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### Plan

Text: The United States Federal Government should establish a limited ex parte and ex ante judicial review process for targeted killing by drones.

### Norms

Contention 1 – Accountability

#### Drone prolif makes multiple scenarios for conflict more likely – US restraint sets global norms for use that solve.

Kreps, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Zenko, Douglas Dillon Fellow in the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations, 14

(Sarah, Assistant Professor of Government at Cornell University, and Micah, March/April, “The Next Drone Wars,” http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/140746/sarah-kreps-and-micah-zenko/the-next-drone-wars?nocache=1, accessed 2-18-14, CMM)

Nearly seven decades later, Arnold’s prophecy is slowly being realized: armed drones are

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as militants and criminals -- the most common and the most dangerous scenarios.

#### Drones cause miscalc in the South and East China Seas and global escalation.

Xiaolin, PhD student in Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National university of Singapore, 11-2-13

(Duan, “The Rise of the Drones,” http://thediplomat.com/2013/11/02/the-rise-of-the-drones/?all=true, accessed 11-4-13, CMM)

In a broader sense, America’s use of drones may create more strategic dilemmas for

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use should be taken very seriously, and condemned by the international community.

#### Asian instability escalates to nuclear war.

Landay, National Security and Intelligence Correspondent, 2K

(Jonathan S., “Top administration officials warn stakes for U.S. are high in Asian conflicts”, 3-10, Knight Ridder/Tribune News) Accessed on LexisNexis 12-29-09

Few if any experts think China and Taiwan, North Korea and South Korea,

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that totaled $600 billion last year, according to the Commerce Department.

### Saudi

Contention 2 – Saudi Arabia

#### Wide-scale restriction of drone use coming – only increasing accountability solves.

Zenko, CFR Center for Preventive Action Douglas Dillon fellow, 13

[Micah, Council Special Report No. 65, January 2013, “Reforming U.S. Drone Strike Policies”<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/04/16/clip_the_agencys_wings_cia_drones?page=full> p.22, accessed 6-20-13, TAP]

In his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, President Obama declared:¶ “Where force

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the¶ United States modified its drone policy in the ways suggested below.

#### Public backlash culminates in a legal crackdown that hemorrhages the targeted killing program.

Goldsmith, Harvard University law professor, 12

[Jack, “Power and Constraint” [google books](http://books.google.com/books?id=Yi5-9bVd3YEC&pg=PA201&lpg=PA201&dq=power+and+constraint,+And+it+is+only+a+matter+of+time,+if+it+has+not+happened+already,+before+they+lead+the+U.S.+government+to+forgo+lawful+targeted+killing+actions+otherwise+deemed+to+be+in+the+interest+of+U.S.+national+security&source=bl&ots=7g6173TJSO&sig=mhMTjOq3Q0gzLibX9Hmtcr7snQs&hl=en&sa=X&ei=vmdLUrWtEJDs9ASQyIGIBg&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=power%20and%20constraint%2C%20And%20it%20is%20only%20a%20matter%20of%20time%2C%20if%20it%20has%20not%20happened%20already%2C%20before%20they%20lead%20the%20U.S.%20government%20to%20forgo%20lawful%20targeted%20killing%20actions%20otherwise%20de), p.199-201, accessed 9-30-13, TAP]

For the GTMO Bar and its cousin NGOs and activists, however, the al

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deemed to be in the interest of U.S. national security.

#### Unchecked executive power causes groupthink – that triggers massive policy errors.

Chehab, Georgetown Law Center, 2012

[Ahmad, 3-30-12, “Retrieving the Role of Accountability in the Targeted Killings Context: A Proposal for Judicial Review” http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2031572, p.30-3, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

The practical, pragmatic justification for the COAACC derives largely from considering social psychological findings

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irrational persistence in pursuing ideological positions divorced from concern of alternative viewpoints.147

Professor Cass Sunstein has described situations in which groupthink produced poor results precisely because consensus

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1960’s,152 and the controversial decision to wage war against Vietnam.153

Professor Sunstein also has described the related phenomenon of “group polarization,” which includes

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and other associated deficiencies are inevitable features in Executive Branch decision-making.

