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### Immigration

#### Obama is losing his juice and won’t have enough in the tank to get immigration reform - Polling data proves

Mediaite 3-19-13 (Spiraling Job Approval Ratings Complicate Negotiations With Congressional Republicans. LN)

RELATED: [Obama's](http://www.lexisnexis.com.proxy.foley.gonzaga.edu/lnacui2api/search/XMLCrossLinkSearch.do?bct=A&risb=21_T17009914321&returnToId=20_T17009918542&csi=299488&A=0.811681361788703&sourceCSI=162599&indexTerm=%23PE0009TJP%23&searchTerm=Obama's%20&indexType=P" \t "_parent) Approval Ratings Mirror American

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president entering his second term would prefer to be.

#### His agenda is stalled and only a significant victory now can kick start his agenda and enable him to get immigration reform – the plan gives him something at the time he needs it most

Riley 3-20-13 (Jason. Obama's Poll Problems

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324557804578372623790334676.html>)

A CNN poll released Tuesday puts President Obama's

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Democrats eyeing the midterm elections could abandon him.

#### Immigration reform collapses China’s economy

Wadhwa 09 (Vivek [Gary Gereffi and Alex Salkever], Executive in Research at the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University and a Senior Research Associate at the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness at Duke University, and journalist who has covered technology trends, "The American Brain Drain and Asia," The Asia-Pacific Journal, April 4, <http://www.japanfocus.org/-Alex-Salkever/3112>)

These positive impacts created by

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to another is no trivial act.

#### Economic collapse causes Civil War that escalates to full scale nuclear conflict

Yee and Storey 02 (Herbert Yee, Professor of Politics and International Relations at the Hong Kong Baptist University, and Ian Storey, Lecturer in Defence Studies at Deakin University, 2002 (The China Threat: Perceptions, Myths and Reality, RoutledgeCurzon, pg 5)

The fourth factor contributing to the

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a threat to its neighbours and the world.

### States

#### The fifty states and all relevant territories of the United States should adopt new regulations encouraging replacement of outdated natural gas production technology and higher standards for preventing methane leakage from natural gas production in the United States.

### Kazakhstan

#### Low Prices kill Uranium Market

Cowie 12 (Dr. Alex Cowie, Editor, Money Morning, “How Low Natural Gas Prices Are Causing Energy Havoc,” 8-1-12, <http://countingpips.com/forex-news/2012/08/how-low-natural-gas-prices-are-causing-energy-havoc/>)

Uranium is now in the cross hairs

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most countries around the world going.”

#### Hurts Kazakhstan’s industry

McDermott 11 (Roger, Senior Fellow, Foreign Military Studies Office, Fort Leavenworth, “Kazakhstan: Countering nuclear proliferation, Action to develop a nuclear and terrorist-free world,” in Kazakhstan 2011: Twenty Years of Peace and Creation, *First: The Forum for Global Decision Makers*, 2011, <http://www.firstmagazine.com/Publishing/SpecialReportsDetail.aspx?RegionId=4&SpecialReportId=96>)

Kazakhstan’s ambitions are likely

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world stage will be profound.

#### Destroys stability

Hamm 12 (Nathan, founder and Principal Analyst for Registan, MA in Central Asian Studies from the University of Washington, “Kazakhstan’s Stability, Central Asia’s Stability,” 1-31-12, <http://registan.net/2012/01/31/kazakhstans-stability-central-asias-stability/>)

I’m paraphrasing, but on the first

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to stability are likely to arise.

#### Spreads throughout the region

Assenova 8 (Margarita Assenova, IND Director; Natalie Zajicova, Program Officer (IND); Janusz Bugajski, CSIS NEDP Director; Ilona Teleki, Deputy Director and Fellow (CSIS); Besian Bocka, Program Coordinator and Research Assistant (CSIS), “Kazakhstan’s Strategic Significance,” 2008, CSIS-IND Taskforce Policy Brief team, European Dialogue, <http://eurodialogue.org/Kazakhstan-Strategic-Significance>)

The decision by the Organization for

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of the OSCE throughout Central Asia.

#### Nuclear war

Ahrari 1 (M. Ehsan, Professor of National Security and Strategy of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School at the Armed Forces Staff College, August 2001, “Jihadi Groups, Nuclear Pakistan and the New Great Game,” http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub112.pdf)

South and Central Asia constitute a

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gain for all concerned.

### Increase Regs

#### The United States federal government should increase the Environmental Protection Agency’s New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews for natural gas production to a level sufficient to make energy production from coal cost competitive with natural gas.

