### U: Price Spikes

#### Price spike is inevitable---reject their snapshot uniqueness---consecutive EIA data concludes that supply is collapsing quickly---causes coal-switching---prefer our author—economist.

#### 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.

### Arctic

#### 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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percent of state revenue, a drop in Russian exports will hit Moscow hard

#### 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.

### 2AC ASPEC

#### - Counter Interp: agent is normal means

#### - Kills Neg ground- we could specify them into unpredictable ground.

#### - CX checks

#### - Justifies agent Counterplans- moot 1ac, topic education, and is utopian

#### - DA solves offence

#### - No potential abuse

### 2AC Consult

#### Congress says no.

Broder 12 After Federal Jolt, Clean Energy Seeks New Spark, JOHN M. BRODER, October 23, 2012, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/24/business/energy-environment/future-of-american-aid-to-clean-energy.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0>

The Obama administration’s clean energy venture has been contentious from the start, generating enormous

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for innovators. The two parties are sharply split on all those possibilities.”

#### Certainty is key

Loris 8-6 (Nicolas, Fellow in the Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies – Heritage Foundation “Senate Energy Bill: Good Start, Room for Improvement,” Heritage Foundation, 2012, <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2012/08/domestic-energy-and-jobs-act-good-start-room-for-improvement>)

Lease certainty is …**to pursue energy projects**.

#### That’s key to investor confidence---CP can’t solve.

Kabelitz 6 (Dr. Klaus-Robert, Chief Economist – E.on Ruhrgas, one of the leading European players in natural gas, “Strategy, Economy, and Regulation,” International Gas Union, June, <http://www.igu.org/html/wgc2006/pdf/com/PGC%20B%20final%20report.pdf>)

It goes without saying that abundant gas reserves and favourable pre-tax economics may

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otherwise low risk areas high risk from the point of view of investors.

#### Perm do the cp—CP iss not competitive - The counterplan only questions how the plan should be implemented, not if it should

#### A. Resolution says “should,”—means it’s not unconditional

Atlas Collaboration 99—“Use of shall, should, may can,” <http://rd13doc.cern.ch/Atlas/DaqSoft/sde/inspect/shall.html>

'shall' describes something that is mandatory. If a requirement uses 'shall', then that

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to be stated anywhere (to say nothing of defining what  'thoroughly' means).

#### Perception of delay takes out the case

Bayless 3 (Robert, President – Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, “Energy Production on Federal Lands,” Hearing before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 4-30)

Mr. BAYLESS. Senator, if I could follow up, not only is

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additional wells. It really puts a bad filter on those price signals.

#### Perm do the plan and increase renewables investment.

#### Doesn’t solve the arctic advantage.

Bert 12 (Captain Melissa – USCG, 2011-2012 Military Fellow, U.S.Coast Guard, “A Strategy to Advance the Arctic Economy”, February, http://www.cfr.org/arctic/strategy-advance-arctic-economy/p27258)

The United States needs to develop a comprehensive strategy for the Arctic. Melting sea

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tremendous economic benefits and could harm U.S. national security interests.

#### US Arctic leadership via natural gas solves Arctic terrorism

Conley 12 (Heather – Senior Fellow at CSIS and Director, Europe Program, “A New Security Architecture for the Arctic”, January, http://csis.org/files/publication/120117\_Conley\_ArcticSecurity\_Web.pdf)

The Arctic will experience extraordinary economic and environmental change over the next several decades.

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countries have in moving rapidly to extract these resources from their Arctic territories.

#### Leads to CBW use

Mychajlyszyn 8 (Natalie, International Affairs, Trade and Finance Division, “The Arctic: Canadian Security and Defence”, 24 October 2008, http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/LOP/ResearchPublications/prb0813-e.htm#illegalaccess)

Increased illegal access and illegal activities, including terrorism As the Arctic generally becomes more

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engaged in the extraction of lucrative resources, such as diamonds and copper.

#### Extinction

Sandberg et al 8—Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity Institute at Oxford University. PhD in computation neuroscience, Stockholm—AND—Jason G. Matheny—PhD candidate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins. special consultant to the Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh—AND—Milan M. Ćirković—senior research associate at the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade. Assistant professor of physics at the University of Novi Sad. (Anders, How can we reduce the risk of human extinction?, 9 September 2008, http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/features/how-can-we-reduce-the-risk-of-human-extinction)

The risks from anthropogenic hazards appear at present larger than those from natural ones.

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may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

#### Global investment is still high—solves their impact.

Miller 10/11—Marlys Miller is Editor of Pork Magazine. “Global renewable energy investments continue to grow,” <http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/Global-renewable-energy-investments-continue-to-grow--173581541.html?ref=541>, Accessed date: 10/11/12 y2k

Emerging from the global economic recession, investments in renewable energy technologies continued their steady

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in developing countries had surpassed those in industrial countries for the first time.