[Tom note – Sunstein, University of Chicago and Harvard University law professor]

#### US-Saudi rift now – sustaining credible security ties is key to prevent total collapse.

Brown, PBS Newshour, 10-22-13

[Jeffrey, interviewing Margaret Warner, PBS chief foreign affairs correspondent, and Graeme Bannerman, Middle East Institute scholar and State Department analyst, “Changing relations with Mideast allies may affect U.S. position in the region” <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/world/july-dec13/saudi2_10-22.html?print>, accessed 11-12-13, TAP]

JEFFREY BROWN: And to find out more on how the U.S.-

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not paying enough attention to the feelings of our allies in the region.

#### Drones are key.

Eakin, International Reporting Project Gatekeepers editor trip recipient and author, 12

[Hugh, “Saudi Arabia and the New US War in Yemen” <http://www.nybooks.com/blogs/nyrblog/2012/may/21/saudi-arabia-and-new-us-war-yemen/>, accessed 11-12-13, TAP]

The United States is quietly being drawn into an escalating conflict in Yemen. Following

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that argument will continue to assuage the country’s youth remains an open question.

#### US-Saudi relations collapse bad – causes oil price spikes.

HENDERSON, Baker fellow and director of the Gulf and Energy Policy Program at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 11-1-13

(Simon, “The U.S.-Saudi Royal Rumble,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2013/11/01/the\_us\_saudi\_royal\_rumble?page=full, accessed 11-2-13, CMM)

Assuming that the Saudi-U.S. relationship is really heading off course

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is way down near the bottom of the Obama administration's list of concerns.

#### Collapses the economy.

Luft, executive director of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, 11

(Gal, 2-6-11, “What if Saudi Arabia Erupts?,” http://www.thecuttingedgenews.com/index.php?article=31896pageid=16pagename=Opinion, accessed 11-7-11, CMM)

Egypt is relevant to the oil market because it may be a bellwether for the

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Middle East is to expedite our effort to wean our economy from oil.

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind**, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director**, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global economic stagnation will help the

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Eurasia, Eastasia and Oceania in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

#### Saudi Arabia will dump the dollar and collapse US leadership

Nyquist, Financial Sense geopolitical analyst, 11-4-13

[JR, “America, Saudi Arabia, and the Dollar” <http://www.financialsense.com/contributors/jr-nyquist/america-saudi-arabia-dollar>, accessed 1-22-14, TAP]

The alliance between the United States and Saudi Arabia has been strategically important for both

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privileged financial position. There does not appear to be a third choice.

#### That triggers a transition to multipolarity, causing multiple wars

Khalilzad, former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the UN, 2-8-11

(Zalmay, 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, National Review Online, “The Economy and National Security,” http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/259024/economy-and-national-security-zalmay-khalilzad, accessed 2-8-11, CMM)

Today, economic and fiscal trends pose the most severe long-term threat to

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to work our way through the kind of crisis that we face today.

### Solvency

#### Contention 3: Solvency

#### Ex ante review by a drone court solves group think.

Chehab, Georgetown Law Center, 12

[Ahmad, 3-30-12, “Retrieving the Role of Accountability in the Targeted Killings Context: A Proposal for Judicial Review” http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2031572, p.33-4, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

To check the vices of groupthink and shortcomings of human judgment, the psychology literature

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choices and evaluate available alternatives than when subject to little to no review.

#### Executive secrecy guts support for drones – a drone court garners legitimacy for the drone program.

Johnson, former Pentagon general counsel, 3-18-13

[Jeh Charles, “Keynote address at the Center on National Security at Fordham Law School: A “Drone Court”: Some Pros and Cons” <http://www.lawfareblog.com/2013/03/jeh-johnson-speech-on-a-drone-court-some-pros-and-cons/>, accessed 9-3-13, TAP]

Thank you for this invitation. Today I want to join the current public debate

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who actually wouldn’t mind the added comfort of judicial imprimatur on their decisions.

#### Congress can establish an effective drone court – Congressional involvement creates credibility of drone strikes with the public.

