# Saudi – OV

## B. Turns the aff-triggers regional war and terrorism

**Bowman, CFR international affairs fellow, 2008**

(Bradley, “Chain Reaction: Avoiding a Nuclear Arms Race in the Middle East”, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-110SPRT39674/html/CPRT-110SPRT39674.htm>, DOA: 11-23-11, ldg)

Of any Middle Eastern state, Saudi Arabia is the state most … if Saudi Arabia responds to Iran by pursuing a nuclear weapon.

## Relations key to dollar and oil-turns economy

Freemen, Middle East Policy Council president, 2004

[Chas, September 17, “SECURING U.S. ENERGY IN A CHANGING WORLD,” [Middle East Policy](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291475-4967)[Volume 11, Issue 4](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/mepo.2004.11.issue-4/issuetoc), accessed 7-31-11, ADS]

The second matter – far more grave in many ways – is the …. This is not a minor matter.

## Relations key to regional presence-turns heg

**Telhami et al., Saban center senior fellow, 2002**

(Shibley, “Does Saudi Arabia Still matter”, Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec, [http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/58444/shibley-telhami-fiona-hill-et-al/does-saudi-arabia-still-matter-differing-perspectives-on-the-kin?page=show#](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/58444/shibley-telhami-fiona-hill-et-al/does-saudi-arabia-still-matter-differing-perspectives-on-the-kin?page=show), DOA; 9-23-11, ldg)

Given America's ongoing security interest in the … Saudi soil in the case of a war with Iraq.

# Saudi – Link

## Bahrain is the litmus test

**ICG 2011**

(International Crisis Group, “Popular Protest In North Africa And The Middle East (Viii): Bahrain’s Rocky Road To Reform”, 7-28, <http://www.crisisgroup.org/~/media/Files/Middle%20East%20North%20Africa/Iran%20Gulf/Bahrain/111%20Popular%20Protest%20in%20North%20Africa%20and%20the%20Middle%20East%20VII%20%20Bahrains%20Rocky%20Road%20to%20Reform.pdf>, DOA: 9-24-11, ldg)

Following on the heels of the Tunisian and … in Libya and Syria, but not in Bahrain.

**Any perceptive change in Bahrain kills US relations**

**Ghazal**, Assistant professor of Middle Eastern History – Dalhousie University, **11**

[Amal, “Underneath Bahrain's struggle for democracy lie long-running sectarian tensions, exacerbated by a fearful Saudi Arabia.,” <http://www.themarknews.com/articles/4185-saudi-interests-stand-in-the-way-of-bahrain-s-democracy>, 8/6/11, atl]

Saudi Arabia looks at Bahrain as a buffer zone … the Saudis (who think the Obama administration scapegoated Mubarak too quickly).

## Saudi will never allow reform-it’s a red-line issue

**Al-Ahmed et al., Institute for Gulf Affairs director, 2011**

(Ali, “The Crisis in Bahrain”, May, <http://www.scribd.com/doc/59873023/Bahrain-Policy-Paper>, DOA: 9-23-11, ldg)

This strategic purpose was made clear when … crushing the revolution at its source in Manama.

## Bahrain overwhelms core interests.

**Molavi, New American Foundation Middle East scholar, 2011**

(Afshin, “The state of the Saudi-U.S. relationship”, 3-22, <http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2011/03/22/the-state-of-the-saudi-u-s-relationship/>, DOA: 9-23-11, ldg)

At the bureaucratic level, the Saudi-U.S. … population that will likely vote along sectarian lines.

# UQ

## US deferring to Saudi on Bahrain now

**Fisher, has managed economic development programs for the U.S. State Department, 12-27-11**

(William, “In Bahrain’s Hour of Peril, Where Does The U.S. Stand?”, <http://pubrecord.org/world/9959/bahrains-peril-where-stand/>, DOA: 1-30-12, ldg)

Which brings us to the question: What, if anything, has the US been … same way if pro-democracy forces were to prevail in Bahrain.

