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## Off

### Payroll cut will pass but it will be close and a fight---it’s top of the agenda and he has momentum

Lee 12/31 Carol E. WSJ writer "White House Looks to Shrunken 2012 Legislative Agenda" online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204720204577131543017594740.html

The president's central focus after he returns to … want our children and grandchildren to grow up in."

### Yemen assistance drains PC

Washington Post 11 "House panel to vote on bill that would slash State Department funding, impose new restrictions" 7/27 www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/checkpoint-washington/post/house-panel-to-vote-on-bill-that-would-slash-some-state-department-funding/2011/07/27/gIQA3NxocI\_blog.html

A key House panel is to vote Wednesday on a …institutions such as the World Bank.

### PC is key

Inquirer 9/8 "POINT: Don't expect miracles on job growth" Sept 8articles.philly.com/2011-09-08/news/30130709\_1\_jobs-plan-american-economy-rare-tax

The solution is to pump more money into the economy …that made a major effort to privatize Social Security.

### Failing on the tax cut wrecks any hope of economic recovery and causes fiscal anemia

Ludwig 12/7 Eugene A. Ludwig, chief executive of the Promontory Financial Group, was the comptroller of the currency from 1993 to 1998. "Why the Fight Over the Payroll Tax Matters" Dec 7 www.nytimes.com/2011/12/08/opinion/why-the-fight-over-the-payroll-tax-matters.html

THE payroll tax cut being debated in …would have a disastrous effect on our economic recovery.

### That causes nuke war---bipartisan economic solutions are key

Khalilzad 11 Zalmay Khalilzad was the United States ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the United Nations during the presidency of George W. Bush and the director of policy planning at the Defense Department from 1990 to 1992. "The Econom and National Security" Feb 8 www.nationalreview.com/blogs/print/259024

Today, economic and fiscal trends pose the most …toward a new, dangerous era of multi-polarity.

## Off

Saudi relations high but not resilient---they’re coordinating actions over yemen

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

That is certainly what the Saudis say.50 …relationship more than a common worldview.

Yemen is a redline for Saudi Arabia---crossing them collapses relations---backlash turns case

Terrill & Lovelace 11 W. Andrew Terrill is a Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) of the U.S. Army War College AND DOUGLAS C. LOVELACE, JR. DirectorStrategic Studies Institute "The Conflicts in Yemen and U.S. National Security" www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA536229&Location=U2&doc=GetTRDoc.pdf%5Djap

In approaching this analysis, Dr. W. Andrew Terrill quotes then …require subtlety and nimbleness in U.S.-Yemeni security relations.

### Saudis will backlash to even modest political reforms

Khairallah, PressTV Interview, 12/17 Daoud Khairallah is a Professor of International Law at Georgetown University "'No PGCC state favors democracy'" www.presstv.ir/detail/216172.html

Many **experts** believe that Saudi …. While it claims that, it is, in favor of democracy and change.

### That causes Saudi nuclearization

Rozen 11 – the chief foreign policy reporter for Politico, quoting Patrick Clawson, a Persian Gulf expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Marc Lynch, a Middle East expert at George Washington University (Laura, Arab spring setbacks in the shadow of complicated U.S.-Saudi alliance, 4/18/11, http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog\_theenvoy/20110418/ts\_yblog\_theenvoy/optimism-for-arab-spring-fades-in-face-of-complicated-u-s-saudi-alliance)

Riyadh, alarmed by the Obama …, they are accused of being Iranian agents."

### Extinction

Edelman 11—Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Former Undersecretary for Defense—AND—Andrew Krepinevich—President of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments—AND—Evan Montgomery—Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (Eric, The dangers of a nuclear Iran, FA 90;1, http://www.csbaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/2010.12.27-The-Dangers-of-a-Nuclear-Iran.pdf)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive …intelligence compromise could leave their weapons vulnerable to attack or theft.

## Off

### The European Union should propose to the United States Federal Government a high-level transatlantic strategic forum for coordinating policies toward democratic reform in the Middle East and North Africa, modeled on the U.S.-EU strategic dialogue on Asia. The European Union should inform the United States of its intention to take a lead donor role on providing substantial civil society support for the purpose of political party development of the Yemen youth movement. The European Union should provide substantial civil society support for the purpose of political party development of the Yemen youth movement. The European Union should propose that the forum release a joint diplomatic statement of high-level transatlantic support for the European initiative. Funding should be provided by increasing the percentage of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument that is devoted to democracy.

