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### The United States finds is locked in a struggle to maintain its influence amid a wave of Arab political discontent – the affirmative’s intellectual engagement with this topic reveals a commitment to the same geopolitical project. This debate is a question of competing intellectual strategies – the question you should ask yourself is the benefit of endorsing their scholarship which focuses exclusively on the technocratic administration of democracy assistance.

Biswas, 2007

(Shampa, Assoc Prof of Politics @ Whitman, “Empire and Global Public Intellectuals: Reading Edward Said as an International Relations Theorist,” *Millennium* 36:1, p. 117-125, EBSCO)

The recent resuscitation of the project of Empire should give International Relations scholars particular pause. 1 For a discipline long premised on a triumphant Westphalian sovereignty, there should be… intersecting and cross-cutting ways will yield richer and fuller conceptions of the ‘politics’ of global politics. Needless to say, inter- and crossdisciplinarity will also yield richer and fuller conceptions of the ‘global’ of global politics. It is to that that I turn next.

### Their sources distort the facts to justify a particular policy agenda – the 1AC’s characterization of the revolts result from an uncritical acceptance of racially charged information from elite media institutions

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Too often consumers of mainstream media are victims of a fraud. You think you can trust the articles you read, why wouldn’t you, you think you can sift … violent resistance to regime oppression are completely ignored. This is not just the journalists’ fault. It is driven by American discourse, which drives the editors back in New York and Washington.

### This form of deliberation shuts down the public sphere – their impact calculus reduces the academy to a space for the empty repetition of unsubstantiated catastrophic impacts – culminates in widespread public complacency in the face of jingoistic politics

Elmer and Opel, 2006

(Bell, Globemedia Research Chair in the School of Radio TV Arts at Ryerson University, and Andy Opel, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Florida State University, “Surviving the Inevitable Future,” July-September, *Cultural Studies*, 20:4-5)

Throughout the media discourse over the virtues or moral failings of the policy … When we each become a micro Halliburton, we can band together to resist to the impulse to investigate impropriety or ethical lapses because the fraud may be our very own.

### This blinds us to the underpinnings of the current US response to the Arab revolutions – democracy assistance is a shallow gesture to remove unpopular manifestations of American coercion while selectively engaging actors who remain subservient to US interests. In the 1AC, Arab democracy is welcomed, yet solely in terms of what outcome best maintains American hegemony and economic prosperity.

Marshall, 2011

 (Andrew, Research Associate with the Centre for Research on Globalization, “America’s Strategic Repression of the ‘Arab Awakening’,” Feb 10, Online: http://coto2.wordpress.com/2011/02/10/america%E2%80%99s-strategic-repression-of-the-%E2%80%98arab-awakening%E2%80%99/)

This spurred on the development of an American strategy in the Arab … oppression, military intervention and destabilization. Again, it could be a mistake to assume one strategy for the whole region, but rather to assess it on a country-by-country basis, based upon continuing developments and progress in the ‘Awakening’.

### The impact to this unquestioned trajectory in American foreign policy is serial policy failure and mass violence – the racially charged frames filling the gaps in the affirmative’s logic mobilize public sentiment in support of perpetual imperialist interventions

Batur, 2007

(Pinar, PhD @ UT-Austin – Prof. of Scociology @ Vassar, The Heart of Violence: Global Racism, War, and Genocide,” in Handbook of the The Soiology of Racial and Ethnic Relations, eds. Vera and Feagin, p. 441-443)

Albert Memmi argued that “We have no idea what the colonized would have been without colonization, but we certainly see what happened as a result of it” (Memmi, 1965:114). Events ….take place with compliant efficiency to serve the global racist ideology with dizzying frequency. The 21st century opened up with genocide, in Darfur.

### The 1AC is an example of a broader assertion of a global democratic moment with the US as the figurehead. This act of claiming democracy closes off independent forms of self-expression, forcing suppressed antagonisms to use radical tactics to negate the universalization of American norms – this is the root cause of terrorism and threats to global stability

Baudrillard, 2004

(Jean, “This is the Fourth World War,” An Interview with *Der Spiegel*, *IJBS* 1:1, Online: <http://www.ubishops.ca/baudrillardstudies/spiegel.htm>)

Spiegel: Monsieur Baudrillard, you have described the 9/11 attacks …. of progress is, outside of the rationality of the natural sciences, in fact, problematic. Montaigne said: “If the evil in men were eliminated, then the fundamental condition of life would be destroyed.”

### The alternative is to reject the affirmative’s positioning of the United States as an expert on democracy – by refusing the imposition of a Westernized benchmark on the Arab revolts, the ballot can work to pluralize the debate about democracy assistance and espouse an exilic form of thought

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Thinking beyond the Nation-State – Exile as Global Intellectual Posture Said has written extensively and poignantly about his own exilic conditions as a Palestinian schooled in the Western literary canon and living in the heart of US empire. 27 But more importantly, he has also articulated exile as‘a style of thought and hab… truly globalize the study of global politics. In the next section I turn to examine what clues Said offers us on how to exercise that global orientation and sensibility in intellectually and politically responsible ways.