# 1NC quarters

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#### A. Interpretation – incentives exclude guaranteed procurement – financial only

Czinkota et al, 9 **-** Associate Professor at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University (Michael, Fundamentals of International Business, p. 69 – google books)

Incentives offered by policymakers to facilitate foreign investments are mainly of three types: fiscal

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import quotas, and local content requirements, and investments in infrastructure facilities.

#### B. Violation – the plan obtains nuclear technology

#### C. This is a voting issue for fairness and education

#### 1. Ground – we lose disads to market action and perception – government purchasing should be neg ground.

#### 2. Limits – they double the number of affs by making financial and nonfinancial incentives possible for any energy – this is especially bad on an already broad topic.

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#### The 50 states and all relevant territories should offer substantial power purchase agreements for electricity from small modular nuclear reactors on military bases in the United States.

#### States can assist DOD procurement in a laundry list of ways—DOD is interested in partnerships with all 50 states

Douglas 6 – Governor of Vermont (Jim and Earl Ray Tomblin, THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS http://www.csg.org/policy/documents/DoDRenewableEnergyResolution.pdf, AG)

Opportunities for collaboration with DoD installations may exist for states seeking to encourage renewable energy

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of Staff, and each member of the U.S. Congress.

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#### Transition from nuclear to renewables now – government incentives reverse this

Harvey Wasserman 12,Author, 'SOLARTOPIA! Our Green-Powered Earth' http://www.huffingtonpost.com/harvey-wasserman/post\_3127\_b\_1353253.html

In the wake of Fukushima, grassroots citizen action is shutting the worldwide nuclear power

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sure these shut-downs happen before the next Fukushima irradiates us all.

#### Renewables solve water shortages – consume less water than any other energy source.

Gail Rajgor 9/19/12, Renewable Energy Focus Writer, http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/blog/2012/9/19/water-use-in-electricity-generation-the-sobering-facts-that-make-a-case-for-wind-and-solar-power/651.aspx

Water use in electricity generation: the sobering facts that make a case for wind

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and offshore projects, range from just 55 to 85 gallons per MWh.

#### Energy water shortages deplete the Ogallala.

UCS, Union of Concerned Scientists, June 11 (Energy and Water at Risk, ucs.org)

A matter of time. The high-stakes competition for access to groundwater among

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century18), demand for both water and energy in the region may increase.

#### Ogallala depletion causes extinction from biodiversity loss.

ENS Quoting Ehrlich 97 (Paul Ehrlich is a bit of a hippy at Stanford University, Environmental News Service, http://news.stanford.edu/pr/97/970207ehrlich.html)

Ehrlich coined the term "brownlash" to describe the efforts of those trying to

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implementing steps to sustain its life-support systems and thus preserve civilization.

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#### Obama will win now, Ohio is key, but last minute issues can derail Obama.

AP 10/29/12, “A week before Election Day, Obama has an edge in fight for 270 electoral votes needed to win”, http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-week-before-election-day-obama-has-an-edge-in-fight-for-270-electoral-votes-needed-to-win/2012/10/29/c8f7f2e2-21aa-11e2-92f8-7f9c4daf276a\_story.html

President Barack Obama is poised to eke out a victory in the race for the

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can happen in the coming days to influence the Nov. 6 election.

#### Obama distancing himself from nuclear because it only hurts him in the election – plan reverses this.

Gregg Levine 9/7 Contributing Editor and Former Managing Editor – Firedoglake and Contributing Writer for Truthout, <http://capitoilette.com/2012/09/07/obama-drops-nuclear-from-energy-segment-of-convention-speech/>

President Obama no longer promises to “safely harness nuclear power”–that likely would

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second shot at casting for the future, nuclear power is political deadweight.