### The CP triggers U.S. support – high-level dialogue driven by the EU is key to international response

Stefano Silvestri 11, president of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, an Italian think-tank, founded by Altiero Spinelli in 1965, does research in the fields of foreign policy, political economy and international security, May 9 2011, “A European Strategy for Democracy, Development and Security for the Mediterranean,” online: http://www.iai.it/pdf/DocIAI/iaiwp1110.pdf

The crisis of the Arab regimes opens up new … the local level if the larger context is not overlooked.

## Off

### Strategic Partnership NB:

### European initiative’s key to EU leadership and transatlantic strategic partnership---the perm triggers EU backlash against US ownership which destroys the forum

Richard Youngs 4, President, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior, a think tank based in Madrid; Assistant Professor of Politics & International Studies at the University of Warwick, November 2004, “Trans-Atlantic Cooperation on Middle East Reform: A European Mis-judgment?,” online: <http://fpc.org.uk/fsblob/352.pdf>

If this would be good both for Europe and the US, it is a prospect …and American approaches to democracy promotion.

### EU relations are at a key turning point---cementing strategic partnership’s key to solve every global impact---including the case

Dr. Yannis A. Stivachtis 10, Director, International Studies Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, 2010, “THE IMPERATIVE FOR TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION,” online: http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/transatlantic-studies/78.html

There is no doubt that US-European relations are … clearly perceived by publics on both sides of the Atlantic.

### EU credibility independently prevents extinction

John Bruton 2, Deputy, Joint Committee on European Affairs, January 31, 2002, The Irish Times, A Report For The Joint Oireachtas Committee On European Affairs

As the Laeken Declaration put it, "Europe needs to …that will otherwise overwhelm us.

## Off

### The Office of the United States Treasury Secretary should advise the senior management of the World Bank to establish a World Bank Community Driven Development project for providing substantial civil society support for the purpose of political party development of the Yemen youth movement, contracting and collaborating with the United States Agency for International Development when appropriate. The United States Agency for International Development should fully cooperate with any requests for consultation or joint project implementation from the World Bank.

### Avoids politics---doesn’t require spending or involve Congress.

### Solves the case---the U.S. is the largest World Bank donor and can determine its policy priorities---Community Driven Development projects should be expanded to focus on democratic governance

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

The U.S. Government can best …in civil society through the U.S.'s position in the UNHRC.

### The CP’s precise mechanism ensures effective assistance that solves the whole case

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

Community Driven Development embodies …operations, accountability, and sustainability.

## Terrorism Advantage

## Instability Inev

### Instability inevitable – triggers AQAP, and prevents assistance

Reuters 10/27 (Erika Solomon, "Yemen's conflicts hasten state collapse," in.reuters.com/article/2011/10/27/idINIndia-60153020111027)

Even if negotiators manage to prise …country -- and that will mark the end."

## No AQAP Threat

### No AQAP threat---their author

Koehler-Derrick 10-3 Gabriel, Associate at the Combating Terrorism Center, and an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. "A False Foundation? AQAP, Tribes and Ungoverned Spaces in Yemen," Combating Terrorism Center, October, www.ctc.usma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/CTC\_False\_Foundation2.pdf

Yet there is reason for optimism. Despite …Yemenis, preoccupied as they are with far more pressing local concerns.

### They can’t mount large scale attacks---either the SQ solves or the US can’t do anything so the plan fails

Fallon 11/29/2011 James Fallon is an associate with Eurasia Group's Middle East practice. "Stability remains elusive for Yemen" Nov 29 eurasia.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/11/29/stability\_remains\_elusive\_for\_yemen

Apart from political wrangling, Yemen …military solution to Yemen's problems.

## Yemen Not Key

### Many alt causes – US counterterrorism in one country solves nothing

Khalilzad, 9/9 (Zalmay, “The Next Ten Years of Al-Qaeda,” 9/9/11, http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/the-next-ten-years-al-qaeda-5864?page=1)

Overall, the future of al-Qaeda depends … risk of chaos and instability creating opportunities for al Qaeda.

