**Contention 1**

**1. US exceptionalism creates homonationalism, where even queer bodies are included in the patriotic order as long as they conform to traditional practices of citizenship – unstable sexualities are projected outwards on the Other, creating our flawed and sexualized understanding of the Terrorist.**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

**Hate crimes against … with one another.**

**2. Terrorism discourse is rooted in Western psychology and cultural analysis that emphasizes the sexual and familial flaws of the terrorist mind – by asserting a logic of failed heterosexuality, both the terrorist and the queer are placed outside citizenship**

**Puar and Rai 2002** (Jasbir, Associate Professor at Rutgers University, and Amit, Associate Professor at Stanford University, “Monster, Terrorist, Fag: The War on Terrorism and the Production of Docile Patriots”. *Social Text*, 72. Vol. 20, No. 3. Fall 2002. pp. 122-125) [nagel]

**Counterterrorism is a form …** rituals of heteronormativity.

**3. US imperialism is rooted in asserted universality to interpolate the outside and reinforce heteronormative practices, even by traditional queer movements – this creates zones of exception that justify continued violence against the Other.**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

Reflecting upon contemporary … **and sexual acts.**

**4. Detention and associated practices of torture are rooted in the idea of queer otherness, where certain sex acts are seen to be unnatural and befitting for the sexualized Muslim to experience because of their placement outside of US citizenship exceptionalism**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

**The torture** of … **torture’s corporeal potency**.

**5. Indefinite detention is rooted in heteronormative formations of sex, gender, and family – this respatialization creates the ultimate violence against the non-citizen**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

Second, the Aclu … **are biopolitical comrades.**

**6. The presidency and his war powers are viewed through a lens of hypermasculinity where emotion is perceived as weak and feminine – this reification of ‘warrior logic’ justifies creating an exceptional Other and is the root of War on Terror policymaking**

**Athanassiou 2012** [Cerelia, PhD candidate at the School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS) at the University of Bristol, ‘Gutsy’ Decisions and Passive Processes, International Feminist Journal of Politics, 2012 iFirst article, 1–20] Awirth

**The decision to … ‘exceptionalism’ of security.**

**7. The hyper-masculinization of the president frames the War on Terror in absolutist aggression that is the root of indefinite detention and torture – creates a frame of exceptionalism that allows infinite violence against the Other**

**Athanassiou 2012** [Cerelia, PhD candidate at the School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS) at the University of Bristol, ‘Gutsy’ Decisions and Passive Processes, International Feminist Journal of Politics, 2012 iFirst article, 1–20] Awirth We disagree with the gendered language used.

The GWOT represents, … **and militarized ‘exceptional’.**

**Advocacy Statement**

**Andrew and I contend that we should substantially increase restrictions on the war powers authority of the President of the United States in the area of indefinite detention using assemblages to critique identities that detain the terrorist.**

**Contention 2**

**1. Our advocacy doesn’t reject that terrorists exists, but questions why we use identity to establish them –assemblages shifts construction from visual towards affect.**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

Trapped by precisely … capacity for capacity.

**2. Current modes of intersectionality analysis privilege naming and knowing identity, our endorsement of assemblages unhooks current identity to allow for a politics of becoming.**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist

**Identity is one … or without being.** 32

**3. Working within current modes of resistance fail because they don’t call into question the taxonomies that establish difference.**

**Puar 2007** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times] Awirth

Rey Chow, drawing on … **in transnational contexts. 59**

**4. Other methods are not exclusive to our aff – assemblages allow for a new form resistance for all other struggles by making static intersections fluid**

**Puar 12** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, “I would rather be a cyborg than a goddess”: Becoming-Intersectional in Assemblage Theory, philoSOPHIA, 2(1), 49-66.

Chicago, Project Muse] Awirth

**“Assemblage” is actually … class struggle**. (Guattari 2009, 26)

**5. Only assemblages solve – other methods of resistance become co-opted and controlled**

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Chicago, Project Muse] Awirth

There’s obviously much … **discipline and control.**

**6. You don’t get any prior questions – ontology and epistemology focus creates a freeze frame of identity that destroys the potentiality of assemblages**

**Puar 12** [Jasbir, Professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, “I would rather be a cyborg than a goddess”: Becoming-Intersectional in Assemblage Theory, philoSOPHIA, 2(1), 49-66.

Chicago, Project Muse] Awirth

**“Grids happen”** writes … **a resultant product.2**

**7. Only through an identity of un/intellibility can one communicate strategies of resistance --- any other method is doomed to be co-opted and *reinforce* and *strengthen* heteronormativity.**

**Ruffolo 2009** [David, lectures at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Canada, Post-Queer Politics] Awirth

Foucault’s question … **be thought otherwise.**

**8. Current modes of politics fails – Queer movements have been co-opted by the military industrial complex – they de-couple discussion of sexuality and militarism.**

**Thrasher 4-30**-2013 [Stephen, Winner of the 2012 journalist of the year award from the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association and 2010 Winner of the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism, Haaay to the Chief: The Military-Industrial Complex Conquers the Homos, <http://gawker.com/haaay-to-the-chief-the-military-industrial-complex-con-486133694>] Awirth

To the Professional … **or corporate greed.**