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### AT: Navy Impact

#### Naval power is trending up

Drum, Mother Jones, 12

(Kevin, 10-23-12, “How Strong Is the American Navy?,” http://www.motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2012/10/how-strong-american-navy, accessed 2-2-13, CMM)

Mitt Romney says the American Navy is smaller than it was in 1916. In

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, American naval strength today is greater than it's ever been in history.

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\*\*Souva - Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University

#### US has massive naval preponderance – there are not threats

Friedman, Stratfor founder and analyst, 7

(George, 4-10-7, “The Limitations and Necessity of Naval Power”,

<http://www.stratfor.com/limitations_and_necessity_naval_power>, accessed 9-17-9)

The United States controls the blue water. To be a little more precise,

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the United States challenge their presence. This is an unprecedented situation historically.

#### Sequestration devastates readiness.

Terkel, Huffington Post, 7-23-13

[Amanda, “Sequestration Damaging To Military Readiness, Chuck Hagel Says” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/22/sequestration-military- readiness\_n\_3635686.html?utm\_hp\_ref=politics, accessed 8-15-13, TAP]

Sequestration will quietly chip away at the military's readiness capabilities, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel

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addresses sequestration, there will be "a dramatic impact in our readiness."

Drones solve overstretch.

Rushforth, University of Arizona JD candidate, 12

[Elinor, 29 Ariz. J. Int'l & Comp. Law 623, “NOTE: THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT: IMPLICATIONS OF ARMED DRONE ATTACKS AND PERSONALITY STRIKES BY THE UNITED STATES AGAINST NON-CITIZENS, 2004-2012” Lexis, accessed 9-28-13, TAP]

The drone program is a fixture in the Obama administration's fight against terror n163 and

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that its full focus is on protecting and growing our nation at home.

#### Heg effectiveness is inflated

Fettweis, Tulane University Associate Political Science Professor, 11

(Christopher, Sept/Oct, “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy,” ebsco, Vol. 30 Issue 4, p316-332, accessed 3-24-12, CMM)

The hegemonic-stability argument overestimates the capability of the United States to maintain global

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upon an unwilling 95 percent. Stability and unipolarity may be simply coincidental.

### 2ac – Ex Post CP – Base

#### 4. CP doesn’t solve ambiguity of legality – that’s key to solve opposition and norms.

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.

#### 6. Ex ante is the only way to catch errors and deter mistakes.

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.22-5, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

The argument put forth here, therefore, is that in light of the protections the Constitution affords U.S. AND

 executive officials to avoid making them in the first place.”111

#### 7. Doesn’t solve accountability – courts defer – political question doctrine and state secrets – and even if the Courts don’t defer – the executive circumvents.

Epps, University of Baltimore law professor, 2-16-13

[Garrett, “Why a Secret Court Won't Solve the Drone-Strike Problem” <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2013/02/why-a-secret-court-wont-solve-the-drone-strike-problem/273246/>, accessed 9-4-13, TAP]

Finally, some scholars have suggested that the Congress create a new "cause of

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but we'd be no closer to accountability for the drone-strike decision.

11. Doesn’t solve accountability – ability to sue is limited – especially if they are dead.

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.25-6, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

While the current process afforded to U.S. citizens is lacking, it

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these claims ex ante would be a better course of action to consider.

#### 12. Wouldn’t sue even if they didn’t die.

Murphy, Professor of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law and Radsan, Professor, William Mitchell College of Law, 9

(Richard and Afsheen, “ARTICLE: DUE PROCESS AND TARGETED KILLING OF TERRORISTS,” 32 Cardozo L. Rev. 405, lexis, accessed 9-27-13, CMM)

But as the dissenting judge in Arar noted, these special factors lose much of

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the mountains of Afghanistan is not likely to hire an American lawyer either.

### Iran Add-On

#### Relations key to Middle East cred.

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.

#### Key to deter Iran.

Alterman, CSIS senior fellow, 11

[Jon, former Department of State Policy planning staff, CSIS Middle East program director and senior fellow “Fierce or Feeble: Persian Gulf assessments of U.S. power” section within Capacity and Resolve: Foreign Assessments of U.S. Power, <http://csis.org/files/publication/110613_Cohen_CapacityResolve_Web.pdf>, p.69-70, accessed 9-30-11, TAP]

Whatever the actual cost, and even if the durable U.S. commitment

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, intentions, and capabilities through a discrete set of actions and statements.