## No BT Impact

### No bioterror impact

Mueller 6 - John Mueller, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Ohio State, 06, Overblown p. 20-22

Properly developed and deployed, biological weapons could …the easier he seems to think the task is."

## No Meltdown

### No impact to attacks

Gray 9—Associate Note and Comment Editor, Arizona State Law Journal. J.D. Candidate, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, 2009; B.S. Political Science, Arizona State University, 2005 (John, Comment: Choosing the Nuclear Option: The Case for a Strong Regulatory Response to Encourage Nuclear Energy Development, Spring 2009, 41 Ariz. St. L.J. 315, Lexis)

Nuclear power's opponents also warn that nuclear …would not be as dangerous as some fear. 122

## Socotra Advantage

## Alt Cause

### Alt cause—fuel consumption and exploitation of species—their author

Yahia 3-22-11 [Mohammed, editor at Nature Middle East- for over three years, Mohammed has worked on raising the profile of science and science journalism in the Middle East. He graduated from Cairo University with a bachelor degree in Pharmacy and Pharmacology, “Foreign researchers flee Yemen leaving conservation programmes in trouble,” http://www.nature.com/nmiddleeast/2011/110322/full/nmiddleeast.2011.36.html]

Other natural areas of Yemen are also …over-exploitation of certain species."

### The plan is insufficient to solve---stability isn’t key

Kay Van Damme, ’11, a hydrobiologist at Ghent University in Belgium, has extensively explored the freshwater and cave ecosystems of Socotra, and is passionate about all aspects of the islands' present and past. may 26, http://www.nature.com/nmiddleeast/2011/110525/full/nmiddleeast.2011.61.html

Will Socotra become another textbook … habitat-based protection and local community involvement.

## Squo Solves

### UN solves

UNDP, 1/1/11, http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/2011/january/undp-administrator-visits-socotra-applauds-rosh-community-for-work-in-biodiversity-.en

On her second day in Yemen, UNDP Administrator Helen Clark …and sustainable water management techniques.

## No Impact/NW Outweighs

### Environmental collapse can’t cause extinction---nuke war outweighs---magnitude and probability

David Schweickart 10 is Professor at Loyola University Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. in Mathematics (University of Virginia), and a Ph.D. in Philosophy (Ohio State University). “Is Sustainable Capitalism Possible?” Procedia Social and Behavioral Sciences 41 (2010) 6739–6752

It is not true either that the various …lifetime due to environmental degradation.

### No impact to the environment and no solvency

Holly Doremus 2k Professor of Law at UC Davis, "The Rhetoric and Reality of Nature Protection: Toward a New Discourse," Winter 2000 Washington & Lee Law Review 57 Wash & Lee L. Rev. 11, lexis

Reluctant to concede such losses, tellers of the ecological horror …frequently will exceed their identifiable material costs. n221

### No impact to biodiversity

Sagoff 97Mark, Senior Research Scholar – Institute for Philosophy and Public policy in School of Public Affairs – U. Maryland, William and Mary Law Review, “INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEFINING TAKINGS: PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION: MUDDLE OR MUDDLE THROUGH? TAKINGS JURISPRUDENCE MEETS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT”, 38 Wm and Mary L. Rev. 825, March, L/N

**Note – Colin Tudge - Research Fellow at the Centre for Philosophy at the London School of Economics. Frmr Zoological Society of London: Scientific Fellow and tons of other positions. PhD. Read zoology at Cambridge.**

**Simon Levin = Moffet Professor of Biology, Princeton. 2007 American Institute of Biological Sciences Distinguished Scientist Award 2008 Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti 2009 Honorary Doctorate of Science, Michigan State University 2010 Eminent Ecologist Award, Ecological Society of America 2010 Margalef Prize in Ecology, etc… PhD**

Although one may agree with ecologists such as Ehrlich and …The most valuable things are quite useless.

## Resilient

### Marine life resilient

Dulvy 3 – Professor of Marine Science and Technology, Newcastle (Nicholas, Extinction vulnerability in marine populations, Fish and Fisheries 4.1)

Marine fish populations are more variable and …population fluctuations when there are few adults (Pauly et al. 2002).

