### U: Price Spikes

#### Price is low, but rise in demand makes future price spikes inevitable.

Larry D. Spears 12 is staff reporter @ Resource Investors. “These Natural Gas Stocks Will Bounce Back,”

July 20, 2012, <http://www.resourceinvestor.com/2012/07/20/these-natural-gas-stocks-will-bounce-back?t=commodities>, Accessed date: 11-7-12 y2k

Now is the perfect time to invest in natural gas stocks. To many investors

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– would also bolster natural gas prices and prospects for natural gas companies.

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#### Plan solves---excessive EU energy dependence kills cooperative diversification.

**Van der Hoeven 12**—Maria van der Hoeven is the Executive Director @ International Energy Agency. “Factors shaping energy markets and implications for EU-Russia Relations” February 12, 2012, <http://www.iea.org/newsroomandevents/speec>

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While the nature of the energy relationship between the EU and Russia may be changing

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energy resources, can be instrumental to achieving European energy and climate goals.

#### US shale won’t go to Europe.

Associated Press, 2012,

(Kevin Begos, "Natural gas boom in US. Is Russia the big loser?", Christian Science Monitor, 10-1, PAS) [www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Latest-News-Wires/2012/1001/Natural-gas-boom-in-US.-Is-Russia-the-big-loser](http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Latest-News-Wires/2012/1001/Natural-gas-boom-in-US.-Is-Russia-the-big-loser) 1-3-13

But one top Gazprom executive said shale gas will actually help the country in the

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doing for Gazprom. Pace is owned by Siemens, a German company.

#### Price is low---kills Russian econ.

Reuters 12/29 “Oil prices down on rise in gasoline inventories: US crude stocks slip, products stocks up last week,” <http://gulfnews.com/business/oil-gas/oil-prices-down-on-rise-in-gasoline-inventories-1.1125238>, Accessed date: 1-2-13 y2k

New York: Oil prices settled lower on Friday after US data showed a sharp

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market research at Tradition Energy, in a research note. Article continues below

#### Link is inevitable—other exporters.

**Ponomareva 12**— Lada Ponomareva is staff writer for OilandGasEurasia, “Russia gains serious competitors on the gas export market” June, 2012, [http://www.oilandgaseurasia.com/articles/p/162/article/1870/#](http://www.oilandgaseurasia.com/articles/p/162/article/1870/) Accessed date” 8-29-12 y2k

They say that the main reason for this possible development is Gazprom's own shortsightedness with

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, Russia will have to learn to share. Just like in kindergarten.

#### High prices kill Russian diversification—Dutch Disease inevitably kills their economy.

**Buckley ‘12** (Neil, “Economy: Oil Dependence Remains a Fundamental Difference,” 6/20, Financial Times, http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/438712b2-b497-11e1-bb2e-00144feabdc0.html#axzz1ypkFB0pH)//mat

Moscow’s dollar-denominated stock market index is down more than 20 per cent since

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main policy aim: diversifying the economy away from reliance on extractive industries.

#### Economic diversification solves aggression and nationalism

Cohen & Ericson 9 – Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, AND\*\*\* Richard Ericson, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Economics at the East Carolina University and former Director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University, November 2nd, 2009, The Heritage Foundation, “Russia's Economic Crisis and U.S.-Russia Relations: Troubled Times Ahead,” <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2009/11/russias-economic-crisis-and-us-russia-relations-troubled-times-ahead>

An economic model based on natural resources would tend to perpetuate authoritarianism, nationalism,

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is stunted by state corruption and the lack of the rule of law.

#### No impact to Russian economy

**Blackwill ‘9** (former associate dean of the Kennedy School of Government and Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Planning, Robert, RAND, “The Geopolitical Consequences of the World Economic Recession—A Caution”, http://www.rand.org/pubs/occasional\_papers/2009/RAND\_OP275.pdf

Now on to Russia. Again, five years from today. Did the global

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are likely to be changed in any serious way by the economic crisis.

