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#### Targeted killings and drones are distinct – drones are a weapon’s tech.

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(Kenneth, a professor of international law at American University and a member of the Task Force on National Security and Law at the Hoover Institution, “The Case for Drones” Commentary Magazine, June, <https://www.commentarymagazine.com/download/pdfs/article-135-06-0-14-16448.pdf?a=16448>, JL)

This feature of Predators and Reapers—the two ¶ forms of drones really at

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seen most dramatically in the Bin Laden raid by the ¶ Navy SEALs.

#### Violation: The aff limit’s an instance of the president’s authority to commit targeted killings by restricting the means and not the power itself.

#### Limits: Aff explodes the topic by allowing any number of affs that restrict instances of presidential authority without actually limiting authority itself.

#### Ground: Their aff allows the aff to spike all our links to prez powers DA’s by claiming they don’t actually limit the authority of the president to use targeted killings.

#### Education: Forces debates about the instance instead of the authority itself being good or bad.

#### Voter for fairness and education.

### 2

#### Obama’s consistent message and pressure are working – this forces a compromise on the debt crisis.

Dovere 10/1

(Edward, Politico, “Government shutdown: President Obama holds the line” <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/government-shutdown-president-obama-holds-the-line-97646.html?hp=f3>)

President Barack Obama started September in an agonizing, extended display of how little sway

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“They don’t suddenly start going the other way as people rethink this.”

#### Criticism of authority guts focus and agenda goals

Kriner 10

Douglas L, assistant professor of political science at Boston University “After the Rubicon: Congress, Presidents, and the Politics of Waging War”, University of Chicago Press, Dec 1, 2010, page 68-69.

While congressional support leaves the president’s reserve of political capital intact, congressional criticism saps

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to its costs than if Congress stood behind him in the international arena.

#### That guts Obama’s focus and message – Constant pressure is key

Milbank 9/27

(Dana, Washington Post Opinion Writer “Obama should pivot to Dubya’s playbook” Washington Post, 2013 <http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-obama-should-try-pivoting-to-george-bushs-playbook/2013/09/27/c72469f0-278a-11e3-ad0d-b7c8d2a594b9_story.html>)

If President Obama can stick to his guns, he will win his October standoff

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If he retreats, he will embolden his opponents and demoralize his supporters.

#### That collapses the global economy

Davidson 9/10

Adam, economy columnist for The New York Times, co-founder of Planet Money, NPR’s team of economics reporters, “Our Debt to Society,” NYT, 2013 <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/15/magazine/our-debt-to-society.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0>

If the debt ceiling isn’t lifted again this fall, some serious financial decisions will

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free asset more risky, the entire global economy becomes riskier and costlier.

#### Global Nuclear War

Merlini 11

Cesare, nonresident senior fellow at the Center on the United States and Europe and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Italian Institute for International Affairs, May 2011, “A Post-Secular World?”, Survival, Vol. 53, No. 2

Two neatly opposed scenarios for the future of the world order illustrate the range of

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theocratic absolutes, competing or converging with secular absolutes such as unbridled nationalism.

### 3

#### Presidential credibility is intact – Syria resolution is a win and proves threats work.

Ahmed 9/23

(Ghazi Ben, Director of the MENA Partnership for Democracy & Development, “Obama Deserves Credit for His Handling of Syria” 2013, <http://blog.gmfus.org/2013/09/23/obama-deserves-credit-for-his-handling-of-syria/>, JL)

Under the draft agreement brokered by Russia with the United States, Syria is to

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confirmed the role of the United States as an anchor of global security.

#### Congressional intervention kills international credibility of our threats – guarantees crisis escalation.

Waxman 8/25

(Matthew, Professor of Law at Columbia and Adjunct Senior Fellow for Law and Foreign Policy for the Council on Foreign Relations, “The Constitutional Power to Threaten War,” August 25, Yale Law Journal, vol. 123, JL)

A claim previously advanced from a presidentialist perspective is that stronger legislative checks on war

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to use force in order to prevent a confrontation which might escalate.179

#### Credibility of presidential threats is the key internal link to hegemony

Bolton 9

John R, Senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute & Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, “The danger of Obama's dithering,” Los Angeles Times, October 18, <http://articles.latimes.com/2009/oct/18/opinion/oe-bolton18>

Weakness in American foreign policy in one region often invites challenges elsewhere, because our

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the face of criticism and adversity, engagement simply embodies weakness and indecision.