## Impact Calculus

## Yes NW

### Great-power nuclear war’s possible

Wittner 11 Lawrence Wittner is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany "Is a Nuclear War With China Possible?" 11/30/2011 www.huffingtonpost.com/lawrence-wittner/nuclear-war-china\_b\_1116556.html

While nuclear weapons exist, there … famine, and generating chaos and destruction.

## Yes Escalation

### Nuclear war will escalate --- restraint would invite aggression

Dennis Ray Morgan 9, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Yongin Campus - South Korea, Futures, Volume 41, Issue 10, December 2009, Pages 683-693

And what many people fail to realize …, to a life of unimaginable misery and suffering in a

nuclear winter.

## Yes Causes Extinction

Even a limited nuclear war would cause extinction

Reville 10 (William Reville, professor of biochemistry and public awareness of science at UCC, the irish times, “Nuclear winter weather forecast”, ln)

There is a real possibility of nuclear war …is to eliminate the nuclear weapons.

# 2NC – CDD CP

## CDD CP---AT: Perm---Do the CP---2NC

### The mechanism is distinct:

### 1) Generally---governance capacity is distinct - block grants aren’t assistance

Burnell 2K – Peter J. Burnell, Professor of Politics in the Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK, 2000, Democracy Assistance: International Co-operation for Democratization, p. 18-19

In principle democracy assistance can be …

'assistance' in the Development Assistance Committee's terms.

### 2) Earmarking--The CP leaves content of projects up to recipients--- doesn’t mandate democracy assistance

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

CDD brings local communities into the feedback …

at source by donors, and sometimes even delivered in kind.

### 3) Conditioning:

### a) the CP’s conditioned on communities matching part of the grant

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

Community ownership of projects that characterize CDD builds in …

accountability incentivizes them to act on that information.

### b) Democracy assistance is unconditional and distinct from CP development aid

Richard Lappin 10 is Ph. D candidiate at Leuven Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studiesnell Medical Center. "What We Talk About When We Talk About Democracy Assistance: The Problem of Definition in Post-Conflict Approaches" CEJISS 2010 V4 Issue 1 www.cejiss.org/issue/2010-volume-4-issue-1/lappin

In **defining democracy assistance**, it is …

within a broader democracy promotion paradigm.

## CDD CP---AT: Perm---Do Both---2NC

### Perm can’t solve:

### a) forces recipients to split time between projects -- crushes both policies

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

Another unintended effect of U.S. democracy…

bottom must respond to this specific problem.

### b) Recipients will alter their approach to qualify for USAID assistance--- destroys effectiveness

Astengo & Oh 11 – Michelle Astengo and Grace Oh, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies Task Force, March 10, 2011, “Improving U.S. Democracy Aid: Sustainability through Community Driven Development,” in The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, online: https://digital.lib.washington.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/1773/16487/Task%20Force%20C%202011%20Web.pdf?sequence=1

Even when the terms and conditions of …

of U.S. interests in democracy promotion.

### c) Forcing aid to be democracy assistance fails --- stakeholders need to determine priorities

Connie Veillette 11, director of the Center for Global Development’s rethinking U.S. foreign assistance initiative, July 12, 2011, “One Small Reform With a Large Impact: Eliminate Development Sector Earmarks,” online: http://blogs.cgdev.org/mca-monitor/2011/07/one-small-reform-with-a-large-impact-eliminate-development-sector-earmarks.php

The problems are threefold.

The practice of earmarking causes inefficiencies …

on country ownership can guide the entire process.

## Solvency - Yemen

### CDD projects bolster local development and governance in Yemen---empirically proven---but those projects ended

World Bank 9 - “Community-Driven Development: Delivering the Results People Need,” September 30, 2009, online: http://siteresources.worldbank.org/IDA/Resources/IDA-CDD.pdf

CDD operations have demonstrated …

(and from 46 to 53 percent for girls) between 2001 and 2004.

## Saudi = NB---2NC

### The CP entirely eliminates the question of democracy perceptually---it sets the foundation for reform without drawing fire from Saudis or the Yemeni regime

Glenn 11 Scott, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, The Future of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Strategies for a Sustainable Fourth Wave of Democratization, 3-10

A. Development

Development is an important component in …, a development program should be attainable.