#### SMRs specifically unpopular –

Smith ’10(Rebecca, Contributor, “Small Reactors Generate Big Hopes”, The Wall Street Journal, 2-18-10, <http://www.generatorsystems.com/pdf/Small%20Reactors%20Generate%20Big%20Hopes%20WSJ%2002-18-2010.pdf>, accessed 8-1-12)

"We see significant benefits from the new, modular technology," said Donald Moul

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progressively bigger, ending up at about 1,000 megawatts of capacity.

#### Energy is key.

Finzel, 10/21 (Analyst-Waggener Edstrom, Election 2012: The Presidential Candidates, Energy Policy and Social Media, http://waggeneredstrom.com/blog/2012/10/21/election-2012-energy-policy/)

Although we may all be tired of the presidential campaign advertisements flooding the airwaves (

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energy policy dialogue we’ll all need to have in the months to come.

#### Romney Labels China as a manipulator—Kills relations and South China Sea projection

Roach 8-28

Stephen is a lecturer at Yale University’s School of Management and Jackson Institute for International Affairs. He is also a Senior executive with Morgan Stanley, “How Romney Could go Wrong from Day 1,” <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/c74802de-f0f9-11e1-89b2-00144feabdc0.html#axzz25ue916Yz>

True to his word as a candidate, a few hours after taking office as

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economic policy blunder. Bad dreams can – and have – become reality.

#### Romney destroys Russian relations.

Larison 6-27 Columnist for the American Conservative [Daniel Larison “U.S.-Russian Relations Would Get Much Worse Under Romney” <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/larison/u-s-russian-relations-would-get-much-worse-under-romney/>]

Putin doesn’t actually want a “hard-line conservative in the White House.”

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Russian relations will deteriorate much more than they have in the last year.

#### Nuclear war

ALLISON 11 Director @ Belfer Center for Science and Int’l Affairs @ Harvard’s Kennedy School, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Robert D. Blackwill, Senior Fellow – Council on Foreign Relations [Graham Allison, “10 Reasons Why Russia Still Matters”, Politico -- October 31 -- <http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=161EF282-72F9-4D48-8B9C-C5B3396CA0E6>]

That central point is that Russia matters a great deal to a U.S

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Security Council, as well as a member of the G-8 and

### 1NC—Grid

#### Army is investing billions in renewable energy integration on bases

PRWeb 10/10/12

(“Microgrid Solar Wins $2.6 M Contract for Solar and Wind Power Project at Military Base,” <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2012/10/prweb9989752.htm>)

St. Louis MO (PRWEB) October 10, 2012 ¶

Microgrid Solar, a solar installation company based in St. Louis, has started

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potential attacks, and by the need to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

#### Renewable micro-grids solve the islanding effect

(Will Rogers 12, the Bacevich Fellow at the Center for a New American Security, 8/8/12, “DOD-Interior Renewable Energy Projects Could Help Mitigate Grid Vulnerability,” <http://www.cnas.org/blogs/naturalsecurity/2012/08/dod-interior-renewable-energy-projects-could-help-mitigate-grid-vulner>)

On Monday, the Departments of Defense and Interior formalized a partnership to develop renewable

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power on base to sustain critical functions for an indefinite period of time.

#### The DOD won’t deploy SMR’s on all bases- doesn’t solve

Wong ’12 (Kelvin Wong, Kelvin Wong is an Associate Research Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University. He is with the Military Studies Programme at the School’s constituent unit, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, “The Military’s Quest for Nuclear Power”, <http://rolandsanjuan.blogspot.com/2012/05/beyond-weapons-militarys-quest-for.html>, May 18, 2012, LEQ)

Synopsis The military has always maintained an interest in the application of nuclear energy in

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destruction and sabotage are likely, should give military planners cause to pause.

#### No cyber attacks

Hersh 10, Pulitzer prize winning investigative journalist, 11-1 Seymour, “The Online Threat,” http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2010/11/01/101101fa\_fact\_hersh?currentPage=1#ixzz13ce5kOXU

The most common cyber-war scare scenarios involve America’s electrical grid. Even the

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experts like Clarke and many in the military, can also protect networks.