McKelvey, Vanderbilt University JD Candidate, 11

[Benjamin, Vanderbilt journal of transnational law editorial board executive development editor, Vol 44, “Due Process Rights and the Targeted Killing of Suspected Terrorists: The Unconstitutional Scope of Executive Killing Power” http://www.vanderbilt.edu/jotl/manage/wp-content/uploads/mckelvey-pdf.pdf, p.1378-9, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

As the Aulaqi case demonstrates, any resolution to the problem ¶ of targeted killing

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the use of all ¶ peaceful measures before lethal force is pursued.212

#### “Limited” means only questions of eligibility will be addressed by the court

Weinberger, University of Puget Sound political science professor, 2013

[Seth, Global Security Studies Review, May 2013, Volume I, Issue 2, “Enemies Among Us: The Targeted Killing of American Members of al Qaeda and the Need for Congressional Leadership” <https://www.academia.edu/4033328/Enemies_Among_Us_The_Targeted_Killing_of_American_Members_of_al_Qaeda_and_the_Need_for_Congressional_Leadership>, p.20, accessed 1-23-14, TAP]

Several people have voiced objections to the creation of a FISA-¶ style “drone

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nature of the armed conflict against al Qaeda, they become less compelling.

First, if properly defined, the new court could be limited solely to questions

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¶ individuals believed to be agents of a foreign power without a warrant.

Second, given the definition of imminent threat in the Department of Justice’s¶ white

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made in the process of long investigations and in light of much intelligence.

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### 2ac – T – Restrictions

#### 1. We meet statutory restrictions.

Chehab, Georgetown Law Center, 2012

[Ahmad, 3-30-12, “Retrieving the Role of Accountability in the Targeted Killings Context: A Proposal for Judicial Review” http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2031572, p.26-7, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

The creation of the Covert Operations Against American Citizens Court (COAACC) would help

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the use of electronic eavesdropping in the context of foreign intelligence gathering.121

#### 2. We meet judicial restrictions.

Guiora, University of Utah law professor, 2012

[Amos, Case Western Reserve Journal of Internal Law, vol 45, “Targeted Killing: When Proportionality Gets All Out of Proportion” http://law.case.edu/journals/JIL/Documents/45CaseWResJIntlL1&2.13.Article.Guiora.pdf, p.239, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

The solution to this search for an actionable guideline is the strict ¶ scrutiny standard

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balance enabling the ¶ state to act sooner but subject to significant restrictions.

#### 1. We meet – a drone court restricts the president’s war power authority to do targeted killings.

Benson, CNN, 2-9-13

[Pam, “Drone court considered” <http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2013/02/09/legislators-consider-new-court-to-oversee-drone-strike-decisions/>, accessed 9-3-13, TAP]

Should federal judges weigh in on a president's decision to pursue and kill terrorists overseas

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the hearing was to create a new court to oversee such presidential decisions.

#### 3. Counter-interpretation – restriction means a limit and includes conditions on action.

Snow, COURT OF APPEALS OF ARIZONA judge, 8

(G. Murray, COURT OF APPEALS OF ARIZONA, DIVISION ONE, DEPARTMENT A, STATE OF ARIZONA, Appellee, v. JEREMY RAY WAGNER, Appellant., 2008 Ariz. App. Unpub. LEXIS 613, accessed 9-18-13, CMM)

P10 The term "restriction" is not defined by the Legislature for the purposes

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natural and obvious meaning, which may be discerned from its dictionary definition.").

P11 The dictionary definition of "restriction" is "[a] limitation or qualification

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dictate that the term "restriction" includes the ignition interlock device limitation.

### Russian Oil Turn

#### Oil prices are down – US production and weak demand

Domm, CNBC, 3-4-13

(Patti, “Tumbling Oil Prices May Have Further to Fall,” http://www.cnbc.com/id/100520279, accessed 3-6-13, CMM)

Oil prices, at 2013 lows, could continue to feel pressure, if the

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and could be in the $95 to $100 per barrel range.

#### Russian power and aggression is historically decoupled from their economy

Friedman, chief [intelligence officer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_officer), financial overseer, and CEO of the private intelligence corporation [Stratfor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stratfor), 9

(George, 7-27-09, Stratfor, “The Russian Economy and Russian Power,” http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090727\_u\_s\_policy\_continuity\_and\_russian\_response, accessed 10-27-10, CMM)

Russia has been an economic wreck for most of its history, both under the

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is not a matter of Russian political personalities but of Russian geopolitical necessity.