### Gender

The affirmative represents a masculinized attempt to impose security through control – this entrenches gender hierarchies and prevents successful alternatives.

Tickner 1992

(J. Ann Tickner, Professor of International Relations at USC. Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security. 1992, <http://www.ciaonet.org/book/tickner/>)

In previous chapters I have argued that

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relations, including unequal gender relations

Gendered structures of international relations and politics culminate in environmental destruction, nuclear war, and extinction

Tickner 1992

(J. Ann Tickner, Professor of International Relations at USC. Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security. 1992, <http://www.ciaonet.org/book/tickner/>)

In the modern West,

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the values we espouse in the home.

### Methane

#### Worst case methane leaks have no impact

Levi, 1/3/13 [Climate consequences of natural gas as a bridge fuel¶ Michael Levi, David M. Rubenstein Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment and Director of the Program on Energy Security and Climate Change, Climate Consequences of Natural Gas As a Bridge Fuel, <http://www.cfr.org/energyenvironment/climate-consequences-natural-gas-bridge-fuel/p29772>]

4 Consequences of methane leakage¶ Several authors

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the most challenging case for natural gas.

#### No impact to methane emissions

Schrag 12—Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology at Harvard University, Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering, and Director of the Harvard University Center for the Environment, Ph.D. in geology from UC Berkeley (Daniel P., *Daedalus*, 141.2 (Spring 2012, Is Shale Gas Good for Climate Change?, Academic OneFile, RBatra)

Cornell University scientists Robert Howarth

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climate system than burning coal**.**

#### Methane leaks are inevitable

**Hanley, 12** -- staff writer, citing peer-reviewed studies by Cornell ecologists

(Paul, "Concerns about hydraulic fracturing intensify," The Star Phoenix, 1-31-12, l/n, accessed 5-29-12, mss)

The fracking controversy has changed

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future as quickly as possible."

#### No warming – their models are incorrect and satellite data disproves.

Hayward 10 (Steven, Weyerhaeuser fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, “In Denial,” The Weekly Standard, March 15, http://www.weeklystandard.com/print/articles/denial)

This central pillar of the climate campaign is

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and blatant advocacy for more than a decade.

#### Gas crowds-out renewables- key to solve climate

**Harvey, 12** -- Guardian environmental correspondent

(Fiona, "'Golden age of gas' threatens renewable energy, IEA warns," The Guardian, 5-29-12, www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/may/29/gas-boom-renewables-agency-warns, accessed 5-31-12, mss)

A "golden age of **gas**" spurred by a tripling of shale

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**need renewable energy,**" he told the Guardian.

#### Increased NG production makes carbon sequestration impossible- turns warming

**Celia, 12** -- Princeton University Environmental Engineering professor

(M.A., PhD in Civil Engineering from Princeton University, Theodora Shelton Pitney Professor of Environmental Studies and Civil and Environmental Engineering professor, American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow, and T.R. Elliot, “Potential Restrictions for CO2 Sequestration Sites Due to Shale and Tight Gas Production,” Environmental Science & Technology, 46(7), 2-1-12, ACS Publications, accessed 6-1-12, mss)

Carbon capture and geological sequestration

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for subsurface resource utilization should be developed.

#### Turn- abundant NG drives oil sands development- turns warming

**Hamilton, 11** -- Toronto Star business columnist

(Tyler, " Canada's Oil Sands on the Verge of a Boom, Again," MIT Technology Review, 4-8-12, www.technologyreview.com/energy/37319/#comments, accessed 6-3-12, mss)

The new technologies and drilling methods behind

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,000 times higher than previously thought.

#### no bridge—natural gas kills the transition

Jones 12 (Christopher F. Jones - Ph.D, Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellow at Berkeley, previously fellow @ Harvard U. Center for the Environment. 8/29/12, " Natural Gas: Bridge or Dead End? ," Huffington Post, [www.huffingtonpost.com/christopher-f-jones/bridge-or-dead-end\_b\_1837015.html?utm\_hp\_ref=energy](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christopher-f-jones/bridge-or-dead-end_b_1837015.html?utm_hp_ref=energy))

Critics of natural gas have typically focused

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it will be hard to get off.

### India

#### India should investment in energy security reforms as per our Ebinger evidence

Ebinger 11 (Charles, October 2, "Secutirng the Future" www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2011/10/03-energy-security-ebinger)

Yet much more can be done for

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economic benefits and reduces regional tensions.