#### Grid is resilient and sustainable

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

In 2003, a simple physical breakdown occurred – trees shorted a power line and caused a

fault – that had a cascading effect and caused a power blackout across the Northeast (Lewis

2010). This singular occurrence has been used as evidence that the electrical grid is

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.S. Senate¶ Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs 2012).

#### Data disproves heg impacts

Christopher J. Fettweis 11, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 9/26/11, Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy, Comparative Strategy, 30:316–332

It is perhaps worth noting that there is no evidence to support a direct relationship

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global policeman. Those who think otherwise base their view on faith alone.

####  ( ) No arctic conflicts –

#### A. Impact overblown – current agreements check escalation.

Young 08 [Oran R., Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California at Santa Barbara, The Polar Record]

With regard to the growth of commercial shipping, which many commentators see as the

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initiation and growth of new human activities indicate that such changes are needed.

#### B. Conflict will only be political.

Graveland 08 [Bill, Writer for the Canadian Press, Sudbury Star, Lexis]

Huebert also foresees chillier relations, although he believes any Arctic disputes are more likely

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barrels of oil and 1,670 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

### Marine

#### Forwardly deployed energy not solve convoy problem or increase readiness.

William O'Keefe 12, CEO, George C. Marshall Institute, http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/05/powering-our-military-whats-th.php

Finally, there is the argument that somehow replacing conventional fuels with bio-fuels

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that would be well beyond that associated with the delivery of finished fuels.”

#### ASEAN checks conflict escalation

Hung, panelist at Asia Society, 10/2/12 (Nguyen Manh, "Op-Ed: Could Conflict in the South China Sea Lead to a 'New Cold War'? http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/op-ed-could-conflict-south-china-sea-lead-new-cold-war)

To avoid a direct face-off between the United States and China, a

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involvement as a "stabilizing factor" in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### Gradual shifts now – costs outweigh territorial benefits

VOA 9/4/12 (Wing, Terry, "Will South China Sea Disputes Lead to War?" http://www.voanews.com/content/south-china-sea-war-unlikely/1501780.html)

But that doesn’t mean a war. Storey said an escalation into full-blown

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Sea have become, in effect, logos of nationhood,” Kaplan said.

### 1NC—H2O Advantage

#### Can’t solve water shortages.

Smith, 11 (Gar, Editor Emeritus of Earth Island Journal, a former editor of Common Ground magazine, a Project Censored Award-winning journalist, and co-founder of Environmentalists Against War, June, edited by Ernest Callenbach, NUCLEAR ROULETTE: THE CASE AGAINST A NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE, International Forum on Globalization series focused on False Solutions, http://ifg.org/pdf/Nuclear\_Roulette\_book.pdf-http://ifg.org/pdf/Nuclear\_Roulette\_book.pdf, p. 30)

By 2025, 3.5 billion people will face severe fresh-water shortages

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since nuclear power plants consume more water than any other energy source. 156

#### Supply side fails – water management key.

WSTA 5, Water Sciences and Technology Association, 5, Water in the GCC, Towards an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), http://www.wsta-gcc.org/asp/wa\_waterconf7\_en.html

The supply-driven approach for water management has demonstrated its inability to deliver substantial

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overlap of water agencies, and inadequate institutional capacity building and enabled society.

#### No Central Asian War –

#### A. SCO checks conflict.

Maksutov in ‘6 (Ruslan, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, “The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: A Central Asian Perspective”, August, http://www.sipri.org/contents/worldsec/Ruslan.SCO.pdf/download)

As a starting point, it is fair to say that all Central Asian countries

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non-traditional and transnational threats that now loom so large by comparison.