#### No short-term impact or it is inevitable – oil will peak but there are multiple checks on economic collapse.

GUSTAFSON, Professor of Government at Georgetown University and Senior Director of IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, 12

(Thane, “Putin's Petroleum Problem.,” Foreign Affairs; Nov/Dec2012, Vol. 91 Issue 6, p83-96, 14p, 1 Black and White Photograph, ebsco, accessed 1-17-13, CMM)

Still, so long as the Kremlin is able to retain the loyalty of the

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popularity and legitimacy of the present regime for so long, will erode.

### Heg Bad

#### Structural change is inevitable – US leadership prevents great power war that triggers extinction.

Barnett, Wikistrat geostrategic analysis consulting firm chief analyst, 11

[Thomas, 3-7-11, “The New Rules: Leadership Fatigue Puts U.S., and Globalization, at Crossroads” <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/8099/the-new-rules-leadership-fatigue-puts-u-s-and-globalization-at-crossroads>, accessed 9-15-12, TAP]

It is worth first examining the larger picture: We live in a time of

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in all of its forms, deeply embedded in the geometry to come.

#### Decline causes US lashout.

Lieven, New America Foundation, 2011

[Anatol, 7-11-11, “U.S.-Russian Relations and the Rise of China” <http://newamerica.net/publications/policy/us_russian_relations_and_the_rise_of_china>, accessed 9-28-13, TAP]

At the same time, it would be very unwise to be complacent about the

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between the U.S. and China in the decades to come.

### 2ac – OLC CP

#### 1. Perm – do both – shields the link

Chesney et al., University of Texas law professor, 2013

[Robert, Brookings Institute senior fellow, Jack Goldsmith, Harvard University law professor, Matthew Waxman, Columbia University law professor and CFR senior fellow, and Benjamin Wittes, Brookings Institution governance studies senior fellow, 2-25-13, “A Statutory Framework for Next-Generation Terrorist Threats,” http://media.hoover.org/sites/default/files/documents/Statutory-Framework-for-Next-Generation-Terrorist-Threats.pdf, p.8-9, accessed 9-26-13, TAP]

Congress could authorize the president to use force that is consistent with his ¶ extant

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defense regime is ¶ politically and legally more stable when backed by Congress.

#### 3. Congressional codification is key to norms – CP accesses none of the prolif adv.

Maxwell, US Army colonel and judge advocate with the Army, 2012

[Mark David, National Defense University, Joint Force Quarterly, “Targeted killing, the law, and terrorists: feeling safe?” [http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Targeted+killing,+the+law,+and+terrorists%3A+feeling+safe%3F-a0289724330](http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Targeted%2Bkilling%2C%2Bthe%2Blaw%2C%2Band%2Bterrorists%3A%2Bfeeling%2Bsafe%3F-a0289724330), accessed 12-17-13, TAP]

The weakness of this theory is that it is not codified in U.S

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eschews what gives a state its greatest safety: the rule of law.

#### 4. Congressional codification is key drone program legitimacy – CP does not solve rollback.

Anderson, professor of international law at Washington College of Law, American University, 10-18-13

(Kenneth, “No Safe Havens?,” Hoover Digest, No. 4, Fall 2013 by Hoover Institution http://www.hoover.org/publications/hoover-digest/article/159096, accessed 10-19-13, CMM)

Without a hardheaded effort on the part of Congress and the executive¶ branch to

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Jack¶ Goldsmith have repeatedly warned, they might well be miscalculating now.

U.S. counterterrorism policy overall needs to be embedded in policies,¶ processes

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framework for the¶ long run, but effectively to outlaw the practice.

Republicans should not be enablers in this effort. They should not¶ mimic the

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future presidents,¶ among whom there will surely be a Republican or two.

#### AND Mistrust overwhelms CP solvency.

Goldsmith, Harvard University law professor, 5-1-13

[Jack, “How Obama Undermined the War on Terror” <http://www.newrepublic.com/node/112964/print>, accessed 9-29-13, TAP]

These are unhappy developments for the president who in his first inaugural address pledged with

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more about the way of the knife through Freedom of Information Act requests.