US-Russia strategic cooperation is resilient.

Fenenko 11 - Leading Research Fellow, Institute of International Security Studies of RAS [Alexei, “The cyclical nature of Russian-American relations,” 6/21/11, <http://en.rian.ru/valdai_op/20110621/164739508.html>, accessed 6/26/11]

There is nothing special or unusual about the current difficulties. Over the past twenty

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Russia and the United States returned to a state of low intensity confrontation.

#### Heg solves your impact---only way Russian backlash occurs is through collapse of US power---US military key to deterrence. That’s Barnett.

#### Diversification’s key to Ukrainian stability

**Cohen ‘9** (Ariel, Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies – Heritage Foundation, “Russia’s Gas War”, Washington Times, 1-13, http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/jan/13/russias-gas-war/)

The crisis demonstrates Europe’s strategic dependence on Russian gas. In the long term,

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United States to diversify sources of energy and stand up to Russian bullying.

#### Global nuclear war

Kingston ‘9 (Brian, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs – CIFP, “Ukraine: A Risk Assessment Report”, February, http://www.carleton.ca/cifp/app/serve.php/1214.pdf)

Economics: Ukraine suffers catastrophic economic collapse during the global recession; Ukrainians are plunged

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nuclear war, or at least the drawing in of many other countries.

### 2AC Debt

#### Bigger debt ceiling fight coming – no honeymoon for Obama

MacAskill, Jan 2 - Congress's messy fiscal cliff vote sets stage for showdown over debt ceiling

With Boehner unable to control House's Tea Party Republicans, Obama warns next debate will have 'catastrophic' consequences

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jan/02/gop-cliff-vote-debt-ceiling>

The White House and congressional Republicans were gearing up for even bigger economic showdowns after

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of a mandate when you won an election. And now there's nothing."

#### PC low and won’t pass.

Richard McGregor 1/2 is a journalist, writer and author. He was the chief political correspondent, Japan correspondent and China correspondent for The Australian. “Fiscal fights threaten US policy goals,” <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/8f8ef804-5501-11e2-a628-00144feab49a.html?ftcamp=published_links%2Frss%2Fworld%2Ffeed%2F%2Fproduct#axzz2GsYYozzM>, Accessed date: 1-2-12 y2k

Moments after the fiscal cliff was averted, President Barack Obama strode to the White

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with declining political capital will face an uphill battle to shift their views.

#### Plan popular---trumps ideology.

Barry Russell 12 is President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, “Energy Must Transcend Politics”, 8-15-12, <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php#2238176>, Accessed date: 12-10-12 y2k

There have been glimpses of great leadership, examples when legislators have reached across the

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) is another Democratic leader who consistently votes to promote responsible energy development.

#### No link – doesn’t require congressional approval

Janofsky 6 (Michael, Veteran Journalist, “Offshore Drilling Plan Widens Rifts Over Energy Policy,” New York Times, 4-9, <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/09/washington/09drill.html>)

A Bush administration proposal to open an energy-rich tract of the Gulf of

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the administration's final plan would lead to bidding on new leases in 2007.

#### Winners win

Green 10—David Michael Green is Professor of political science at Hofstra University, David Michael Green, 6/11/10, "The Do-Nothing 44th President ", http://www.opednews.com/articles/The-Do-Nothing-44th-Presid-by-David-Michael-Gree-100611-648.html

Moreover, there is a continuously evolving and reciprocal relationship between presidential boldness and achievement

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of the now retired Helen Thomas, this is precisely what they did.

#### Graham likes the plan.

Sammy Fretwell 12 is Miami Herald Staff. “Sen. Lindsey Graham's plan would open S.C. coast to offshore drilling,” 6-12-12, <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/06/12/v-fullstory/2845120/sen-lindsey-grahams-plan-would.html>, Accessed date: 12-30-12 y2k

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham revealed his plan Monday to open South

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a luncheon at Saluda’s restaurant to discuss the plan after Graham’s news conference.

