## T Dialogue

### Assistance requires material transfer of funds – There is a principled distinction between support and assistance

Lappin, University of Leuven (Belgium) Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studies PhD candidate, 2010 [Richard, participant in democracy assistance missions with the UN, EU, OSCE, and Carter Center, University of Belgrade political sciences visiting scholar, Central European Journal of International & Security Studies, Volume 4 Issue 1, ―What we talk about when we talk about democracy assistance: the problem of definition in post-conflict approaches to democratization‖ http://soc.kuleuven.be/iieb/docs/2010/CEJISS-lappin.pdf]

By the end of the 1990s, the

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(De Zeeuw and Kumar 2006: 20)

### Support means *immaterial* assistance

Princeton Wordnet 12

http://wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn?s=support

S: (n) support (something

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the team enjoyed the support of their fans"

### There are distinct mechanisms of democracy promotion—dialogue and negotiation is part of the diplomacy mechanism which is distinct from democracy assistance—and it is clear in a table you can examine after the round

Stahn & Ullen 07

Andreas Stahn and Vera van Hüllen Free University Berlin Paper prepared for the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Tenth Biennial International Conference, May 17-19, 2007 Different actors, different tools? Approaching EU and US democracy promotion in the Mediterranean and the Newly Independent States http://aei.pitt.edu/7911/1/hullen-v-03e.pdf

In our view, the crucial step is

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design of the tools (see Table 1).

*Table 1:* **Democracy Promotion Tool Box**

**Instruments Influence Mechanisms Actor**

**Diplomacy** State

- Political Dialogue & Negotiations Social Learning & External Incentives

(Bargaining)

-Unilateral Declarations Naming & Shaming

-Positive & Negative Conditionality External Incentives

(on diplomatic relations and aid) (Reducing or Imposing Costs)

**Foreign Aid** State and

non-state

Democracy Assistance (TA/FA) Capacity Building and Socialization

## T Democracy Assistance

### Topical affirmatives must provide assistance *to* *foster* democratic institutions

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Richard, participant in democracy assistance missions with the UN, EU, OSCE, and Carter Center, University of Belgrade political sciences visiting scholar, Central European Journal of International & Security Studies, Volume 4 Issue 1, ―What we talk about when we talk about democracy assistance: the problem of definition in post-conflict approaches to democratization‖ http://soc.kuleuven.be/iieb/docs/2010/CEJISS-lappin.pdf]

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### It must be explicit and positive

Huber ‘8

Daniela Huber, Department of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. “Democracy Assistance in the Middle East and North Africa: A Comparison of US and EU Policies”. Mediterranean Politics, Vol. 13, No. 1, 43–62, March 2008. EbscoHost.

Democracy assistance is the type of foreign policy

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implies that DA is more than electoral assistance.

## \*\*\*1NC

### Saudi relations are high high – a new democracy push reverses cooperation

Carothers 2-3, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, “Washington’s bow to Mideast monarchs**,”** <http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/obama-administrations-half-hearted-push-for-mideast-democracy/2012/02/03/gIQAPa1znQ_story.html>

Just after the first anniversary of the onset

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has received only praise and aid from Washington.

### US push for reform in Bahrain will break US-Saudi relations

ICG, 11

(International Crisis Group, 7/28, Bahrain’s Rocky Road to Reform, http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iran-gulf/bahrain.aspx)

Following on the heels of the Tunisian and

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Libya and Syria, but not in Bahrain.

### Breakdown of relations spurs Saudi prolif

Lippman, 8

Thomas is a diplomatic and national security reporter for the Washington Post, “Nuclear Weapons and

Saudi Strategy,” http://www.mei.edu/sites/default/files/publications/nuclear-weapons-saudi-strategy.pdf

So let us suppose that Saudi Arabia’s currently

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might emerge less secure, rather than more.

### That causes global nuclear war

Edelman, 11

(Jan/Feb, Distinguished Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments & Former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Foreign Affairs, http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67162/eric-s-edelman-andrew-f-krepinevich-jr-and-evan-braden-montgomer/the-dangers-of-a-nuclear-iran)

There is, however, at least one

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a new Great Game, with unpredictable consequences.