#### The impact is great power wars

Khalilzad 11

Zalmay, Former United States ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the United Nations, and former director of policy planning at the Defense Department, February 8, “The Economy and National Security; If we don’t get our economic house in order, we risk a new era of multi-polarity,” <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/259024/economy-and-national-security-zalmay-khalilzad>

We face this domestic challenge while other major powers are experiencing rapid economic growth.

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the United States is the most significant barrier facing Chinese hegemony and aggression.

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#### The President of the United States should issue an Executive Order committing the executive branch to Solicitor General representation and advance consultation with the Office of Legal Counsel over decisions regarding the targeted killing authority of the president.

#### The Department of Justice officials should counsel against the president authorizing targeted killing through the AUMF.

#### The Executive Order should also require written publication of Office of Legal Counsel opinions.

#### The CP is competitive and solves the case - OLC rulings don’t remove authority but are binding precedent.

Morrison, 10

[Trevor, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School, STARE DECISIS IN THE OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, “STARE DECISIS IN THE OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL,” Columbia Law Review, October 2010, 110 Colum. L. Rev. 1448, Lexis]

On the other hand, an OLC that says "yes" too often is

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is remote and does not meaningfully threaten the effective bindingness of OLC's decisions.

### Overstretch

#### Alt causes to changing nature of war

Barry, 12

[Tom, directs the TransBorder Project at the Center for International Policy and is the author of Border Wars from MIT Press and numerous books on U.S.-Latin American relations, Drone Proliferation: Other Chapters and Other Challenges, CATO Unbound, January 17, 2012, <http://www.cato-unbound.org/2012/01/17/tom-barry/drone-proliferation-other-chapters-other-challenges>]

Cortright makes a strong case that drones make military action more likely since U.

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Iraq and Afghanistan wars less than acts of “national sacrifice and mobilization.”

#### Drone production doesn’t conflate with effective war capabilities

Gilli, 13

[Andrea Gilli & Mauro Gilli, Department of Social and Political Science, European University Institute & Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2013 APSA Annual Conference, Attack of the Drones: Should we fear the proliferation of unmanned aerial vehicles?, http://www.papers.ssrn.com/abstract=2299962]

Third, since many UAVs are generally less sophisticated in terms of platform’s design and

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warfare capabilities (precision, resolution, bandwidth, processing speed, etc.).

#### Drones make conflict less likely

Goure, 12

[Daniel, vice president of the Lexington Institute, Drones and the Changing Nature of Warfare: Hold the Presses!, CATO Unbound, January 13, 2012, <http://www.cato-unbound.org/2012/01/13/daniel-goure/drones-changing-nature-warfare-hold-presses>]

Has the accelerated use of drones opened a new chapter in the history of warfare

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, but we should remember that drones don’t kill terrorists, governments do.

#### Plan crushes local movements and skews non-legal responses – recreates violence and turns the case.

[Adrian Vermeule, prof of Law at Harvard University Law School, Eric A Posner., prof of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, Executive Unbound: After the Madisonian Republic, Oxford University Press 2011]

Our thesis is that these modifications to liberal legalism fail. Either they do not

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way to improve upon it, under the conditions of the administrative state.

### Cred

#### Soft power now – either academia solves or there is only a risk that multiple alt causes erode it inevitably.

Wallin 13(Robert, writer for the American Security Project, 4-29-2013, “War of the Soft Powers”, http://americansecurityproject.org/blog/2013/war-of-the-soft-powers/)

Despite the ebb and flow of American Soft power since the turn of the century

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pursuing negative actions and neglecting the very things that make it so strong.

#### Soft Power Fails

JOFFE 6 (JOSEF is also the Marc and Anita Abramowitz Fellow in International Relations at the Hoover Institution and a courtesy professor of political science at Stanford University. Since 1999, he has been an associate of the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University. “The Perils of Soft Power”http://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/14/magazine/14wwln\_lede.html?pagewanted=all&\_r=0)

In recent years, a number of American thinkers, led by Joseph S.

