#### Prefer our methods-

#### Treating the “personal as political” is the worst form of political naivety --- it degrades politics from meaningful forms of collective action, cementing racism and suffering

Bookchin 89 (Murray, Director of the Institute for Social Ecology, Remaking Society, p. 163-165)

Political activity and social engagement in this theistic terrain tends to shrivel from activism into

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a crude neo-Malthusianism that lends itself to indifference to human suffering.

#### State power is flexible and open to reorientation --- their framework foregoes the possibility of ever checking illegitimate violence

Krause and Williams 97 (Keith, Professor of Political Science – York U., and Michael, Professor of Political Science – U Southern Main, Critical Security Studies: Concepts and Cases, p. xvi)

Many of the chapters in this volume thus retain a concern with the centrality of

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of influencing what remains the most structurally capable actor in contemporary world politics.

#### Policy-oriented and research-intensive debate is critical to empower minority students

Warner and Bruschke 1 (Ede, Professor – U Louisville and Jon, Professor – Cal State Fullerton, “’Gone on Debating’: Competitive Academic Debate as a Tool of Empowerment in Urban America”)

Education has long been a key facet of empowerment.  Galston (1996) has

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discover how academic debate fits into this scheme of empowerment. [Continues…]

Academic debate facilitates the development of students as social critics because of its policy oriented

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gives students the experience of competing against someone from a different socioeconomic level.

#### Policy debate isn’t exclusionary and can empower minorities --- attempting to increase participation by changing traditional practices eliminates the progressive potential of debate

Bailey 4 (Stephen, Fmr Debater at Emory, Email Correspondence with Will Repko, 2-4, http://www.geocities.com/caseyharrigan/bailey.html)

Feel free to quote me on this...I think that it is essentializing and

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might increase African American participation in the activity, but at what cost?

#### Only the perm solves – criticism without an affirmative political component will be coopted

Best and Kellner 1 (Steven, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities – University of Texas and Douglas, Philosophy of Education Chair – UCLA, “Postmodern Politics and the Battle for the Future,” Illuminations, http://www.uta.edu/huma/illuminations/kell28.htm)

The emphasis on local struggles and micropower, cultural politics which redefine the political,

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that focuses on the forces of domination as well as possibilities of emancipation.

**We must engage the state to combat white supremacy.**

David Theo **Goldberg**, Director of the University of California Humanities Research; Professor of Comparative Literature and Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and is a Fellow of the UCI Critical Theory Institute, 20**02** (*The Racial State*, p. 195-6)

Racial states, then, are states that historically become engaged in the constitution,

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and arrogance but also and dialectically for anxiety and a crisis in confidence.

It follows that white states are states the design or effects of which are to

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of “raceless” states, then, that call now for consideration.

#### Forcing the development of skills, practice and competition is the most effective way of leveling the playing field. Making participation in debate contingent on white guilt undermines agency and minority development.

**Steele 2006** (Shelby – research fellow at the Hoover Institution, White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era, p. 64-67)

When there is no white guilt vying for responsibility over minority struggles, there is

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the other side of that window, where everything is asked of him.

#### -- Turn – essentialism –

#### Viewing all problems through the lens of gender is counter-productive --- blocks crucial progressive action

## Jarvis 00 (Daryl, Lecturer in Government and International Relations – University of Sydney, International Relations and the Challenge of Postmodernism: Defending the Discipline)

Celebrating and reifying difference as a political end in itself thus run the risk of

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gender, and destructive of conventional boundaries in disci­plinary knowledge and theoretical endeavor.

#### -- Turn – political vacuum --

#### Rejecting traditional security analysis guarantees the sector will be dominated by the most conservative policymakers

Olav. F. **Knudsen**, Prof @ Södertörn Univ College, **‘1** [*Security Dialogue* 32.3, “Post-Copenhagen Security Studies: Desecuritizing Securitization,” p. 366]

A final danger in focusing on the state is that of building the illusion that

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sector of security policymaking, unheeded by any but the most uncritical minds.

#### -- Alternative fails – no mechanism to translate theory into practice

Jones 99 (Richard Wyn, Lecturer in the Department of International Politics – University of Wales, Security, Strategy, and Critical Theory, CIAO, http://www.ciaonet.org/book/wynjones/wynjones06.html)

Because emancipatory political practice is central to the claims of critical theory, one might

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epistemological and methodological claims and thus that it is a fatally flawed enterprise.

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