#### no nuclear

Markey 10 (Daniel, writer for Council on Foreign Relations, “Terrorism and Indo-Pakistani Esclation”) GAT

A military exchange between India

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it authorizes a first strike.

#### No war – deterrence checks escalation

Ganguly, 8

[Sumit Ganguly is a professor of political science and holds the Rabindranath Tagore Chair at Indiana University, Bloomington. “Nuclear Stability in South Asia,” International Security, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Fall 2008), pp. 45–70]

As the outcomes of the 1999

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its army into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.87

#### Even if nuclear war happens – no extinction

Richter and Maugh 2 (Paul and Thomas, Los Angeles Times Staff Wrtiers, “One Misstep Away From Nuclear War,” June 2, http://articles.latimes.com/2002/jun/02/world/fg-nukes2?pg=5)

Although a nuclear exchange

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not a public health concern."

#### Dialogue solves escalation

Curtis 7 (Lisa, [Lisa Curtis](http://www.heritage.org/About/Staff/LisaCurtis.cfm) is Senior Research Fellow for South Asia in the Asian Studies Center at The Heritage Foundation.“India and Pakistan Poised to Make Progress on Kashmir,” *The Heritage Foundation*, January 12, www.heritage.org/research/AsiaandthePacific/bg1997.cfm)

The three-year India–Pakistan

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line constituencies opposed to any compromise.

#### ( ) Empirics prove each side will attempt to de-escalate – conflict will never go nuclear and both sides will inevitably accept the current division of Kashmir

Dr. Marvin J, Cetron, President, Forecasting International, August 1, 2004, online: http://www.wfs.org/confprcetron.htm, accessed March 9, 2007

India and Pakistan both have compelling

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than any possible alternative.

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## Methane Advantage

#### No impact - Soil sequestration solves methane warming

CO2 Science 3 [CO2 Science, 2003 http://www.co2science.org/subject/m/summaries/methaneextract.php]

Methane (CH4) is an important greenhouse

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into models of global climate change.

#### Multiple factors ensure chemical industry resiliency

Economic Outlook 2o12; world economic review, “Economic Outlook — Economic Outlook No.2-2012” http://www.mydigitalpublication.com/display\_article.php?id=1058343

Rebound in the US Benefiting from

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of innovations in green chemistry.

#### Chemical industry regs now – kills the industry.

Reuters 11/7, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/07/us-usa-campaign-energy-companies-obama-idUSBRE8A60N920121107

CHEMICALS BRACE FOR HIT Obama is

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of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates, a trade group.

#### Low demand decreasing chemical profits

Chang, Chemical News & Intelligence, 7/5/12 (Joseph, "Wall Street Turns More Pessimistic on Chemicals," http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a\_id=36643&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

"Chemical demand softened in the second

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lower prices in the future."

## Kazakhstan

### Uniqueness – Prices High

#### Natural gas prices rising – industrial and electricity demand

Lackey 12 (Mark, energy analyst with CHF Investor Relations, “This Is Your Energy Entry Point: Mark Lackey,” 8-30-12, <http://www.theenergyreport.com/pub/na/14243>)

Natural gas has been somewhat weaker,

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China they're as high as $15/Mcf.

#### Steady rise in prices coming now

Conti 12 (John J., Assistant Administrator of Energy Analysis, United States Energy Information Administration, “Annual Energy Outlook 2012,” June 2012, [http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/pdf/0383(2012).pdf)](http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/pdf/0383%282012%29.pdf%29)

U.S. natural gas prices are

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7.37 per million Btu (2010 dollars) in 2035.

### Link – EPA Rules

#### EPA rules will increase gas prices

ARI 12 (Advanced Resources International Inc. For the American Petroleum Institute, February 2012

“Estimate of Impacts of EPA Proposals to Reduce Air Emissions from Hydraulic Fracturing Operations,”

<http://www.api.org/~/media/Files/Policy/Hydraulic_Fracturing/NSPS-OG-ARI-Impacts-of-EPA-Air-Rules-Final-Report.ashx>)

For this assessment, the Reference Case crude

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-in requirement and impacts are underestimated.

### 2NC – Kazakhstan Key to Central Asia Stability

#### Kazakhstan spills over to broader Central Asian stability

Emmanuel Karagiannisis 11-14-2011; Assistant Professor of Russian and post-Soviet Politics at the University of Macedonia’s Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies in Thessaloniki, Greece. He obtained his Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Hull in Great Britain in 2000. He received his B.A in European Community Studies from London South Bank University and an M.A in International Security Studies from the University of Reading. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and a Visiting Scholar at Yale’s University Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies in 2008. The Global Dispatches Expert Commentary and Analysis Central Asia: Oil, Gas and Islam http://www.theglobaldispatches.com/articles/central-asia-oil-gas-and-islam-2

In Central Asia, a second generation

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whole region could go up in flames**.**

### Impact – Central Asia – US-Russia War

#### That risks accidental US-Russia nuclear launch

**Schorr, 1** – analyst with the Insitute for Policy Studies (Ira, The Record, 10/14, lexis)

While these actions helped the

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serious about preventing the use of nuclear weapons.