## Credibility Defense---1NC

### No impact to credibility---allies won’t abandon us and adversaries can’t exploit it

Stephen M. Walt 12-5, the Robert and Renée Belfer professor of international relations at Harvard University, December 5, 2011, “Does the U.S. still need to reassure its allies?,” online: <http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/12/05/us_credibility_is_not_our_problem>

A perennial preoccupation of U.S. diplomacy … most cases little incentive to actually do it.

# 2NC – Case

## Can’t Solve Intell IL

### Local population won’t support US efforts – sees AQ as legitimate.

Terrill 11 (W. Andrew Terrill – SSI ME specialist, Middle East nonproliferation analyst for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, retired U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel and Foreign Area Officer (Middle East), Ph.D. in International Relations, “The Conflicts in Yemen and US National Security,” Strategic Studies Institute, January 2011)

Yemeni leaders, including the president, publicly maintain … against al-Qaeda throughout the Islamic World.

### The idea that they solve their advantage in the short-term is laughable---there is no alternative to the central government who could share intel with us

Sharp 11 (Jeremy, Specialist in Middle Eastern Affairs, "Yemen: Background and US Relations," Congressional Research, March 22, fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/159782.pdf)

For two years under the Obama Administration… to Yemen’s military and economy respectively.41

## Solves Intell

### Status quo solves Yemen intel coop---the government’s doing everything it can to share intel and we’re killing all kinds of militants---but, staying out of Yemeni politics is key

LAT 9-15 – Los Angeles Times, “Yemen aids in terror fight,” September 15, 2011, online: http://articles.latimes.com/2011/sep/15/world/la-fg-yemen-intel-20110915

The embattled regime in Yemen has boosted its …-based cleric Anwar Awlaki was targeted by a U.S. missile strike in Yemen.

## No AQAP threat

### No threat

Hudson 11 Thomas Hudson writes about the Middle East for CounterPunch "Drones over Yemen" June 16 theglobalrealm.com/2011/06/19/drones-over-yemen/

In the months leading up to what is now being billed as the US’s new “secret war”‘ in Yemen, various US government officials have called AQAP and American born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki the greatest threats to US national security. Al-Awlaki, who is often erroneously reported as the head of … dangerous, and ineffective body scanners were deployed in airports around the US.

## Yemen Not Key --- AT: Only Basing Location

### Yemen is only a tiny part of US CT – threats elsewhere are greater - Their carafano evidence concedes – they’d go to Somalia

Scheuer, 8/24 (Michael - Adjunct Professor of Security Studies, Georgetown University, 8/24/11, “The Zawahiri Era,” The National Interest, September/October, http://nationalinterest.org/article/zawahiri-era-5732)

For all the Obama-administration rhetoric to the …Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa and India.

## No BT

### Actual experts all vote neg

Leitenberg 9—senior research scholar, Center for Int. and Security Studies, School of Public Policy, U Maryland. Original academic training in Bio and Chem; researched at Albert Einstein Medical School, Department of Neurology; Vassar College; Northeastern University; and Washington University, St. Louis (Milton, The Self Fulfilling Prophecy of Bioterrorism, http://www.cissm.umd.edu/papers/files/leitenberg\_prophecy.pdf)

For two decades, the overwhelming context in which the potential for … sciences group in the United States, did not refer to ‘‘bioterrorism’’ at all. 15

# 1NR – Saudi DA

## Overview

### Saudi’s will crush any shifts to democracy by the Youth

Democracy Digest 11 (6/6, Saudi Arabia: countervailing power or ‘midwives of change’ in Yemen?, http://www.demdigest.net/blog/2011/06/saudi-arabia-countervailing-power-or-midwives-of-change-in-yemen/)

With Yemen finely poised between transition and regression, some …

Yemen expert at the University of Sydney.

### Saudi cooperation over Yemeni counterterrorism is high and key to preventing attacks, but it’s not inevitable and US alienation will upturn it

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

Cooperation in the counterterrorism field has …

diplomacy needs to be practiced more directly.

