## Solvency

### A2: High

#### Drone strikes are not going down and still kills civilians---no functional changes

Bergen & Rowland 10/25 Peter Bergen is CNN's national security analyst, a director at the New America Foundation—AND—Jennifer Rowland is a graduate student at Harvard University's Kennedy School. “Did Obama keep his drone promises?” 10-25-13, <http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/25/opinion/bergen-drone-promises/> DOA: 10-29-13, y2k

(CNN) -- On May 23, President Barack Obama gave a major speech

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Louis Brandeis observed a century ago, "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

### A2: Alt

#### Decision-makers will inevitably pursue drone-strategy.

Zenko 13 Micah Zenko is CFR Douglas Dillon Fellow in the Center for Preventive Action, “Reforming U.S. Drone Strike Policies,” January, Council of Foreign Relations, <http://www.cfr.org/wars-and-warfare/reforming-us-drone-strike-policies/p29736>, Accessed Date: 6-4-13 y2k

Compared to other military tools, the advantages of using drones— particularly, that

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more likely policy option compared to capturing suspected militants or other nonmilitary options.

## 2AC T – CoC

#### Counter interp- war powers include Commander in Chief powers

Doug Linder, 2013

(Constitutional law professor at University of Missouri, Kansas City, received his J.D. from Stanford Law School)War and Treaty Powers, http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/warandtreaty.htm

The Constitution divides war powers between the Congress and the President. This division was

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threats and in part due to the many-headed nature of Congress.

#### A. Ground---No aff meets your interp because every war power area is applied differently by the president---more relevant for your DA ground because it better reflects the status quo---AND They would eliminate signature strikes aff---that’s core aff.

Heller 12 Kevin Heller is Senior Lecturer @ Melbourne Law School, “‘One Hell of a Killing Machine’: Signature Strikes and International Law,” Melbourne Legal Studies Research Paper No. 634, DOA: 8-21-13, y2k

The available evidence indicates that the vast majority of drone strikes conducted by the CIA

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killed in signature strikes reminds him ‘of body counts in Vietnam’.11

#### B. Over-limit---every war power area deal with prohibition on specific tactics---they would eliminate ban preemptive strikes or hostilities aff.

Paul Waldman, September 4, 2013

(contributing editor) War Powers for Dummies, The American Prospect, http://prospect.org/article/war-powers-dummies

Not to be annoyingly pedantic, but what you're thinking of is actually the War

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the president to make reports to Congress when he does take military action.

#### AND- Tactics are a key war power authority

[Robert McMahon](http://www.cfr.org/experts/world/robert-mcmahon/b11891), Sept 1, 2013

Balance of War Powers: The U.S. President and Congress, Council on Foreign Relations, http://www.cfr.org/united-states/balance-war-powers-us-president-congress/p13092

The U.S. Constitution empowers the president to wage wars as commander in

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two branches to induce them to work together on such a vital issue.

#### “On” doesn’t have to be direct.

AHD, No Date

American Heritage Dictionary, No Date,

("-on", PAS) http://ahdictionary.com/word/search.html?q=on&submit.x=0&submit.y=0 9-1-12

b. Used to indicate the object affected by a figurative action: Have pity on them. c. Used to indicate the object of an action directed, tending, or moving against it: an attack on the fortress. d. Used to indicate the object of perception or thought: gazed on the vista; meditated on his actions.

## 2AC T – Signature Strike

#### We meet---Signature strikes allow for specific targeting---solves your offense.

Daskal 13 Jennifer Daskal, American University Washington College of Law, “The Geography of the Battlefield: A Framework for

Detention and Targeting Outside the 'Hot' Conflict,” 2013, <http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1252&context=facsch_lawrev>, DOA: 9-18-13, y2k

Recent statements by administration officials suggest that while, as a matter of law,

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seems to belie a policy of individualized assessments of “significant threat.”6

#### AND-Meets Obama’s definition

Sledge 13 Matt Sledge is Huffington Post Staff, “Drone 'Signature Strike' Witness Responds To Obama Speech: 'I Don't Trust A Single Word,'” 06/19/2013, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/19/drone-signature-strike_n_3421586.html>

Such so-called "signature strikes" are one of the most controversial practices

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that drones sometimes make mistakes, but said their work must carry on.

#### Counter-interpretation---Targeted killing is the premeditated killing of suspected terrorist targets

Zilinskas 8 Justinas Žilinskas is Member at International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission Lithuania Education Management, “TARGETED KILLING UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW,” DOA: 9-18-13, y2k

2.3. Targeted Killing 2.3.1. Two elements This

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/persons) suspected of terrorism, with explicit or implicit governmental approval’.