### 2ac – Obama – Iran Sanctions

#### No impact – containment solves – that makes our internal link more probable.

Zenko, Fellow in the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Cohen, Fellow at the Century Foundation, 12

(Micah, and Michael, “Clear and Present Safety: The United States Is More Secure Than Washington Thinks,”

Foreign Affairs. New York: Mar/Apr 2012. Vol. 91, Iss. 2; pg. 79, 15 pgs, accessed 3-2-12, CMM)

Of course, the gravest concerns about Iran focus on its nuclear activities.Those

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threat to the U.S. homeland would continue to be minimal.

Overblown fears of a nuclear Iran are part of a more generalized American anxiety about

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of the Cold War, the risk of a nuclear attack has increased."

#### Obama not key – Wasserman Schultz flipping Congress – proves Obama pc irrelevant

Kredo, Washington Free Beacon, 1-7-14

[Adam, Washington Free Beacon, “Debbie Wasserman Schultz Blocking Bipartisan Iran Sanctions, Breaks with Pro-Israel Democrats”, <http://freebeacon.com/debbie-wasserman-schultz-blocking-bipartisan-iran-sanctions/>, accessed 1-7-14, AFB]

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D., Fla.) has become a major obstacle to a new bipartisan Iran

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The measure was to act as a companion to a new Iran sanctions bill currently up for debate in Senate.

#### Obama can’t block sanctions – fear of Iran.

FoxNews, 12-27-13

(“Top Dem presses Obama on Iran sanctions after centrifuge surprise,” http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/12/27/top-dem-presses-obama-on-iran-sanctions-after-centrifuge-announcement/, accessed 1-1-14, CMM)

President Obama faced mounting bipartisan pressure on Friday to drop his resistance to an Iran

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are hoping to reach a 67-member, veto-proof majority.

#### 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.

#### PC is irrelevant – Obama doesn’t have it, he isn’t using it, it isn’t effective, and XOs solve.

Boyer, Washington Times, 12-31-13

[Dave, “Obama’s liberal wish list for Congress likely to stall in election year” <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/dec/31/obamas-wish-list-likely-to-stall-in-election-year/print/>, accessed 1-2-14, TAP]

If President Obama thought 2013 was an unproductive year for his agenda in Congress,

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and I would put immigration in that category," Mr. Feehery said.

#### Immigration thumps.

Fox News, 1-1-14

(“After rough year, Obama looks for 2014 comeback, amid some unsolicited New Year's resolutions,” http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/01/01/after-rough-year-obama-looks-for-2014-comeback-amid-some-unsolicited-new-year/, accessed 1-1-14, CMM)

The president in the closing weeks of last year made clear that he would renew his push in 2014 to

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 would likely help him regain some of his political clout.

### 2ac – Executive CP – HR Cred Add-On

#### Restrictions key to human rights cred.

Daskal, Georgetown Center on national security and the law professor, 2013

[Jennifer, 161 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1165, “The Geography of the Battlefield: A Framework for Detention and Targeting Outside the 'Hot' Conflict” http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1252&context=facsch\_lawrev

Zone, p.1232, accessed 12-16-13, TAP]

Fourth, such self-imposed restrictions are more consistent with the¶ United States’ long-standing AND

 otherwise applicable¶ human rights and domestic law enforcement norms.

#### Solves global war.

Burke-White, Princeton University international affairs professor, 2004

[William, 17 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 249, “U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ARTICLE: Human Rights and National Security: The Strategic Correlation” Lexis, accessed 12-30-13, TAP]

This Article presents a strategic--as opposed to ideological or normative--argument that

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by human rights can significantly enhance U.S. and global security.

Since 1990, a state's domestic human rights policy appears to be a telling indicator

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U.S.-U.N. cooperation on human rights issues.