A related sin is the Obama administration's surprising failure to secure formal congressional support.

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, even if it means that secret war abroad is harder to conduct.

#### 12. Links to politics.

Posner, University of Chicago law professor, 2011

[Eric, “Deference to the Executive in the United States after 9/11: Congress, the Courts, and the Office of Legal Counsel” <http://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1084&context=public_law_and_legal_theory>, p.11-13, accessed 10-4-13, TAP]

These two events neatly encapsulate the dilemma for OLC, and indeed all the president’s

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¶ for adverse reactions from the courts, Congress, and the public.

Can OLC constrain the executive? That is the position taken by many scholars,

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accomplish. It is more accurate to say that OLC enables than constrains.

A. Background on OLC ¶ OLC is a small office in the Justice Department

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General has ¶ delegated to it much of his advice-giving role.

Most matters that come before OLC are routine. OLC provides legal analysis of bills

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White ¶ House may put pressure on OLC to rubber stamp the action.

B. OLC as a Constraint on the Executive ¶ A number of scholars have argued that OLC can serve as an important constraint on ¶ executive power. I will argue that OLC cannot act as a constraint on executive power. Indeed, its ¶ only function is the opposite—as an “enabler” (as I will put it) or extender of executive power.

A president must choose a course of action. He goes to OLC for advice

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, and the president will gratefully accept it although not necessarily follow it.

If the story ended here, then it would be hard to see what the

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constraints ¶ on executive power that are imposed from outside the executive branch.

However, there is an important twist that complicates the analysis. The president may

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, and they have in this way given OLC quasi-judicial status.

But if the president publicizes OLC opinions, he takes a risk. The risk

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. At a minimum, OLC raises the political cost of the action.

I have simplified greatly, but I believe that this basic logic has led some scholars to ¶ believe that OLC serves as a constraint on the president. But this is a mistake. OLC strengthens ¶ the president’s hand in some cases and weakens them in others; but overall it extends his ¶ power—it serves as enabler, not constraint.

To see why, consider an example in which a president must choose an action

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political opposition to L ¶ will be greater than it would be otherwise.

### 2ac – Politics – Minimum Wage

#### Minimum wage doesn’t solve growth.

Tanner, senior fellow at the Cato Institute, 1-1-14

(Michael, “Obama’s 2014 War on the Poor,” http://www.nationalreview.com/article/367333/obamas-2014-war-poor-michael-tanner, accessed 1-2-14, CMM)

The second part of this one-two punch against employment is an increase in

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from seeking those jobs and taking their first step up the economic ladder.

#### Boehner blocks a vote – ideology and political interests

Hooper and Cusack, The Hill, 2-21-14

(Molly and Bob, “Boehner: Suicide over minimum wage hike,” http://thehill.com/homenews/house/198856-boehner-id-rather-kill-myself-than-raise-the-minimum-wage, accessed 2-21-14, CMM)

Speaker John Boehner is so against raising the minimum wage that he once said he

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members are feeling a lot of pressure in their districts on this issue.”

#### States and localities fill-in to solve

Fox, CNN Money, 3-6-14

(Emily Jane, “States not waiting for Congress to raise minimum wage,” http://money.cnn.com/2014/03/06/news/economy/minimum-wage-states/, accessed 3-13-14, CMM)

In his State of the Union address, President Obama urged mayors, governors and

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, 12 other states and three other cities also raised their wage floors.

#### Winners win on controversial issues

Hirsh, National Journal, 2-7-13

(Michael, “There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital,” http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207?page=1, accessed 2-7-13, CMM)

Naturally, any president has practical and electoral limits. Does he have a majority

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right. He did. (At least until Vietnam, that is.)

#### Obama supports the plan.

Roberts, The Guardian, 5-24-13

[Dan, “Obama drone oversight proposal prompts concern over 'kill courts'” http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/may/24/obama-drone-vetting-kill-courts, accessed 9-18-13, TAP]

The president has asked Congress to consider establishing a special court or oversight board to

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but raises serious constitutional issues about presidential and judicial authority," he said.