#### Prefer our interpretation:

#### 1) Signature strikes are the core aff---their interpretation over-limits and jacks aff ground.

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#### 2) Limits explosion is inevitable---definition of targeted killing doesn’t exist---you should prefer real-world and contextual interpretation.

Sell 12 Daniel Sell, B.A. in History, Capital University, 2004; M.A. in Slavic & East European Studies, The Ohio State

University, 2008; J.D. Candidate, Capital University Law School, May 2013, “The United States’ Policy of Targeted Killing and the Use of Force: Another Exception to the United Nation’s Use of Force Regime, <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2167770>, DOA: 9-16-13, y2k

A. Defining “Targeted Killing” One overarching problem that exists when writing on

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gunships, drones, the use of car bombs, and poison.”33

## 2AC Executive CP (Top)

#### CP gets rolled-back

Eland 13 Ivan Eland is Senior Fellow and Director of the Center on Peace & Liberty at The Independent Institute. Dr. Eland is a graduate of Iowa State University and received an M.B.A. in applied economics and Ph.D. in national security policy from George Washington University. He has been Director of Defense Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, and he spent 15 years working for Congress on national security issues, including stints as an investigator for the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Principal Defense Analyst at the Congressional Budget Office. He is author of the books Partitioning for Peace: An Exit Strategy for Iraq, and Recarving Rushmore. “Obama’s New Restricted War on Terror Is Unlikely to Be Lasting,” 5-30-13, <http://www.independent.org/newsroom/article.asp?id=4626>, DOA: 8-13-13, y2k

Prior to the 2012 election, President Obama told aides that he wanted to institutionalize

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the earlier expansive Bush/Obama war on terror as their unfortunate precedent.

#### Doesn’t solve the signaling

Goldsmith 13 Jack Goldsmith is the Henry L. Shattuck Professor at Harvard Law School, where he teaches and writes about national security law, presidential power, cybersecurity, international law, internet law, foreign relations law, and conflict of laws. Professor Goldsmith served as Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel from 2003–2004, and Special Counsel to the Department of Defense from 2002–2003. Professor Goldsmith is a member of the Hoover Institution Task Force on National Security, “Why the Administration Needs to Get Congress on Board for Its Stealth War,” 3-7-13, <http://www.lawfareblog.com/2013/03/why-the-administration-needs-to-get-congress-on-board-for-its-stealth-war/> DOA: 9-12-13, y2k

There is a connection between Senator Paul’s filibuster and the need for a comprehensive renewal

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at that point the administration will wish it had gone to Congress sooner.

#### Links to politics – immense opposition to bypassing debate

Hallowell 13 Billy Hallowell, writer for The Blaze, B.A. in journalism and broadcasting from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, New York and an M.S. in social research from Hunter College in Manhattan, “HERE’S HOW OBAMA IS USING EXECUTIVE POWER TO BYPASS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS” Feb. 11, 2013, <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/02/11/heres-how-obamas-using-executive-power-to-bylass-legislative-process-plus-a-brief-history-of-executive-orders/>

“In an era of polarized parties and a fragmented Congress, the opportunities to

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a partisan content, with contemporary complaints coming from the incumbent president’s opponents.”

#### Transparency is irrelevant

Amnesty International 13 is a Nobel Peace Prize-winning grassroots activist organization with more than 3 million supporters, activists and volunteers in more than 150 countries campaigning for human rights worldwide. The organization investigates and exposes abuses, educates and mobilizes the public, and works to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied. “Drone Transparency Not Enough; Obama Must Follow the Law,” 3-6-13, <http://www.amnestyusa.org/news/press-releases/drone-transparency-not-enough-obama-must-follow-the-law>, doa: 11-15-13, Y2K

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Zeke Johnson, director of Amnesty International

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of drone strikes and independent experts in international human rights and humanitarian law."

#### Prolif causes Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict.

Global Post 12 “Drone violence along Armenian-Azerbaijani border could lead to war,” 10-23-12, <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/europe/121022/drone-violence-along-armenian-azerbaijani-border-could-lead-war>, DOA: 7-20-13, y2k

27 years off and on over the past three decades. “Everyone is now

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] will not be small. That’s the one thing I’m sure of.”

#### Azerbaijan-Armenian conflict causes World War III and great-power escalation

Cecire 12 Michael Hikari Cecire is a Black Sea and Eurasia regional analyst and an associate scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, "Azerbaijan-Armenia Tensions: Regional Risks, Policy Challenges," 6-12-12, <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/12046/azerbaijan-armenia-tensions-regional-risks-policy-challenges>, DOA: 7-20-12, y2k

With U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on a tour of the

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but one with far greater potential for escalation and great-power intervention.