## 1NC CP

### The United States federal government should offer diplomatic assistance to facilitate a negotiated agreement between the government and opposition in Bahrain.

### Even their own solvency advocate concludes that we should *stop short* of democracy

### Their Neumann card

Neumann 3-12 – Aff author

Ronald E. Neumann was US ambassador to Bahrain, Algeria and Afghanistan, “Bahrain: Effective diplomacy melds both interests and principles”, http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/215457-bahrain-effective-diplomacy-melds-both-interests-and-principles

Effective US policy needs to push for reform

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**strong monarchy**; something **short of** simple **democracy**.

## 1NC Shell

### will be repealed despite GOP opposition – key to Russian economic modernization

Sanati 3-19

[Cyrus, The biggest winners of a new Russia trade deal, http://finance.fortune.cnn.com/2012/03/19/russia-trade/?section=money\_topstories&utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=feed&utm\_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fmoney\_topstories+%28Top+Stories%29]

FORTUNE -- On Capitol Hill last week,

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the WTO rules. Only time will tell.

### The plan generates a massive controversy

Richter, LAT, ‘11

(Correspondent, LA Times. “Debt worries stymieing U.S. financial aid to help Arab nations in transition,” http://articles.latimes.com/print/2011/apr/12/world/la-fg-mideast-aid-20110413, accessed 9-28-11, CMM)

Reporting from Washington — The Obama administration's efforts

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administration has been blocked at almost every turn.

### Failure to repeal undermines US-Russia relations

Miller 11

Jacqueline, senior associate, “The WTO and the Reset” EastWest Institute -- April 8 --http://www.ewi.info/wto-and-reset

It took Barack Obama several months and some

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and the U.S.-Russia relationship.

### Relations solve nuclear war and turn the case

Allison and Blackwill 11

[Graham Allison, Director, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; Douglas Dillon Professor of Government; Faculty Chair, Dubai Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School, Robert D. Blackwill, International Council Member, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs 10-30, "10 Reasons Why Russia Still Matters"http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/21469/10\_reasons\_why\_russia\_still\_matters.html]

That central point is that Russia matters a

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or failure, in advancing our national interests.

### Russian economic deterioration causes global war

David 99

(Steven, professor of political science at johns hopkins, foreign affairs, jan/feb)

If internal war does strike Russia, economic

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chaos that would follow a Russian civil war.

# \*\*\*Solvency (Only if they Read Consitution)

## Constitution Assistance Bad

### The plan mandates U.S. constitutional assistance which is a destabilizing form of democracy assistance that causes backlash and undermines solvency and links to politics

Carothers 99

Thomas, Aiding democracy abroad: the learning curve google books

Next to election observing, aid to help

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be widely distributed and a public referendum held.

## Constitution Focus Bad

### Resolving deep divisions between groups through the constitution process creates long-term instability – it removes the relations from the ordinary political process.

Weiner ‘11

Allen S. Weiner, Senior Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School and Co-Director, Stanford Program in International and Comparative Law. “Constitutions as Peace Treaties: A Cautionary Tale for the Arab Spring”. November 18, 2011. 64 Stan. L. Rev. Online 8. http://www.stanfordlawreview.org/online/constitutions-peace-treaties

These concerns will prove particularly salient as we

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group and ultimately a source of political instability.

# Adv 1 the Eastern Province

## 1NC Eastern Province

### Security forces prevent escalating protests in the Eastern province.

Gause December ‘11

F. Gregory Gause, Professor of Political Science @ University of Vermont. "Saudi Arabia in the New Middle East". December, 2011. www.cfr.org/saudi-arabia/saudi-arabia-new-middle-east/p26663

The second reason for the relative stability of

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with almost no popular response at all.13

## 1NC Saudi Instability – Oil Impact

### Unrest can’t topple the regime and doesn’t threaten oil output

CNBC ‘11

“Saudi Arabia Regime Will Survive Protests: Eurasia Group”. March 11, 2011. http://www.cnbc.com/id/42024487/Saudi\_Arabia\_Regime\_Will\_Survive\_Protests\_Eurasia\_Group

Police and protesters clashed in Saudi Arabia Thursday

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mass protests do not automatically equal regime demise.”