#### No PC – Obama approval rating is down

O’Connor, WSJ, 3-12-14

(Patrick, “WSJ/NBC News Poll: Obama's Approval Rating Hits New Low,” http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304250204579433533118580224?mg=reno64-wsj&url=http%3A%2F%2Fonline.wsj.com%2Farticle%2FSB10001424052702304250204579433533118580224.html, accessed 3-12-14, CMM)

President Barack Obama is struggling to overcome widespread pessimism about the economy and deep frustration

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, Mr. Obama's support is softening among blacks, Hispanics and women.

#### Drones are triggering fights.

Firestone, NYT, 1-22-14

[David, “On Drones, Keeping the Public in the Dark” <http://takingnote.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/01/22/on-drones-keeping-the-public-in-the-dark/>, accessed 1-23-14, TAP]

We don’t get to say this very often on The Times editorial page, but

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the country’s endless secret war against terrorists, and this time it won.

### Security K

#### 6. The absolutism of their alternative results in tunnel vision – evaluate consequences.

Isaac, Indiana University James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science and Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life director, Spring 2002

(Jeffrey C. “Ends, Means, and Politics,” Dissent Magazine Vol. 49 Issue 2, p32)

Power is not a dirty word or an unfortunate feature of the world. It

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

#### Constructing prior questions doesn’t disprove the aff – it results in generalizations and inaction.

Owen, University of Southampton political theory professor, 2002

[David, Millennium Journal of International Studies, Vol 31 No 3, “Re-orienting International Relations: On Pragmatism, Pluralism, and Practical Reason” Sagepub, accessed 9-30-13, TAP]

Commenting on the ‘philosophical turn’ in IR, Wæver remarks that ‘[a]¶

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helped to promote the IR theory wars by motivating this¶ philosophical turn.

The first danger with the philosophical turn is that it has an inbuilt tendency to

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it¶ is, in contrast, wholly dependent on these philosophical commitments.¶

Thus, for example, one need not be sympathetic to rational choice theory¶

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it¶ is not the only or even necessarily the most important kind.

The second danger run by the philosophical turn is that because prioritisation of ontology and

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the promotion of the pursuit of generality over that of empirical¶ validity.

The third danger is that the preceding two combine to encourage the¶ formation of

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first¶ and second dangers, and so a potentially vicious circle arises.

#### The world is getting better – all measures proves.

Beauchamp, Think Progress, 12-11-13

[Zack, “5 Reasons Why 2013 Was The Best Year In Human” <http://thinkprogress.org/security/2013/12/11/3036671/2013-certainly-year-human-history/>, accessed 1-20-14, TAP]

Between the brutal civil war in Syria, the government shutdown and all of the

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paid off. It’s up to us to make sure they continue to.

#### Threats are real.

Earl C. Ravenal 9, distinguished senior fellow in foreign policy studies @ Cato, is professor emeritus of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He is an expert on NATO, defense strategy, and the defense budget. He is the author of *Designing Defense for a New World Order.*What's Empire Got to Do with It? The Derivation of America's Foreign Policy.” *Critical Review: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Politics and Society* 21.1 (2009) 21-75

The underlying notion of “the security bureaucracies . . . looking for new enemies

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or to a lack of sufficient imagination to exploit opportunities for personal profit.

#### Framing is irrelevant.

Reiter, Emory University political science professor, 1995

[Dan, International Security, Vol. 20, No. 2, “Exploding the Powder Keg Myth: Preemptive Wars Almost Never Happen” JSTOR, p.15-16, accessed 10-7-13, TAP]

A criticism of assessing the frequency of preemptive wars by looking only at wars themselves

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cancer, this is not demonstrated by the results of such a test.

#### Uncertainty is inevitable but predictions are possible.

Keating, Foreign Policy associate editor, 5-23-13

[Joshua, “Can chaos theory teach us anything about international relations?” <http://ideas.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/05/23/can_chaos_theory_teach_us_anything_about_international_relations>, accessed 8-4-13, TAP]

In more recent times, ideas from chaos and its related subfield complexity theory influenced

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way Lorenz did in the months and years following his fateful coffee break.