### U: Price Spikes

#### Their evidence is industry-bias.

J. David Hughes 11 is Fellow in Fossil Fuels – Post Carbon Institute, Geoscientist – Geological Survey of Canada, and Team Leader – Canadian Gas Potential Committee, Abstract by Richard Heinberg, Senior Fellow-in-Residence – Post Carbon Institute, “Will Natural Gas Fuel America in the 21st Century?” Post Carbon Institute, May, <http://www.postcarbon.org/reports/PCI-report-nat-gas-future-plain.pdf>, Accessed date: 11-6-12 y2k

As this report details, all of these assumptions and recommendations need to be re

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future supply, as well as sound assessments of economic and environmental costs.

—we’ll simply get the energy policy we deserve.

### 2AC Exports CP

#### Links to politics

#### Exports cause price spikes

Wyden and Markey 12 “Opposing view: Call a timeout on gas exports”, Ron Wyden and Ed Markey, 6/20/2012, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., is the ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee. http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/story/2012-06-20/gas-exports-Wyden-Markey/55721898/1

If we open up the United States' new natural gas supply to the world market

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. It's time to look past the immediate payday and think this through.

#### Manufactures perceive spike

Lascher 12 (“Debate Surrounds Race to Export America's Natural Gas Supply”, Bill Lascher at InsideClimate, Feb 21, 2012, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/21/idUS50764773420120221

But some U.S. manufacturers, utilities and consumer advocates counter that exporting

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. Electricity prices could rise 2 to 9 percent, the report says.

#### Aircraft Carriers solve North Korean nuclear attacks---effective missile defense destroys launches.

John Gordon 6 graduated from The Citadel in 1977 with a bachelor’s degree in history

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1997. “LEVERAGING AMERICA'S AIRCRAFT CARRIER CAPABILITIES: Exploring New Combat and Noncombat

Roles and Missions for the U.S. Carrier Fleet,” <http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2006/RAND_MG448.pdf>, 2006, Accessed date: 12-3-12 y2k

This vignette, set later in this decade, when North Korea might have a

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aircraft carriers. An alternative is to have the carrier stand oﬀ and operate

high-altitude, long-endurance (HALE) aircraft equipped with air-to-air missiles adapted for boost-phase intercept.

#### A Korean War causes Extinction

Hayes and Green 10 - \*Victoria University AND \*\*Executive Director of the Nautilus Institute (Peter and Michael, “-“The Path Not Taken, the Way Still Open: Denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia”, 1/5, http://www.nautilus.org/fora/security/10001HayesHamalGreen.pdf)

The consequences of failing to address the proliferation threat posed by the North Korea developments

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regional threat but a global one that warrants priority consideration from the international community

### 2AC OTEC

#### Links to politics---resource development is key.

#### Global OTEC development is inevitable and solves the nb.

David Appleyard 8/30 is Chief Editor of Renewable Energy World. He also currently holds the position of Chief Editor for sister publication Hydro Review Worldwide. “Rising Tide for Ocean Energy: UK Aims to Ride the Wave,” August 30, 2012 <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/08/rising-tide-for-ocean-energy?page=2>, Accessed date: 10/12/12 y2k

LONDON -- Growing global interest in harvesting the sea's vast generation potential is now focused

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which won planning consent from the Scottish government in March 2011. 012.

#### Manufacturing is key to precision farming and advanced agriculture.

Michael Lind 12 is policy director of New America’s Economic Growth Program and a co-founder of the New America Foundation, Joshua Freedman, program associate in New America’s Economic Growth Program, “Value Added: America’s Manufacturing Future,” New America Foundation, April 2012, [http://growth.newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/licydocs/Lind,%20Michael%20and%20Freedman,%20Joshua%20-%20NAF%20-%20Value%20Added%20America%27s%20Manufacturing%20Future.pdf](http://growth.newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/licydocs/Lind%2C%20Michael%20and%20Freedman%2C%20Joshua%20-%20NAF%20-%20Value%20Added%20America%27s%20Manufacturing%20Future.pdf), Accessed date: 11-22-12 y2k

Advanced manufacturing is not limited to new, emerging sectors; even manufacturing tied to

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24-hour availability for support services for its Advanced Farming Systems products.

