits to mankind. 68

###  loss of the Fifth Fleet won’t hurt Gulf security or piracy – other actors check and Iran is not a threat. Removal of the Fifth Fleet allows for reallocation of resources to counterterrorism and drug trafficking efforts

Gresh, research fellow and doctoral candidate at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 2010

(Geoffrey F, “Traversing the Persian Gauntlet: U.S. Naval Projection and the Strait of Hormuz”. The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs. Medford: Winter 2010. Vol. 34, Iss. 1; pg. 41. ProQuest) JK/JDB

However, the United States is …. at home and abroad.

### No impact – their hegemony scenarios presume an old strategic model

Koplovsky, 2006.

(Michael. Deputy Chief of Mission @ U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Career Foreign Service Office. 10-23-2006. “Precipitating the Inevitable: the Surprisingly Benign Impact of Losing Basing Rights in Bahrain.” <http://govwin.com/knowledge/precipitating-inevitable-surprisingly-benign-impact/18387>) JK/JDB

Large, permanent, forward …..and operational presence.

Piracy

### Costs of transporting oil are negligible

Philip Auerswald 2010 (Associate Professor, School of Public Policy, George Mason University) “Pact on the United States of Closure of the Strait of Hormuz” http://www.slideshare.net/auerswald/impact-on-the-united-states-of-closure-of-the-strait-of-hormuz

In today’s globalised ……one U.S. cent per liter.

US Govt Says Piracy Eco Impact Estimates Are Bogus

Anderson 10 (<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2010/04/us-government-finally-admits-most-piracy-estimates-are-bogus.ars>)

**We've all seen the studies …. still being used officially.**

Iran has great influence over Bahrain, particularly since Saudi troops were deployed in the region. Bahraini people are refusing mediation

Mohammad Farazmand

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(Former Iranian Ambassador to Bahrain, “The Arab Spring and the Role of Regional Powers”, SUNDAY, JULY 03, 2011, <http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/The_Arab_Spring_and_the_Role_of_Regional_Powers.htm>)

Iran has unspeakable…….. refused any kind of mediation.

## 1NC – Hegemony – Sustaining Bad

### Slow and peaceful transition from heg is inevitable – sustaining only causes violent instability

Pape 09

professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago (Robert, Empire Falls, National Interest, 1/22)

Clearly, major shifts in …….must adopt more realistic foreign commitments.

## 1NC – Bahrain – AT Solvency

### Too late for effective change in Bahrain – royal family

Jones, Assistant Professor of History at Rutgers, 6-10-11

(Toby, “Time to Disband the Bahrain-Based U.S. Fifth Fleet” <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2011/06/time-to-disband-the-bahrain-based-us-fifth-fleet/240243/2/?single_page=true>)

Whatever opening ……for perennial violence.

No Solvency: US creates more problems

US interests in attempting to stabilize and democratize the Middle East empirically creates more problems than it has solved. US must set aside policy until a clear answer emerges.

Dunne 09

(Michele Dunne, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “The Baby, the Bathwater, and the Freedom Agenda in the Middle East”, The Washington Quarterly ¥ 32:1 pp. 129􏰀141, January 2009)

In reassessing how to …….. the guise of a policy review.