## Econ collapse

### Recent conflicts prove there is zero correlation between economic decline and war

Barnett 9

Thomas, Senior Managing Director of Enterra Solutions LLC, Contributing Editor and Online Columnist for Esquire, The New Rules: Security Remains Stable Amid Financial Crisis, Aprodex, Asset Protection Index, <http://www.aprodex.com/the-new-rules--security-remains-stable-amid-financial-crisis-398-bl.aspx>

When the global financial crisis struck roughly a

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to anything beyond advising and training local forces.

### **No causality – economic decline doesn’t cause war**

Ferguson ‘6

Niall Ferguson, MA, D.Phil., is the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University and William Ziegler Professor at Harvard Business School, “The Next War of the World”, Foreign Affairs 85.5, Proquest

There are many unsatisfactory explanations for why the

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severe economic crises were not followed by wars.

## 1NC No Iran Involvement

### No evidence for Iranian involvement.

ICG ‘11

International Crisis Group, an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict, “POPULAR PROTESTS IN “NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST (III): THE BAHRAIN REVOLT” [http:// [www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iran-gulf/bahrain/105-popular-protests-in-north-africa-and-the-middle-east-iii-the-bahrain-revolt.aspx]/](http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iran-gulf/bahrain/105-popular-protests-in-north-africa-and-the-middle-east-iii-the-bahrain-revolt.aspx%5d/) April 6)

All in all, as Crisis Group previously

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the other, prompting a rhetorical escalation.62

## Iran Expansion

### Iran will not act aggressively or initiate military conflict against external challengers and multiple factors constrain its regional influence

* Iran understands its weakness and has shown the Shi'ite principles of caution and passivity
* Unwilling to take military action against external challenges, it’s a paper tiger
* Can only threaten terrorism and has no followed through
* Weakening of Iran-Syria axis and rift between Khamenei and Ahmadinejad constrain influence

Savyon ’11 – director of the Iranian Media Project @ Middle East Media Research Institute

A, Savyon, director of the Iranian Media Project @ Middle East Media Research Institute. 7/4/2011. “Iran's Defeat in the Bahrain Crisis: A Seminal Event in the Sunni-Shi'ite Conflict”. http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/0/5424.htm#\_ednref6

Despite its image as a looming superpower,

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left the Iranian regime in clearly reduced circumstances.

# Fleet

## Hormuz

### Iran won’t close the straits

-alienates China, doesn’t harm US oil imports significantly, ensures military action against nuclear facilities

Singh '12

Michael, managing director of The Washington Institute and a former senior director for Middle East affairs at the National Security Council. "The real Iranian threat in the Gulf," 1/3/12 shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/01/03/the\_real\_iranian\_threat\_in\_the\_gulf AD 3/20/12

Iran's bellicose rhetoric and Gulf wargames in recent

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a serious strategic setback for the Iranian regime.

## Israel Strikes

### Israel wouldn’t dare – they are bluffing

Rubin 1-29 - director of global research in international affairs @ IDC Herzliya

Barry, “The Region: Israel isn't about to hit Iran: Get used to it!,” Jerusalem Post, http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Columnists/Article.aspx?id=255651

This year’s variation on that theme is the

to war, that greatly concentrates their minds.

## Heg Decline

### U.S. hegemony will decline inevitable, but decline will be peaceful.

– asymmetrical warfare, BRIC rise, deficits

– gradual military reduction in Asia through mutual agreements and economic links, normal decline in history

Kennedy,10-- director of International Security Studies @ Yale

Paul, professor of history and director of international security studies at Yale University. “Back to Normalcy: Is America really in decline?”. The New Republic, Vol. 241, Issue 20. 12/30/2010.

America's military strengths are, by contrast,

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bad thing. It will be more normal.

### Decline will be peaceful and solves all their offense—only a risk of chain ganging

MacDonald and Parent 11—Profs of Political Science @ Williams and Miami

Paul K. and Joseph M., Graceful Decline?, International Security, Spring 2k11, Volume 35, Number 4, Muse

In short, the United States should be

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grand strategic problems and risk unnecessary clashes.[101](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v035/35.4.macdonald.html" \l "f101)