### 1NC—Solvency

#### **Solvency takes decades and the reactors won’t be cost-competitive – requires re-orienting the nuclear manufacturing industry**

Ryan 11

[Dylan, Masters in Mechanical Engineering, expertise in energy, sustainability, Computer Aided Engineering, renewables technology; Ph.D. in solar energy systems, 2011, "Part 10 – Small modular reactors and mass production options," <http://daryanenergyblog.wordpress.com/ca/part-10-smallreactors-mass-prod/>]

So there are a host of practical factors in favour smaller reactors. But what’s

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be slower to build (initially anyway) and probably more expensive too.

#### Confining radiation won’t scale down and by the time we can build them they won’t be competitive.

Lovins 10

(Amory B. Lovins 10, Physicist, environmental scientist, writer, and Chairman/Chief Scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute http://dodenergy.blogspot.com/2010/04/lovins-addresses-new-nuclear-power-for.html)

Question 2: Some make the case that recently popular, small, modular design

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, and the [business case] is unsound for any nuclear reactor.

#### Every major study shows that military use of nuclear plants would be impossibly uncompetitive and would still require 100% back up from other sources on the grid.

Amory B. Lovins 10, Physicist, environmental scientist, writer, and Chairman/Chief Scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute, http://dodenergy.blogspot.com/2010/05/lovins-addresses-new-nuclear-power-for\_12.html

Question 3: Are there any points in particular you'd like to call out re

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find a cost-insensitive customer for technologies already rejected by the marketplace.

#### The NRC is not distributing SMR licenses – zero solvency

Tucker 11 (William, energy writer for the American Spectator, "America’s Last Nuclear Hope," March 2011, http://0101.nccdn.net/1\_5/28c/010/2c9/America-s-Last-Nuclear-Hope-Tucker-TAS.pdf-http://0101.nccdn.net/1\_5/28c/010/2c9/America-s-Last-Nuclear-Hope-Tucker-TAS.pdf)

So why isn't there more coordination between the civilian and military efforts? In fact

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will be a miracle if any proposal ever makes it through the process.

# 2NC

## DA

### Grid Impact - Accidental Launch

#### Renewable energy expansion solves grid security

Cohen 12

(Rona – Senior Policy Analyst, Staffs the CSG-ERC Energy and Environment Committee, “Betting on Renewables Amid a Changing Energy Landscape,” 8/6/12, [www.stateenergyreport.com/2012/08/06/betting-on-renewables-amid-a-changing-energy-landscape/](http://www.stateenergyreport.com/2012/08/06/betting-on-renewables-amid-a-changing-energy-landscape/))

Others point out that continuing to rely on fossil fuels will have very steep costs

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want to give back to the company to help it continue to grow.”

### Impact Add-on – Water Wars

#### Solar solves desalination.

Darwish Al Gobaisi et al 10, The International Center for Water and Energy Systems (ICWES) Abu Dhabi – UAE (“The Tragedy of Energy Policy in the Arab Region” http://www.terracuranda.net/Altaka\_Almia/SOLAR\_POWER\_VERSUS\_NUCLEAR\_POWER\_-\_OPTIONS\_FOR\_THE\_ARAB\_WORLD.pdf)

The Arab World (AW) stretches across well over 14 million square kilometers of

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to ¶ provide safe water and decent sanitation facilities for all human beings.

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### MicroGrids Solve Grid Reliance - Study

#### Comprehensive study proves microgrids solve DOD reliance – on-site energy storage and managing local energy sourcesSERDP 12

(The Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, DoD’s environmental science and technology program, executed in partnership with DOE and EPA, 7/10/12, “DoD Study Finds Microgrids Offer Improved Energy Security for DoD Installations,” <http://www.serdp.org/News-and-Events/News-Announcements/Program-News/DoD-study-finds-microgrids-offer-improved-energy-security-for-DoD-installations>)

Advanced microgrids offer a cost-effective solution to military installations' growing vulnerability to the

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are configured so that they can earn value helping to meet those needs.