#### Key to agenda

Scott Horton 10 is Contributing Editor of Harper's Magazine. “The All-Powerful Lindsey Graham and the Principle of Freedom,” 2-17-10, http://harpers.org/archive/2010/02/hbc-90006565 accessed date: 7-14-2011 y2k

Two recent articles examining the legal policy of the Obama White House have concluded that

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As Glenn Greenwald puts it, Lindsey Graham has become “all powerful.”

#### PC is not key.

Jacobs and King ’10 (University of Minnesota, Nuffield College, (Lawrence and Desmond, “Varieties of Obamaism: Structure, Agency, and the Obama Presidency,” Perspectives on Politics (2010), 8: 793-802)

But personality is not a solid foundation for a persuasive explanation of presidential impact and

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, and anticipated voter reactions. Presidential sales pitches go only so far.

#### Nat gas lobbies support the plan.

Brian Wingfield 8 is Forbes Staff Writer. “Clean Skies Forever,” 09.02.08, <http://www.forbes.com/2008/09/02/rnc-natural-gas-biz-beltway-cx_bw_0902rnc-gas.html>, Accessed date: 12-30-12 y2k

Perched on a rooftop just blocks from the Republican National Convention's main arena is an

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see any climate change bill Congress might consider be favorable to natural gas.

#### Key to agenda---outweighs their link.

Dan Froomkin 11 is senior Washington correspondent for the Huffington Post. “How The Oil Lobby Greases Washington's Wheels,”

04/06/11, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/06/how-the-oil-lobby-greases_n_845720.html?view=print&comm_ref=false>, Accessed date: 12-31-12 y2k

Clout in Washington isn't about winning legislative battles -- it's about making sure that they

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to defund the Environmental Protection Agency and roll back regulations across the board.

#### No econ impact

Jervis 11 Robert Jervis, Professor in the Department of Political Science and School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, December 2011, “Force in Our Times,” Survival, Vol. 25, No. 4, p. 403-425

Even if war is still seen as evil, the security community could be dissolved

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times bring about greater economic conflict, it will not make war thinkable.

#### Manufacturing is key to economy.

Dr. Robert Scott 8 joined the Economic Policy Institute as an international economist in 1996. Before that, he was an assistant professor with the College of Business and Management of the University of Maryland at College Park. His areas of research include international economics and trade agreements and their impacts on working people in the U.S. and other countries, the economic impacts of foreign investment, and the macroeconomic effects of trade and capital flows. “The importance of manufacturing,” February 12, 2008, <http://www.epi.org/publication/webfeatures_snapshots_20080212/>, Accessed date: 11-22-12 y2k

While U.S. manufacturing has been hit hard by a decade of rapid

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in U.S. manufacturing could stimulate growth in a wide swath of

states in the heartland that have been hardest hit by the manufacturing and housing crises.

### 2AC Neolib

#### Role of the ballot’s to simulate enactment of the plan – key to decision-making and fairness.

#### Neoliberal growth is inevitable and sustainable---resiliency takes out the alt.

Kaletsky 10 Anatole, Masters in Economics from Harvard, Honour-Degree Graduate at

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and Washington correspondent of the Financial Times and a business writer on The Economist

The world did not end. Despite all the forebodings of disaster in the 2007

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Napoleonic Wars of 1803– 15. Hence the title of this book.

#### Perm do both— Abandoning globalization now triggers their impacts—aff is key to cooperative solutions that solves.

Goldin 12—Ian Goldin is Director of Oxford Martin School and Professor of Globalisation and Development. “Globalization: The good, the bad and the uncertain”, 01 Feb 2012, <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/blog/view/136>, Accessed date: 9-17-12 y2k

When over 2000 world leaders of government, business and academia descended on Davos last

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and jump from one crisis management to the next, at our peril.