### Impact – Central Asia – Nuclear War

#### And it causes fast conventional and nuclear prolif – escalates

**Ahrari 2001** (M. Ehsan, Prof. of National Security and Strategy of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School @ the Armed Forces Staff College, August, "Jihadi Groups, Nuclear Pakistan and the New Great Game," http://www.911investigations.net/IMG/pdf/doc-49.pdf)

South and Central Asia constitute a

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thus representing a gain for all concerned.

## India

### AT: Relations- US/India

Relations are overwhelmingly resilient – a lot to gain on both sides

Kapoor 9/11 (Naveeta. "Engaging America" inewp.com/?p=5100) JM

“The United States and India are building

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South Asia and elsewhere in the world.”

Unbreakable

Newsweek, 3-6-06 (lexis)

This is not a matter of strategic "balancing

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businessmen, nongovernmental activists, journalists and writers.

Strong relations don’t equal policy success or alliance cooperation

Kreton 05, President Emeritus of the Henry L. Stimson Center and Director of its South Asia Project (Michael, “Is the U.S. - India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Good or Bad for Proliferation?”, Stimson Center Publications)

After three hundred years of colonial rule

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front of the “global war against terrorism.”

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### Steel Industry

#### Coal industry key to steel

Weinstein 2011 (Dr. Bernard L., associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute and an adjunct professor of business economics in the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University, September, "Proposed EPA Power-Sector Air Rules: Weakening Economic Recovery and Putting America’s Most Competitive Manufacturing Industries at Risk," [http://pressdocs.cox.smu.edu/maguire/SMU\_Utility\_MACT\_Report.pdf](http://pressdocs.cox.smu.edu/maguire/SMU_Utility_MACT_Report.pdf-http%3A//pressdocs.cox.smu.edu/maguire/SMU_Utility_MACT_Report.pdf))

Many of America’s most globally

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¶ is an abundant domestic resource.

#### Steel industry strong now – rising demand

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RNCOS specializes in Industry intelligence and creative solutions for contemporary business segments. Our professionals analyze the industry and its various components, with a comprehensive study of the changing market behavior. Our accuracy and data precision proves beneficial in terms of pricing and time management that assist the intending consultants in meeting their objectives in a cost-effective and timely manner.

http://beforeitsnews.com/business/2012/11/consumption-of-long-products-to-boost-us-steel-industry-2465718.html

The US steel industry is

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plate, bar, rod, and wire.

### Chem Industry

Current production solves chem industry

Kaskey 11

Jack Kaskey, staff writer, Bloomberg, August 10, 2011, "Cheap Shale Gas Means Record U.S. Chemical Industry Growth", http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-10/cheap-shale-gas-means-record-u-s-chemical-industry-expansion.html

Dow Chemical Co. (DOW) spent a

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as paint additives and automotive plastics.

#### Coal transport is key to railroads—decline causes collapse

Eaken et al. 2011(B. Kelly, senior vice president at Christensen Associates, Thomas Bozzo, Mark Meitzen, and Philip Schoech, Vice presidents at Christensen Associates, “Railroad Performance Under the Staggers Act Deregulation revived the rail freight industry, with most of the gains going to shippers”, Regulation, Winter 2010–2011, <http://www.cato.org/pubs/regulation/regv33n4/regv33n4-6.pdf>)

But the challenges facing the

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the financial¶ condition of the railroads.

#### Key to the Chemical Industry

Spraggins 2009(H. Barry Spraggins, U Nevada Reno, 2009, "The case for rail transportation of hazardous materials," Journal of Management and Marketing Research, [http://www.aabri.com/manuscripts/09224.pdf-http://www.aabri.com/manuscripts/09224.pdf](http://www.aabri.com/manuscripts/09224.pdf-http%3A//www.aabri.com/manuscripts/09224.pdf))

Twenty percent of the nation’s chemicals

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be on the safest method of shipping, rail.