## 2AC Politics

#### Won’t pass – calendar means Republicans won’t bring up immigration

Kapur, TPM Senior Congressional Reporter, 11-12, 2013,

(Sahil, "GOP Nixes Immigration Reform In 2013 -- And Probably 2014 Too", Talking Points Memo, PAS) talkingpointsmemo.com/dc/house-gop-officially-kills-immigration-reform-in-2013-and-probably-for-good 11-12-13

Republican have indicated they won't take up immigration reform this year, dimming hopes that

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even Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) was backing away.

#### Boehner blocks

Dinan and Sherfinski, Washington Times Staff Writer, 11-14, 2013,

(Stephen and David, "Boehner puts brakes on immigration reform; Issue may linger past midterm elections", Washington Times, PAS) Accessed on LexisNexis 11-14-13

House Speaker John A. Boehner on Wednesday flatly ruled out even entering into negotiations

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to mean the broad legalization approach that Mr. Obama and Democrats want.

#### Obama has ZERO PC

Ezra Klein and Evan Soltas 11/14 are Washington Post Staff, “Wonkbook: A low for the Obama administration,” 11-14-13, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/11/14/wonkbook-a-new-low-for-the-obama-administration/> DOA: 11-14-13, y2k

President Obama's second term began with two clear projects. The first was to successfully

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signature law works. Jeff Zients has a big job ahead of him.

#### Health care thumps.

Shear, New York Times Staff Writer, 11-16, 2013,

(Michael D., "As troubles pile up, a crisis of confidence for Obama", New York Times, PAS) Accessed on LexisNexis 11-16-13

Barack Obama won the presidency by exploiting a political environment that overwhelmed George W.

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. It's a fair question of whether that's happening to President Obama.''

#### PC is not key

Jacobs and King ’10 (University of Minnesota, Nuffield College, (Lawrence and Desmond, “Varieties of Obamaism: Structure, Agency, and the Obama Presidency,” Perspectives on Politics (2010), 8: 793-802)

But personality is not a solid foundation for a persuasive explanation of presidential impact and

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roadblocks, and anticipated voter reactions. Presidential sales pitches go only so far

#### AND-That’s key to agenda

Green 10 David Michael Green is Professor of political science at Hofstra University, David Michael Green, 6/11/10, "The Do-Nothing 44th President ", http://www.opednews.com/articles/The-Do-Nothing-44th-Presid-by-David-Michael-Gree-100611-648.html

Moreover, there is a continuously evolving and reciprocal relationship between presidential boldness and achievement

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of the now retired Helen Thomas, this is precisely what they did.

#### Banning signature strikes is popular

Herb 12 Jeremy Herb, congressional correspondent for the Hill, 6-13-2012, “Lawmakers want legal justification for drone strikes,” The Hill, http://thehill.com/blogs/defcon-hill/operations/232523-lawmakers-want-legal-justification-for-drone-strikes

A group of more than two dozen anti-war lawmakers wants the White House

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in April, has been a tactic used for drone attacks in Pakistan.

#### No STEM shortage

Crego, Munoz, and Islam 12 Ed Crego is a management consultant who has led major consulting practices specializing in strategic planning, customer focus, and organizational transformation. Ed has written several business books and spoken extensively in his areas of expertise for organizations such as the American Management Association and the Conference Board, George Muñoz is currently chair of the Munoz Investment Advisory Group. George was the Assistant Secretary and CFO of the United States Treasury and President and CEO of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation during the Clinton administration. He serves on a number of corporate boards including Marriott International, Altria Group and the National Geographic Society, and Frank Islam was the founder of the QSS Group an information technology consulting firm which he sold to Perot Systems in 2007 for $250 M. Frank currently heads his own investment group, hosts his own Washington D.C. talk show, "Washington in Review," and serves on the advisory committee for the Export Import Bank and the Industry Trade Advisory Committee for the Department of Commerce. “The Skilled Worker Shortage Fallacy,” 07/19/2012, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/george-munoz-frank-islam-and-ed-crego/the-skilled-worker-shorta_b_1677881.html>, Accessed Date: 3-26-13 y2k

America has a serious shortage of skilled workers and that is a primary cause of

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"low skill" requiring less than high school or high school degrees.

#### No econ impact

Jervis 11 Robert Jervis, Professor in the Department of Political Science and School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, December 2011, “Force in Our Times,” Survival, Vol. 25, No. 4, p. 403-425

Even if war is still seen as evil, the security community could be dissolved

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times bring about greater economic conflict, it will not make war thinkable.

#### U.S. isn’t key to the global economy

ML 6 Merrill Lynch, “US Downturn Won’t Derail World Economy”, 9-18, http://www.ml.com/index.asp?id=7695\_7696\_8149\_63464\_70786\_71164

A sharp slowdown in the U.S. economy in 2007 is unlikely to

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Americas, Canada will probably be hit, but Brazil is set to decouple