#### Neolib prevents extinction

**Rockwell 2**—Llewellyn H. Rockwell is the President of the Mises Institute, The Free Market, “Why They Attack Capitalism”, Volume 20, Number 10, October, http://www.mises.org/freemarket\_detail.asp?control=418&sortorder-articledate

If you think about it, this hysteria is astonishing, even terrifying. The

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planning of the type now being urged on American enterprise is perfectly abysmal.

#### Neoliberalism is inevitable – markets control our thought

Hudson ‘99 [Mark, Progressive Librarian, Fall, “Understanding Information Media in the Age of Neoliberalism: The Contributions of Herbert Schiller”]

Neoliberal ideas are as old as capitalism itself, but in recent decades they have

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the adverse consequences of that hegemony for our politics, economy and culture.

goods.

#### Growth is sustainable---transitions fail absent realistic energy policy like the aff---triggers environmental collapse.

George Monbiot 11 is the author of the bestselling books The Age of Consent: A Manifesto for a New World Order and Captive State: The Corporate Takeover of Britain, as well as the investigative travel books Poisoned Arrows, Amazon Watershed and No Man's Land. His latests books are Heat: how to stop the planet burning and Bring on the Apocalypse? “Let's face it: none of our environmental fixes break the planet-wrecking project,” 5-2-11, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/may/02/environmental-fixes-all-greens-lost>, Accessed date: 12-19-12 y2k

You think you're discussing technologies, and you quickly discover that you're discussing belief systems

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a set of deep beliefs: beliefs that in some cases remain unexamined.

The case against abandoning nuclear power, for example, is a simple one:

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increase in windfarms and new power lines, that's going to be tough.

What the nuclear question does is to concentrate the mind about the electricity question. Decarbonising the economy involves an increase in infrastructure. Infrastructure is ugly, destructive and controlled by remote governments and corporations. These questions are so divisive because the same world-view tells us that we must reduce emissions, defend our landscapes and resist both the state and big business. The four objectives are at odds.

But even if we can accept an expansion of infrastructure, the technocentric, carbon-counting vision I've favoured runs into trouble. The problem is that it seeks to accommodate a system that cannot be accommodated: a system that demands perpetual economic growth. We could, as Zero Carbon Britain envisages, become carbon-free by 2030. Growth then ensures that we have to address the problem all over again by 2050, 2070 and thereon after.

Accommodation makes sense only if the economy is reaching a steady state. But the

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secure, encouraging us to grasp as much for ourselves as we can.

If this vision looks implausible, consider the alternatives. In the latest edition of

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and soap: commodities that almost everyone sees as the barest possible requirements.

Are people like Fairlie really proposing that we do without them altogether? If not

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should not, and what the energy sources for these manufactures should be.

There's a still bigger problem here: even if we make provision for some manufacturing but, like Fairlie, envisage a massive downsizing and a return to a land-based economy, how do we take people with us? Where is the public appetite for this transition?

A third group tries to avoid such conflicts by predicting that the problem will be solved by collapse: doom is our salvation. Economic collapse, these people argue, is imminent and expiatory. I believe this is wrong on both counts.

Last week something astonishing happened: Fatih Birol, the chief economist of the International

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) the agency continued to dismiss the possibility that peak oil would occur.

But this also raises an awkward question for us greens: why hasn't the global

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those shocks is an increase, not a decline, in environmental destruction.

The problem we face is not that we have too little fossil fuel, but

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one day, but not before we have pulled everything down with us.

And even if there were an immediate economic cataclysm, it's not clear that the result would be a decline in our capacity for destruction. In east Africa, for example, I've seen how, when supplies of paraffin or kerosene are disrupted, people don't give up cooking; they cut down more trees. History shows us that wherever large-scale collapse has occurred, psychopaths take over. This is hardly conducive to the rational use of natural assets.

All of us in the environment movement, in other words – whether we propose

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the contradictions we confront. But even that could be a tall order.