# Rela Resil

## Arab spring is existential to Saudi Arabia.

**Takeyh, CFR senior fellow, 2011**

(Ray, “A Post-American Day Dawns in the Mideast”, 6-8, <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/09/opinion/09iht-edtakeyh09.html?_r=2>, DOA: 9-23-11, ldg)

For nearly 60 years, Saudi Arabia predicated its … to be seriously contemplated in the House of Saud.

# No Prolif

## Saudi is on the edge now – strategic divergence on the Arab Spring causes them to buy weapons from Pakistan

**Rozen, Politico foreign policy correspondent, 2011**

(Laura, “Arab spring setbacks in the shadow of complicated U.S.-Saudi alliance”, 4-18, <http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/envoy/optimism-arab-spring-fades-face-complicated-u-saudi-20110418-135833-046.html>, DOA: 11-23-11, ldg)

But some Washington Middle East analysts interpreted the … chunk of the bill" for Pakistan's nuclear program.

## Yes Saudi prolif

**Guzansky, Institute for National Security Studies research fellow, 12-13-11**

(Yoel, “Saudi Arabia Nuclear Hedging”, <http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/saudi-arabia-nuclear-hedging>, DOA: 12-15-11, ldg)

Saudi Arabia's announcement last week that it plans to …, including the controversial nuclear option, open.

# Relations High

## Relations are recovering, but the wound’s fresh – the US must continue appeasing the Saudis

**Hannah, Foundation for defense of democracies senior fellow, 2011**

(John, “Bandar’s return”, Foreign Policy, 4-22, <http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/04/22/bandars_return>, DOA: 9-23-11, ldg)

To minimize the risk that any of …. But the effort will need to be sustained.

# Solvency

## Bahrain says no because of Saudi Arabia-their influence outweighs

**Al-Tamimi, American Thinker, 2011**

(Aymenn Jawad, “Bahrain: Can The U.S. Do Anything?,” http://www.americanthinker.com/2011/06/bahrain\_can\_the\_us\_do\_anything.html, DOA: 9-25-11, ldg)

But here is the catch: Saudi Arabia, which is leading the … events lies in the hands of the Saudis and the GCC.

# Cred

## Claiming credit for the plan hurts U.S. credibility---tons of factors make U.S. support toxic and overwhelms the positive signal

**Burnell, Warwick politics professor, 2011**

(December, Peter, “Lessons of Experience inInternational Democracy Support" Working Paper No. 2011/84 [www.wider.unu.edu/publications/working-papers/2011/en\_GB/wp2011-084/\_files/86687158764241318/default/wp2011-084.pdf](http://www.wider.unu.edu/publications/working-papers/2011/en_GB/wp2011-084/_files/86687158764241318/default/wp2011-084.pdf), DOA: 2-21-12, ldg)

Beginning in 2002 President Bush’s administration in the US … administration in August 2011 to reduce the government’s deficit.

## Plan doesn’t solve credibility- Our evidence is specific to democracy initiatives like the aff

Katulis, Senior Fellow at American Progress, 9

(Brian, his work focuses on U.S. national security policy in the Middle East and South Asia, “Democracy Promotion in the middle east and the Obama administration,” <http://tcf.org/publications/pdfs/pb681/Katulis.pdf>, DA 8/15/11, atw)

Actions speak louder than words. In addition to changing how it talks … on the democracy promotion front are perceived throughout the Middle East

# Fleet UQ

## Shifting to seabasing now

Laird, former professor Columbia U, 3-21

(Robbin, international defense consultant and co-founder of Second Line of Defense, a website which focuses on logistics, sustainment and concepts of operations, “Bold Alligator: A Glimpse of Marine, Navy Future,” <http://defense.aol.com/2012/03/21/bold-alligator-a-glimpse-of-marine-navy-future/>, DOA: 3/21/12, atw)

The Navy-Marine Corps team just completed the …Tripoli and practiced then off of the shores of Virginia and North Carolina.