### 2ac – Terrorism DA – Uniqueness

#### No uniqueness – AQ is strong.

Fantz, CNN, 12-28-13

[Ashley, “Still out there and growing -- al Qaeda on the rebound, experts say” <http://www.cnn.com/2013/12/28/world/meast/al-qaeda-growing/index.html?c=world&page=4>, accessed 12-29-13, TAP]

(CNN) -- Two years after the end of the Iraq war, the

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United States or against Western targets all around the world," he said.

#### No internal link – drones aren’t key.

Gilbreath, US Army War College MA candidate, 2013

[Gregory, US air force colonel, March 2013, “America’s Targeted Killing Policy: Is it Right? Is it Working?” <https://publicportal.carlisle.army.mil/sites/mobile/2013%20SRPs/Gilbreath%20Gregory%20SRPA.pdf>, p.11-2, accessed 12-23-13, TAP]

The policy of targeted killing has yielded tangible short-term results. The ramped

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it positively contributes to the long-term strategy of eliminating terrorism’s root ca

Further evaluation reveals that the policy potentially counters long-term goals because it breeds

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“removes any trace of a campaign to win hearts and minds.”55

Similar doubts about the effectiveness of a counterterrorism strategy without a complementary counterinsurgency strategy surfaced

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meet its long-term goals when terrorism’s roots are left in place.

Another measure that illuminates if a counterterrorism strategy is working is whether the targeted group

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more difficult and costly process of helping “local leaders marginalize militants.”64

#### Drone strikes are decreasing – Obama is exercising self-restraint now.

Ackerman, The Guardian, 12-31-13

[Spencer, “Fewer deaths from drone strikes in 2013 after Obama policy change” <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/31/deaths-drone-strikes-obama-policy-change>, accessed 1-2-14, TAP]

President Barack Obama’s mid-year decision to wind down drone strikes has accounted for

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did indicate that the strikes had, at least temporarily, stopped proliferating.

#### No link – strikes still get approved.

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, accessed 9-15-13, TAP]

Although not a required form of analysis, these factors nonetheless suggest a rigorous review

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of American efforts to target alleged terrorists and reduce likelihood of collateral damage.

#### No link to the plan.

Daskal, Georgetown Center on national security and the law professor, 2013

[Jennifer, 161 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1165, “The Geography of the Battlefield: A Framework for Detention and Targeting Outside the 'Hot' Conflict” http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1252&context=facsch\_lawrev

Zone, p.1223-4, accessed 12-16-13, TAP]

Conversely, some object to the use of courts or court-like review as

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, the judges would be issuing a warrant to kill rather than surveil.

While this is significant, it should not fundamentally alter the legal analysis.187

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deal with¶ exceptional cases where ex ante approval is not possible.191

#### No risk of nuclear terrorism

Mueller, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Political Science at Ohio State University, and Stewart, Professor and Director at the Centre for Infrastructure Performance and Reliability at the University of Newcastle in Australia, 12

(John, Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, Senior Research Scientist at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, and Mark, Australian Research Council Professorial Fellow, “The Terrorism Delusion,” International Security, Volume 37, Number 1, Summer 2012, project muse, accessed 7-14-13, CMM)

Over the course of time, such essentially delusionary thinking has been internalized and institutionalized

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on small explosives or contemplating planting a hand grenade in a trash bin.

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### AT: Sustainability

#### Backlash to drones is mounting

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)

Ethical and effective—and yet today drone warfare is coming under increasingly¶ strong

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; much of¶ the elite international media; and Obama’s American left.

### AT: Russia

Russia will deescalate

Canwest News Service, Prince Rupert Daily News, 2009

((British Columbia), "Russia's militarization may be sabre-rattling," l/n [accessed 3/26/9])

But two analysts told Canwest News Service that much of the noise from Russia,

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the talks, to make yourself sound constructive and sensible," Valasek said.

### AT: Nuke Terror

#### No nuclear terrorism – newest ev – won’t get a bomb, loose nukes unlikely, and dirty bombs not possible.

Mearsheimer, University of Chicago distinguished political science professor, 1-2-14

[[John, “America Unhinged” <http://nationalinterest.org/article/america-unhinged-9639?page=show>, accessed 1-6-14, TAP]

Am I overlooking the obvious threat that strikes fear into the hearts of so many

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encourage and help other states to place nuclear materials in highly secure custody.