### Coal DA

#### The atmosphere is already absorbing the maximum amount of radiation—increased CO2 will have no effect

Nova 2010(Joanne, Scientist and author of The Skeptic's Handbook, February 4, "4. Carbon dioxide is already absorbing almost all it can", [http://joannenova.com.au/2010/02/4-carbon-dioxide-is-already-absorbing-almost-all-it-can/)jn](http://joannenova.com.au/2010/02/4-carbon-dioxide-is-already-absorbing-almost-all-it-can/%29jn)

Here’s why it’s possible that doubling CO2

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it’s already reached its peak performance.

#### Reducing coal burning power plants would lead to a rapid onset of global warming as sulfate aerosols wash out of the atmosphere, leaving greenhouse gas emissions unbalanced

Connor 1990 (Steve, Science Editor of The Independent (London), “Carbon dioxide cuts 'may heat up earth'”, The Independent (London), August 19, 1990, pg. 7)

MAN'S attempts to halt the

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 magnitude of warming we expected.''

Attempts to reduce air pollution will cause global warming by eliminating the cooling effects of sulfate aerosols

Health and Energy 7 (“Sulfur Dioxide cuts may allow Increased Global Warming”, February 20, <http://healthandenergy.com/sulfur_dioxide.htm>

Sulfur dioxide emissions from the

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sulfur dioxide emissions are reduced", he said.

The loss of sulfate aerosols will have a rapid impact on climate change

Henson 98 (Bob, National Center for Atmospheric Research, “Particles of Doubt”, April 10, <http://www.ucar.edu/communications/highlights/1998/particles.html>)

Sulfates are sprinters in the

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like China, India, and Southeast Asia.

#### Reducing coal emissions would trigger rapid warming due to reduced aerosol cooling.

Chalmers et al 2012(N., Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, Reading, U.K.; NCAS-Climate, University of Reading, Reading, U.K., E. J. Highwood, Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading, E. Hawkins, 1Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, Reading, U.K.; 2NCAS-Climate, University of Reading, Reading, U.K., R. Sutton, 1Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, Reading, U.K.; 2NCAS-Climate, University of Reading, Reading, U.K., L. J. Wilcox1, August 21, “Aerosol contribution to the rapid warming of 2 near-term climate under RCP 2.6,” Manuscript, accepted for publication in Geophysical Research Letters, www.met.reading.ac.uk/~ed/home/chalmers\_etal\_2012\_accepted.pdf.

The period during which global mean

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previous simulations by Wigley [1991] and Johns et al. [2011].

#### Speed is critical—rapid warming overwhelms adaptation.

Milton 2010(Joseph, PhD Evolutionary Biology at St Andrews, science journalism at City U London, writer for the Financial Times, New Scientist, Nature News, Research Fortnight, and Scientific American, November 11, “Rapid warming boosted ancient rainforest,” Scientific American, http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=rapid-warming-boosted-ancient)

Most scientists have assumed that,

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the most important thing," he says.

#### Acid rain deposition of sulfates is currently offsetting warming by decreasing methane emissions from wetlands and rice paddies, but methane-producing microorganisms will

recover if sulfur emissions decrease

Gauci et al 5 (Vincent, Department of Earth Sciences, The Open University, “Long-term suppression of wetland methane flux following a pulse of simulated acid rain”, Geophysical Research Letters, June 2005, <http://cepsar.open.ac.uk/pers/v.gauci/pics/d43291.pdf>)

[2] Wetland CH4 emissions are thought to
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may have barely diminished if S-recycling is prolonged.

#### Sulfur emissions are key to crop yields—coal reductions uniquely harm yields

Taylor 2011(Richard, University of Deleware Extension Agronomist, March 16, "Will Your Crop Suffer from Sulfur Deficiency this Cropping Year?", http://extension.udel.edu/kentagextension/2011/03/16/will-your-crop-suffer-from-sulfur-deficiency-this-cropping-year/)

Past and recent emphasis

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review the photos at the end of this article.

#### Food shortages cause extinction

Cribb 2010(Julian, principal of JCA, fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, “The Coming Famine: The Global Food Crisis and What We Can Do to Avoid It”, pg 10)

The character of human conflict has also

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of the things that power it.

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#### Acidification doesn’t kill ocean organisms – they can survive

Professor Brice Bosnich FRS, is Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Professor in Chemistry at The University of Chicago, Emeritus, and is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Research School of Chemistry, The Australian National University, 11-14-2011, “The chemistry of ocean pH and “acidification”,” JaNova, http://joannenova.com.au/2011/11/the-chemistry-of-ocean-ph-and-acidification/

During past periods, stretching back millions

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ensue from the formation of carbonic acid.