#### Advanced agriculture solves extinction.

Richard G. Lugar 4 is former U.S. Senator – Indiana and Former Chair – Senate Foreign Relations Committee, “Plant Power”, Our Planet, 14(3), http://www.unep.org/ourplanet/imgversn/143/lugar.html)

In a world confronted by global terrorism, turmoil in the Middle East, burgeoning

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in the survival of billions of people and the health of our planet.

### 2AC Methane Hydrates

#### Oil drilling should trigger the link

Klimasinska 12(Katarzyna Klimasinska “Republicans Fault Obama’s Five-Year Oil Plan As Too Restrictive” 6/28/12 http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-06-28/republicans-fault-obama-s-five-year-oil-plan-as-too-restrictive.html accessed on 6/28/12)

Republicans criticized the Obama administration’s latest five-year offshore oil-leasing plan for

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than 75 percent of total undiscovered, recoverable oil, according to the agency

#### Conventional gas excludes shale and methane hydrates.

Energy Insider 7 (Energy Insider, “The Rise of Unconventional Gas”, 2007, <http://www.enerdynamics.com/documents/Insider91807_000.pdf>)

What is Unconventional Gas? Natural gas is formed over thousands of years by the

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temperature and high pressure in places such as under the oceans and permafrost.

#### Global hydrates development is inevitable.

David Sassoon 10 for SolveClimate, part of the Guardian Environment Network. “Did Deepwater methane hydrates cause the BP Gulf explosion? Strange and dangerous hydrocarbon offers no room for human error,” 5-20-12, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/may/20/deepwater-methane-hydrates-bp-gulf>, Accessed date: 12-10-12 y2k

Professors Koh and Sum are concerned that a focus on the dangers of methane hydrates

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identified as insurmountable" in the pursuit of commercial production of methane hydrates.

#### Offshore developments are safe---new tech and procedural safeguards---you have near-zero risk of the DA.

Thornley 9 (Drew – Independent policy analyst focused primarily on energy, teaches business law at Concordia University in Austin, Texas. graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in economics from The University of Alabama in 2002 and received a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2005, “ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL MYTHS”, April 2009, <http://www.manhattan-institute.org/energymyths/myth8.htm>)

Since 1975, offshore drilling in the Exclusive Economic Zone (within 200 miles of

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waters will continue to be conducted in a safe and environmentally conscious manner.

#### Global natural gas extraction is inevitable – Australia or Qatar – it’s just a question of the US taking the lead – their impact is inevitable or empirically denied

#### No impact to methane hydrates.

Kvenolden 99 (Keith A. – USGS, “Potential Effects of Gas Hydrate on Human Welfare”, 1999, JSTOR)

For almost 30 years. serious interest has been directed toward natural gas hydrate,

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, and thus human activities and installations in this setting can be affected.

### 2AC Immigration

#### Won’t pass – Republicans block amnesty

Washington Post, 2-6, 2013,

(Editorial Board, "GOP’s immigration plan is no plan", PAS) [www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/gops-immigration-plan-is-no-plan/2013/02/06/ed6bffc2-707b-11e2-ac36-3d8d9dcaa2e2\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/gops-immigration-plan-is-no-plan/2013/02/06/ed6bffc2-707b-11e2-ac36-3d8d9dcaa2e2_story.html) 2-7-13

HOUSE REPUBLICANS came eyeball to eyeball with sweeping immigration reform Tuesday, and they blinked

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avoid charting a course for what many Republicans regard as the dreaded amnesty.

#### PC low

Cilizza, Washington Post Politics Reporter, 2-6, 2013,

(Chris, "President Obama is enjoying a second political honeymoon. But how long will it last?", Washington Post, PAS) [www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/02/06/president-obama-is-enjoying-a-second-political-honeymoon-but-how-long-will-it-last/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/02/06/president-obama-is-enjoying-a-second-political-honeymoon-but-how-long-will-it-last/) 2-7-13

President Obama is enjoying a sort of second political honeymoon in the wake of his

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the time Congress recesses for its month-long August break this summer.