#### No impact to warming—you should assign zero risk.

**Lindzen 9**—Richard S. Lindzen is the Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“Resisting climate hysteria” 8-14-09 <http://www.thepeoplesvoice.org/TPV3/Voices.php/2009/08/14/resisting-climate-hysteria> Accessed date: 7-15-12 y2k

Climate alarmists respond that some of the hottest years on record have occurred during the

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history tells us that greater wealth and development can profoundly increase our resilience.

### 2AC K

#### Role of the ballot is simulation of enactment of the plan versus competing policy or the squo---key to fairness and decisionmaking.

#### Role of the ballot is simulation of enactment of plan versus competing policy or the status quo---that’s key to technical debate and decision-making skills that influence energy policies.

Carol J. Hager 92 is Professor of Political Science @ Byrn Mawr College. “Democratizing Technology: Citizen & State in West German Energy Politics, 1974-1990” Polity, Vol. 25, No. 1, p. 45-70

During this phase, the citizen initiative attempted to overcome its defensive posture and implement

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a space for a delibera-tive politics in modern technological society.61

#### Global natural gas extraction is inevitable – the US needs to take the lead to ensure the best practices are used so other countries follow---conventional gas is key,

Schneider 12 (Michael, Advocacy Director – Clean Air Task Force, “Curb Methane Emissions,” National Journal, 7-25, http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/07/is-arctic-oil-drilling-ready-f.php?comments=expandall#comments)

For several weeks now the public and the media have cast increasing attention on Arctic

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associated with oil and natural gas, in some cases by almost 100%.

#### **Fracking protects white, wealthy elites – the plan creates discussion to break down the racialized fracking of America.**

Starkey 9-18 (James, Professor Emeritus of Economics – University of Rhode Island, “The Fracking of America,” Vermont Commons, http://www.vtcommons.org/blog/fracking-america)

Fracking is a process that injects a toxic brew of silica and chemicals into shale

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racial man as its president, and erected a monument on the National Mall

#### Securitizing is good---prevents radical instability and global violence---turns the K.

Kenneth Reinhard 4 is Professor of Jewish Studies at UCLA, 2004, “Towards a Political Theology- Of the Neighbor,” online: <http://www.cjs.ucla.edu/Mellon/Towards_Political_Theology.pdf>, Accessed date: 12-9-12 y2k

If the concept of the political is defined, as Carl Schmitt does, in

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ultimately appeasing contours, because they would be identifiable” (PF 83).

#### Securitization is inevitable.

Trombetta 8—Maria Julia Trombetta is Postdoctoral Research @ Department of Economics of Infrastructure, Delft University of Technology. “The Securitization of the Environment and the Transformation of Security”, 3-19-8, http://archive.sgir.eu/-uploads/Trombetta-the\_securitization\_of\_the\_environment\_and\_the\_transformation\_of\_security.pdf

Second, within the School’s framework, desecuritization cannot be possible. Securitization in fact

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should the sort of his claim be different from that of similar ones?

#### Perm—do both—totalizing rejection of politics turns the alt—engagement is critical to de-securitization.

Bilgin 5—Pinar Bilgin is Professor of International Relations @ Bilkent University, “Regional Security in The Middle East” p. 60-1.

Admittedly, providing a critique of existing approaches to security, revealing those hidden assumptions

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critical approaches to re-think security in both theory and practice.

#### Threats are real.

Knudsen 1—Olav F. Knudsen is Professor Emeritus of Political Science @ Södertörn Univ College, Security Dialogue 32.3, “Post-Copenhagen Security Studies: Desecuritizing Securitization,” p. 360

In the post-Cold War period, agenda-setting has been much easier

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instance), not least to find adequate democratic procedures for dealing with them.

#### Perm do both---political engagement is key.

Jakub Kronenberg 7, Department of International Economics, University of Lodz, “Making consumption ‘reasonable’,” Journal of Cleaner Production, Volume 15, Issue 6, pg. 557-566, Science Direct

Future research into consumption problems is likely to combine the social science approach focusing on

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complemented with economic measures directed also at appealing to the consumers' economic reasoning.

### 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.

#### Immigration won’t be voted on until March

Sanchez, Roll Call Staff Writer, 2-8, 2013,

(Humberto, "Immigration Advocates Bullish on Obama's State of the Union", Roll Call, PAS) [www.rollcall.com/news/immigration\_advocates\_bullish\_on\_obamas\_state\_of\_the\_union-222283-1.html](http://www.rollcall.com/news/immigration_advocates_bullish_on_obamas_state_of_the_union-222283-1.html) 2-8-13

Assured and galvanized by his speech last week in Las Vegas, immigration overhaul advocates

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for next week. The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing this week.

#### 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.

#### No SA War.

Eskildsen 9 Robert, Assistant Professor of Japanese History – Smith College “Whither East Asia? Reflections on Japan’s Colonial Experience in Taiwan”, The Asia-Pacific Journal, 3-22, http://japanfocus.org/-Robert-Eskildsen/2058

The Meiji Restoration gave Japan the flexibility to pursue changes in the diplomatic status quo

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this geopolitical backdrop, three contemporary strategic conflicts stand out as particularly troublesome.