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priesthood. So America's soft power is not only seductive but also subversive.

#### Alt causes – the aff can’t restore leadership

Helle 6-20-10 [Helle C. Dale is senior fellow for Public Diplomacy at the Heritage Foundation, “Just Wild About Obama”, http://blog.heritage.org/2010/06/20/just-wild-about-obama/]

(It should be noted that the Obama administration does not always adhere to its

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at the expense American global leadership, which will take years to recover.

#### Soft power meaningless in the middle east

**Ferguson, ‘3**

[Niall Ferguson, MA, D.Phil.,is the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University and William Ziegler Professor at Harvard Business School, “POWER,” Foreign Policy, January | February 2003, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/Ning/archive/archive/134/Thinkagain-power.qxd.pdf]

But the trouble with soft power is that it’s, well, soft. All

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and Nike trainers are today’s version of the same Janus- faced phenomenon.

#### No warming—we’ve entered a 30 year period of cooling—proved by PDOs

\*\* PACIFIC DECADAL OSCILLATION

Easterbrook 10—geology professor specializing in climate effects

(Don, g[eology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geology) professor emeritus at [Western Washington University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Washington_University) [http://myweb.wwu.edu/dbunny/research/global/easterbrook\_climate-cycle-evidence.pdf] EVIDENCE OF THE CAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING AND COOLING: RECURRING GLOBAL, DECADAL, CLIMATE CYCLES RECORDED BY GLACIAL FLUCTUATIONS, ICE CORES, OCEAN TEMPERATURES, HISTORIC MEASUREMENTS AND SOLAR VARIATIONS)

‘Global warming’ (the term used for warming from 1977 to 1998) is

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, but also assure that cool temperatures will continue for several more decades.

**Multiple alt causes to disease spread**

**Bower & Chalk, ‘3**

[Jennifer Brower and Peter Chalk, Jennifer Brower is a science and technology policy analyst. Peter Chalk is a political scientist, “Vectors Without Borders The Spread of Global Pathogens Can Imperil Us All,” RAND, Summer 2003, http://www.rand.org/publications/randreview/issues/summer2003/vectors.html]

**In the latter half of the 20th century, almost 30 new human diseases were**

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**increase the likelihood that people will come into contact with** potentially **fatal diseases.**

**No extinction**

**Gladwell, ‘95**

Malcolm Gladwell**,** The New Republic, July 17 and 24, 1995, excerpted

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, but they **neglect to point out the limitations of microscopic life forms.**

**Many alt causes to loss of biodiversity**

**Strieker, ‘2**

[Gary Strieker, Scientists agree world faces mass XTinction CNN.com August 23, 2002, L/N]

Yet **most scientists agree that human activity is causing rapid deterioration in biodiversity. Expanding human settlements, logging, mining,** agriculture **and pollution are** destroying ecosystems, upsetting nature's balance and **driving** many **species to extinction**.

**Ecosystems are resilient**

**Hearnshaw et. al., ‘5**

[Hearnshaw et al, Commerce Division, Lincoln University, 2005 (E.J.S.; Ecosystem health demystified: An ecological concept determined by economic means]

**Most empirical evidence seems to suggest that patterns present in ecosystems are for the most**

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incorporating potential, connectedness and ecological resilience variables together (see Equation 2).

### Solvency

#### Obama circumvents the plan - covert loopholes are inevitable

Lohmann 13

(Julia, director of the Harvard Law National Security Research Committee, BA in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, “Distinguishing CIA-Led from Military-Led Targeted Killings,” <http://www.lawfareblog.com/wiki/the-lawfare-wiki-document-library/targeted-killing/effects-of-particular-tactic-on-issues-related-to-targeted-killings/>)

The U.S. military—in particular, the Special Operations Command (

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be insufficient to provide a meaningful check against arbitrary and overzealous Executive actions.

#### Targeted killing regulation is impossible

Alston 11

(Philip, professor – NYU Law, 2 Harv. Nat'l Sec. J. 283)

Despite the existence of a multiplicity of techniques by which the CIA might be held

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turn now to examine the feasibility and desirability of pursuing such an option.