#### 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.

#### Logical policymaker can do both

#### 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.

#### No spillover between policies---negotiations on fiscal cliff inevitable.

#### PC doesn’t exist and Winner’s Win.

Michael Hirsh 2/7 is Chief Correspondent @ National Journal, “There’s No Such Thing as Political Capital,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/there-s-no-such-thing-as-political-capital-20130207>, Accessed Date: 2-7-13 y2k

On Tuesday, in his State of the Union address, President Obama will do

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how much “political capital” Obama possesses to push his program through.

Most of this talk will have no bearing on what actually happens over the next four years.

Consider this: Three months ago, just before the November election, if someone

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or “political capital”—chances are fair that both will now happen.

What changed? In the case of gun control, of course, it wasn’t

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and poignant testimony to the Senate, challenging lawmakers: “Be bold.”

As a result, momentum has appeared to build around some kind of a plan

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time. Whole new possibilities exist now that didn’t a few weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the Republican members of the Senate’s so-called Gang of Eight are

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to do with Obama’s political capital or, indeed, Obama at all.

The point is not that “political capital” is a meaningless term. Often

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that matters, if you have popularity and some momentum on your side.”

The real problem is that the idea of political capital—or mandates, or

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his account determines what he can do at any given moment in history.

Naturally, any president has practical and electoral limits. Does he have a majority

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increasingly avoid any concessions that make him (and the Democrats) stronger.

But the abrupt emergence of the immigration and gun-control issues illustrates how suddenly

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suddenly woke up in panic to the huge disparity in the Hispanic vote.

Some political scientists who study the elusive calculus of how to pass legislation and run

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change positions to get on the winning side. It’s a bandwagon effect.”

#### Natural gas lobby key to agenda.

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.

#### There’s no specific legislation and vote won’t happen till June---means no trade-off.

Elise Foley and Sam Stein 1/2 are Huffington Post Staff Writers. “Obama's Immigration Reform Push To Begin This Month,” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/02/obama-immigration-reform_n_2398507.html>, Accessed date: 1-2-13 y2k

It remains unclear what type of immigration policies the White House plans to push in

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reform, it's still unclear which of them plan to join the push.

#### Obama won’t use PC for immigration – it’s all talk

AP 1/29

[Obama says there's 'genuine desire' for immigration overhaul, [http://www.10news.com/news/politics/obama-genuine-desire-for-immigration-overhaul01292013]jap](http://www.10news.com/news/politics/obama-genuine-desire-for-immigration-overhaul01292013%5Djap)

WASHINGTON - Declaring "now is the time" to fix the nation's broken immigration

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to get it passed by Congress, to the disappointment of many Hispanics.

#### Cyber war infeasible

Clark 12, MA candidate – Intelligence Studies @ American Military University, senior analyst – Chenega Federal Systems, 4/28/’12 (Paul, “The Risk of Disruption or Destruction of Critical U.S. Infrastructure by an Offensive Cyber Attack,” American Military University)

The Department of Homeland Security worries that our critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR

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establish robust security guidelines and cyber security measures (Gohn and Wheelock 2010).

### 2AC Russian Gas

#### Russian gas monopoly is over---global production kills their econ and influence.

Benjamin Bidder 13 is editor-in-departmental policy @ SPIEGEL ONLINE, “Under Pressure: Once Mighty Gazprom Loses Its Clout,” 2/1/13, <http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/gazprom-gas-giant-is-running-into-trouble-a-881024.html>, Accessed Date: 2-8-13 y2k

Early this week, an invoice was delivered to the Ukrainian government and Naftogaz,

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its customers by linking the price of natural gas to that of oil.

#### No link and non-unique – most nat gas is domestically used and Russia’s industry is screwed

Stratfor 12 “Russia's Natural Gas Dilemma”, 4/9, http://www.stratfor.com/sample/analysis/russias-natural-gas-dilemma

Russia produced approximately 510 billion cubic meters (bcm) of natural gas in 2011

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expansion of Sakhalin, which will also cost tens of billions of dollars.

#### 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)

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.

#### Plan solves diversification—cooperative EU-Russia framework.

**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>

hes/zurich\_eu\_russia.pdf Accessed date: 8-29-12 y2k

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.

#### 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.