# Plan

#### Text – The United States Federal Government should abolish the authority to engage in targeted killing.

# Just War

#### Contention 1 is Just War

#### The United States Government justifies its targeted killing operations with the theory of Just War, the idea that there can be moral justifications for conflict and moral ways of waging war. As the United States Government rationalizes its current wars, it has conversely opened a space for challenging the entire foundation of State killing. Interrogating the justifications for targeted killing operations exposes the inherent contradictions in just war theory.

Provost-Smith 13 (Patrick, former Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins; “A Drone’s Eye View: Global Anti-Terrorism and the Existential Crisis of Just War Theory,” in Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory vol. 12 no. 3, Spring 2013)

As drones become the new centerpiece of counter-terrorism and counterinsurgency warfare, questions

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a millennium before St. Augustine’s own influential writings on the topic.14

#### Highlighting the violence of ongoing drone warfare challenges the status quo narrative of humanitarianism- there is no such thing as just war. The idea that modern warfare has become less violent has been used to silence opposition and legitimize war.

Terrell 13 (Brian Terrell is a co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Drones and Gadflies, Sept 13, http://www.counterpunch.org/2013/09/13/drones-and-gadflies/)

My own anti-drone activism began with protests at Creech Air Force Base in

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their own consciences, perhaps the responsibility of haunting them falls to us.

#### Just war theory is in the business of legitimizing violence-It controls the conversation and our imagination-Technology and strategy have combined to create a cycle of infinite targets and endless war.

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Swirling in the circularity of the justificans bellum, increasingly aided by developments in artificial

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archaic” theory of just and unjust wars are merely proclaiming the obvious.

#### Highlighting the issue of drone warfare is a useful starting point for a larger interrogation of State killing-Exposing the history of targeted killing is an important mechanism for challenging the secret global war on terrorism.

Noble 12 (Doug, activist with the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones, Assassination Nation, July 19, http://www.counterpunch.org/2012/07/19/assassination-nation/)

This striking new transparency, the official acknowledgment for the first time of a broad

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killing still being perpetrated globally – and covertly – by our Assassination Nation.

#### Our call for action against drone violence strikes at the nexus of oppression that afflicts all communities- the 1ac is critical to connecting the dots between racism, domestic violence and the imperial war machine

Janani, 13

(Author and editor at BGD, <http://www.blackgirldangerous.org/2013/08/08/201388zimmermans-and-drones-antiblackness-and-global-domination/> [10/4/13])

I want to build on this analysis further, to a structural level. I

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dots between the tactics of enslavement, incarceration, colonialism, and empire.

#### This infinite war will culminate in planetary extinction.

Hanrahan 11 (Clare, Militarism and the "Economics of Extinction," http://warisacrime.org/content/militarism-and-economics-extinction

War is an all out assault on life. Every living being is in peril

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with the economics of extinction." We cannot let this be the end.

# Solvency

#### Contention 2 is Solvency

#### Just war theory is an obstacle to new ways of understanding and relating to the world-The focus on asking WHICH WARS, forecloses the possibility of asking IF WAR? The 1AC encourages us to move beyond the narrow debates over morality and legality and onto a broader focus that can start to challenge structural violence.

CMSM 13 (CMSM is an association of the leadership of men in religious and apostolic institutes in the United States, Armed Drones: Do They Make us Better People?, May 30, http://www.cmsm.org/documents/05-30-13\_CMSM\_Statement\_Armed\_Drones.pdf)

Focusing on the “just war” theory as the key frame of moral analysis

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concerns and a fuller vision of "humanity" we should attend to.

#### The performance of the 1ac is critical to the ballot- we fill the debate space with knowledge of the interconnection between anti-black violence, drone strikes and the American imperial war machine- Each one… reach one….. teach one – this is an essential step in stalwart resistance to violence here and abroad

Pinkney, 13

(Larry, Editorial Board Member and Columnist for Black Commentator, former Black Panther Party Member, Is Opposing Obama's 'Kill List' & Drone Missile Murders Being Anti-Black? <http://blackcommentator.com/500/500_kir_opposing_kill_list_anti_black.html> [10/4/13])

It is perhaps the irony of ironies in this 21st century that the United States

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teach one. Onward, then, my sisters and brothers. Onward!

#### Aff is key to reinvigorating democratic politics by focusing on policy based solutions to drone strikes

Mellor, 13

(Ewan, E. European University Institute, Why policy relevance is a moral necessity: Just war theory, impact, and UAVs, Paper for BISA Conference 2013, <http://www.bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_bisa&task=download_paper&no_html=1&passed_paper_id=398> [9/11/13])

This paper has discussed the empirics of the policies of drone strikes in the ongoing

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the public engagement and political activism that are necessary for democratic politics.52

#### Using the state strategically solves —rejection makes it worse

Stefano **Guzzini**, Assistant Professor at Central European Univ., Realism in International Relations and International Political Economy, 98, p. 212

Therefore, in a third step, this chapter also claims that it is impossible

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the name, although not always necessarily in the spirit, of realism.