### The plan causes more terrorism --- relations with the Saudis are critical to solve

Byman 11—Prof in the Security Studies Program at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. Research Director at the Saban Center for M.E. Policy at Brookings (Daniel, What's Next for Yemen?, 22 March 2011, http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/0322\_yemen\_byman.aspx)

Saudi Arabia may destabilize things even …

dancing and would likely be manipulated by local players.

## Relations Up

### And relations are improving now because lack of US meddling in Arab Spring

AFP 9/18 (Saudi Ties in Good Shape: US official, 9/18/11, www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/printArticle.asp?cu\_no=2&item\_no=458987&version=1&template\_id=37&parent\_id=17)

The key diplomatic relationship between …

pointing to the “very good relationship” between Obama and King Abdullah.

## Link UQ

Saudi didn’t care about Saleh, just about having the geopolitical lead role---plan undermines that

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YEMEN

Saudi policy toward Yemen is not tied up with the …

in the same way that they are with their monarchical neighbors.

## AT: Relations Resilient

### Relations aren’t resilient---inside information proves---we control uniqueness because the US has made up for past missteps and will appease Saudi Arabia now---the plan is a massive flip-flop that ends the alliance

Karasik 11—Director of Research and Development at the Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis. Lecturer of IR at Dubai school of Gov’t. PhD in history from UCLA, specializing in the Mid-East, Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia (Theodore, A Conversation with Dr. Theodore Karasik of INEGMA on the “Arab Spring”, 8/1/11, http://www.arabialink.com/2011/08/01/a-conversation-with-dr-theodore-karasik-of-inegma-on-the-arab-spring/)

SUSRIS: How do you interpret recent public …

at their own pace and scope.

### Relations stable but not resilient

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The Saudis are neither fragile nor all-powerful…

than automatically cooperative.

## Link Debate

### And, domestic regime instability means that the Arab Spring is the Saudi’s number one concern --- they’ll irrationally react to the plan and end the alliance

Riedel 8/24—senior fellow at Brookings. Former CIA officer. Adviser to 3 Presidents on Mid East issues (Bruce, Brezhnev in the Hejaz, 8/24/11, nationalinterest.org/article/brezhnev-the-hejaz-5733?page=show)

THE SAUDI royal family is afraid. Very, very afraid. A …

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

### Yemen is key – it’s the lynchpin for Saudi interests

Bhadrakumar 10—former career diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service. His assignments included the Soviet Union, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Germany, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kuwait and Turkey (MK, Obama’s Yemeni odyssey targets China, <http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/LA09Ak02.html>)

Yemenis are an intelligent people and are famous in the Arabian Peninsula for their …

the genie of reform out of the bottle in the oil rich-region in which it has profound interests.

## AT: No Saudi Prolif

### And, Pakistan will help them even if they don’t necessarily give them nukes

Edelman 11—Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Former Undersecretary for Defense—AND—Andrew Krepinevich—President of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments—AND—Evan Montgomery—Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (Eric, The dangers of a nuclear Iran, FA 90;1, http://www.csbaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/2010.12.27-The-Dangers-of-a-Nuclear-Iran.pdf)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive …

Arabia, as well as strategic depth against its chief rival, India.

# 2NR – Saudi

### And the alliance is the key internal link

Bowman 8 (Bradley L. - International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, “Chain Reaction: Avoiding a Nuclear Arms Race in the Middle East”, <http://www.cfr.org/publication/15721/chain_reaction.html>)

The development of a Saudi nuclear weapon represents one of the most serious and most likely consequences of an Iranian acquisition of nuclear weapons. If Iran obtains a nuclear weapon, it will place tremendous pressure on Saudi Arabia to follow suit. The only factor that … pursuing an independent nuclear deterrent.

### And, Pakistan will help them even if they don’t necessarily give them nukes

Edelman 11—Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Former Undersecretary for Defense—AND—Andrew Krepinevich—President of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments—AND—Evan Montgomery—Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (Eric, The dangers of a nuclear Iran, FA 90;1, http://www.csbaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/2010.12.27-The-Dangers-of-a-Nuclear-Iran.pdf)

There is, however, at least one state that could receive …Arabia, as well as strategic depth against its chief rival, India.