#### AND- Pinker’s study is epistemologically and methodologically sound.

Jervis 10/25--Robert, Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Columbia University, "Pinker the Prophet", Nov-December Issue of the National Interest, <http://nationalinterest.org/bookreview/pinker-the-prophet-6072>

[The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined](http://www.amazon.com/Better-Angels-Our-Nature-Violence/dp/0670022950%3FSubscriptionId%3DAKIAJGWRWHR63OJOTEBQ%26tag%3Dthenatiinte-20%26linkCode%3Dxm2%26camp%3D2025%26creative%3D165953%26creativeASIN%3D0670022950) [3] WITH

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progress are not mere stories that we tell ourselves to justify our lives.

**Epistemology must be secondary to the prior question of political practice**

**Jarvis ‘00** (Darryl, Senior Lecturer in International Relations – University of Sydney, International Relations and the Challenge of Postmodernism, p. 128-9)

More is the pity that such irrational and obviously abstruse debate should so occupy us

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to address the real life plight of those who struggle at marginal places.

#### Focus on disasters creates global civil society

Kurasawa 4 Fuyuki Kurasawa, Associate Professor of Sociology at York University in Toronto, Canada, 2004, Constellations Vol 11, No 4, 2004, Cautionary Tales: The Global Culture of Prevention and the Work of Foresight http://www.yorku.ca/kurasawa/Kurasawa%20Articles/Constellations%20Article.pdf

Rather than bemoaning the contemporary preeminence of a dystopian imaginary, I am claiming that

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a position to ‘move up’ and become institutionalized via strong publics.7

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#### Extinction is a prerequisite to ethics

Seeley 86 Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, The Handbook of Non-Violence, p. 269-70

In moral reasoning prediction of consequences is nearly always impossible. One balances the risks

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real enough to make nuclear war utterly impermissible under any sane moral code.

#### Consequentialism is good

Cowen 4—Tyler Cowen, Department of Economics @ George Mason University, "The Epistemic Problem Does Not Refute Consequentialism," November 2, http://www.gmu.edu/jbc/Tyler/Epistemic2.pdf, p. 14-15

The epistemic critique relies heavily on a complete lack of information about initial circumstances.

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generic uncertainty should not stop us from pursuing large upfront benefits of obvious importance

**Causes endless paradigm wars**

**Wendt ’98** (professor of international security – Ohio State University, 1998 (Alexander, “On Constitution and Causation in International Relations,” British International Studies Association)

As a community, we in the academic study of international politics spend too much

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Debate’s sparring over epistemology is often one-sided, intolerant caricatures of science

#### Consumption is inevitable and good—key to ethical and democratic solidarity.

Patricia Cohen 2 is Writer for the New York Times, citing James B. Twitchell, Professor of English at the University of Florida, “In Defense Of Our Wicked, Wicked Way”, The New York Times, July 7, <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/jtwitche/nytimesarticle.pdf>, Accessed date: 10/26/12 y2k

"I CAN stand here and look at this for hours," said James B

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consumption is eternal. The ad slogan is right: Diamonds are forever.

#### Heg solves genocide and mass violence globally

**Lieber 5** [Robert J. Lieber, *PhD from Harvard, Professor of Government and International Affairs at Georgetown, former consultant to the State Department and for National Intelligence Estimates* , “The American Era: Power and Strategy for the 21st Century”, pg. 51-52]

The United States possesses the military and economic means to act assertively on a global

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killing in the Darfur region of Western Sudan provides a more recent example.

#### 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.

#### Some cultural traditions are useless and oppressive- it’s a moral imperative to replace them through the exportation of Western values

**Rorty, 99**

(Richard, deceased as of June 8, 2007 and Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature and Philosophy at Stanford University, described as the reincarnation of Jesus Christ February 5, “The Communitarian Impulse” Colorado College's 125th Anniversary Symposium, Cultures in the 21st Century: Conflicts and Convergences, http://www.coloradocollege.edu/academics/anniversary/Transcripts/RortyTXT.htm)

When cultural traditions start making people unnecessarily miserable, they have outlived their usefulness and

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at least until the non-West comes up with some better devices.

#### Imperialism isn’t necessarily evil---can be a force for good---solves the impacts of the K.

Michael A. **Babcock 5** is an associate professor of humanities at Liberty University. “Defending American Imperialism,” 8-15-12, <http://www.capitolhillblue.com/artman/publish/article_7241.shtml>, Accessed date: 12-23-12 y2k

It's time for us to accept and defend our imperialism. Imperialism has received bad

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that's the kind of "imperialism" we should be willing to defend.

#### The alt fails to halt imperialism- it’s the equivalent of moral masturbation

**Hoare ‘6**

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Anti-imperialism is impotent. The left-wing radicals who describe themselves as

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, but does not actually weaken or halt ‘imperialism’ in any way.

2) Anti-imperialism has no positive content. The socialists who opposed World

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and egalitarian world, but the triumph of genocide in the Balkans and fundamentalism

#### Ethics means you vote aff- retrenchment triggers all their impact claims while leaving the US vulnerable to terrorist attacks- perm is the best option

**Ravenal ‘9**

[Earl C. Ravenal, distinguished senior fellow in foreign policy studies @ Cato, is professor emeritus of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He is an expert on NATO, defense strategy, and the defense budget. He is the author of *Designing Defense for a New World Order.* What's Empire Got to Do with It? The Derivation of America's Foreign Policy.” *Critical Review: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Politics and Society* 21.1 (2009) 21-75]

To comprehend, and criticize, the anti-imperial argument, one must make

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net, and to read the signs of impending terrorist action against American society

#### Our epistemology is good - debates about security concerns result in better policy-making. Alt results in war.

**Walt 91** (Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago – 1991, Stephen, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY,. 229-30

A recurring theme of this essay has been the twin dangers of separating the study

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training the new generation of experts gives academics an additional avenue of influence.

**Specific policy solutions are necessary to achieve progress—the alternative is policy paralysis and a return to local bigotry and persecution. Defending truth claims is on-balance less dangerous than attacking them**

**Fierlbeck ‘94 (**Dalhousie University, 1994, Katherine, History and Theory, v.33 n.1, online)

In many respects, even the dismally skeptical post-modernists are too optimistic in

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listen to our unexamined preferences as if they were ethical laws."[10]

**The real world exists and so does Truth—their rejection of evidence and logic surrenders hope for effectively confronting all major impacts.**

**Sokal ’96** (Alan Sokal, Professor of Physics at New York University, 1996 (“A Physicist Experiments With Cultural Studies,” Lingua Franca, May/June, http://linguafranca.mirror.theinfo.org/9605/sokal.html)

Why did I do it? While my method was satirical, my motivation is

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economics, and politics if we reject the notions of truth and falsity.

**Natural gas acts as a bridge fuel—spurring broad renewable development**

**Ju 12**—Anne Ju is a senior science writer for the Cornell Chronicle. “Study Proves Natural Gas Can Bridge the Gap to a Clean Energy Economy,” July 17, 2012, <http://oilprice.com/Energy/Natural-Gas/Study-Proves-Natural-Gas-Can-Bridge-the-Gap-to-a-Clean-Energy-Economy.html>

Natural gas is a good transition step on the road to greener energy sources like

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fuels is equally beneficial in percentage terms no matter how fast the transition.”