# Heg

## US won’t exercise heg even if we can-

## A. Congressional gridlock and political appetites

**Kupchan, Georgetown IR professor, 12**

(Charles, Georgetown University International Affairs professor, Council on Foreign Relations Whitney Shepardson senior fellow, "Grand Strategy: The Four Pillars of the Future," Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Winter 2012, Issue 23, www.democracyjournal.org/23/grand-strategy-the-four-pillars-of-the-future.php?page=all, accessed 12-14-11, mss)

Tectonic shifts in international affairs and in political … **the full portfolio of America’s global commitments**.

## B. Public isolationism

**Kupchan, Georgetown IR professor, 12**

(Charles, Georgetown University International Affairs professor, Council on Foreign Relations Whitney Shepardson senior fellow, "Grand Strategy: The Four Pillars of the Future," Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Winter 2012, Issue 23, www.democracyjournal.org/23/grand-strategy-the-four-pillars-of-the-future.php?page=all, accessed 12-14-11, mss)

A progressive grand strategy must help guide the United States … scale back its international commitments to bring them into line with diminishing means.

## C. Partisan bickering

**Kupchan, Georgetown IR professor, 12**

(Charles, Georgetown University International Affairs professor, Council on Foreign Relations Whitney Shepardson senior fellow, "Grand Strategy: The Four Pillars of the Future," Democracy: A Journal of Ideas, Winter 2012, Issue 23, www.democracyjournal.org/23/grand-strategy-the-four-pillars-of-the-future.php?page=all, accessed 12-14-11, mss)

The conduct of American statecraft is traditionally … **stalemate rather than timely strategic adjustment**.

# Iran Impact

## 3. 5th fleet not key—Iran won’t close the strait

**Russell and Boot, Visiting Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and CFR National Security Fellow, 1/4**

(Bradley and Max, “Iran Won't Close the Strait of Hormuz,” January 4, 2012 online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204632204577130834200656156.html?mod=googlenews\_wsj, accessed 1-5-12, tlr)

Iran threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz last week, in … **Iranians will not follow through on their** saber-rattling **threats**.

## A slew of factors mean Iran has no regional hegemony.

**Kahl, Georgetown Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service professor, 1-25-12**

(Colin, “Supremely Irrelevant”, <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/01/24/supremely_irrelevant>, DOA; 1-31-12, ldg)

But even at the time, Khamenei's assertions fell on … Spring marches on, Iran will find itself falling further behind.

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# Strait of Malacca

## Raj evidence goes neg

the Straits of Malacca has been penetrated by terrorist organizations … well prepared for a major maritime attack

## Economic ties and GCC strength are stronger than ever despite instability – solves the impact

## Ali, Special reporter for Gulf News, 2/12

[Jasim, February 12, 2012, “Saudi-Bahraini economic ties hit new high”, http://gulfnews.com/business/opinion/saudi-bahraini-economic-ties-hit-new-high-1.979104, 2/13/12, atl]

Whilst press reports continue speculating on a possible … Talal to select Bahrain as a base for a new television channel.

## Growth decline inevitable, no impact to GCC decline, AND Bahrain not key and will grow

## Sambidge, Arabian Business, 1-20-12

(Andy, “ GCC's economic growth set to ease to 4% in 2012” <http://www.arabianbusiness.com/gcc-s-economic-growth-set-ease-4-in-2012-441600.html> accessed: 2/13/12)mlb

Real GDP growth in the Gulf Cooperation Council region (GCC) … percent as of November 2011 reflecting the breakneck speed of growth.

# Indo Pak

**No war- economic realities, political actors, and lessons learned- Mumbai proves**

**Chu and King,** Times Staff writers, 200**8**

[Henry and Laura, December 6, "India, Pakistan keep lid on tensions," <http://articles.latimes.com/2008/dec/06/world/fg-indiapakistan6>, accessed 10-13-10, ADS]

Hostility between India and Pakistan is at its worst in years, … "If anyone thinks it's going to be the same script [as 2001-02], they'll be mistaken."