### 2NC—Grid Safe Now

#### No blackouts and no impact

Leger ’12 **(**7-31-12 [Donna Leinwand Leger, USA Today, “Energy experts say blackout like India's is unlikely in U.S.,” <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-31/usa-india-power-outage/56622978/1>]

A massive, countrywide power failure like the one in India on Tuesday is "

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Reliability Corporation (NERC) to enforce reliability standards for bulk electricity generation.

## Marines

### Ext. backdoor diplomacy

#### Council being set up to find solutions – checks conflict

Murdoch, Sydney Morning Herald, 9/11/12 (Lindsay "Asia Pools Resources to Settle Conflicts," http://www.smh.com.au/world/asia-pools-resources-to-settle-conflicts-20120910-25of2.html#ixzz28OZIKmwE)

BANGKOK: A group of former politicians, diplomats and academics has quietly set up an organisation to help settle Asian conflicts such as overlapping claims for the potentially rich oil and gas fields in the South China Sea.¶ Members of the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council, which will have a secretariat in Bangkok, said they would provide "silent" diplomacy to solve conflicts and foster peace and reconciliation.¶

#### Solves their nationalism warrants – evidence indicates behind the scenes actions reduce irrational rhetoric

## H20 advantage

### Water-> co-op

#### D. They’re good—water conflicts prevent real wars

Leslie 2k (Jacques, water writer, July, Harper’s Magazine, “Running Dry,” http://www.customenv.com/WaterScarcity.html)

Yet such wars haven’t quite happened. Aaron Wolf, an Oregon State University specialist

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The thirst for water may be more persuasive than the impulse toward conflict.”

## Solvency

### 2NC Solvency – Timeframe

#### Plan takes at least 10 years to solve

King 11 (Marcus King, Project Director and Research Analyst for the Environment and Energy Team at Center for Naval Analyses, LaVar Huntzinger, Thoi Nguyen, "Feasibility of Nuclear Power on U.S. Military Installations", March, <http://www.cna.org/sites/default/files/research/Nuclear%20Power%20on%20Military%20Installations%20D0023932%20A5.pdf>)

The time required to obtain design certification, license, and build the next generation of nuclear plants is about 9 to 10 years. After the first plants are built it may be possible to reduce the time required for licensing and construction to approximately 6 years [45].The timeline for certification, licensing, and construction projected by DOE for a small nuclear power plant based on an SMR is shown infigure 5 [46].

### 2NC- Labor Shortage

#### It’s the key factor in mobilizing nuclear energy

NEI 8/22/2012 (Nuclear energy institute, "US nuclear energy industry/US Navy agreement of understanding on workforce initiative" [www.nei.org/resourcesandstats/documentlibrary/careersandeducation/report/us-nuclear-energy-industryus-navy-agreement-of-understanding-on-workforce-initiative-aug-22-2012](http://www.nei.org/resourcesandstats/documentlibrary/careersandeducation/report/us-nuclear-energy-industryus-navy-agreement-of-understanding-on-workforce-initiative-aug-22-2012)

The nation is experiencing a nuclear energy skilled worker shortage. A significant number of the incumbent workforce is, or will soon become, eligible for retirement. Consumption of electricity continues to increase. Upgrading existing nuclear power plants and construction of new nuclear power plants is essential to the United States’ quest for clean energy independence. Workforce development is paramount to supporting the 21st century clean energy initiatives.

# 1NR

## Overview

#### First day in office Romney supports vocally Magnitsky bill, resetting the reset, and retrenching on START all but the relationship in jeopardy causing extinction.

#### Russia scenario for extinction.

Bostrom, 2 [Nick Bostrom, professor of philosophy - Oxford University, March, 2002, Existential Risks: Analyzing Human Extinction Scenarios and Related Hazards, Journal of Evolution and Technology, p. http://www.nickbostrom.com/existential/risks.html

A much greater existential risk emerged with the build-up of nuclear arsenals in

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preludes to the existential risks that we will encounter in the 21st century.

#### Decline in relations lead to miscalc between US and Russia

Lendman ‘9 (Research Associate – Centre for Research on Globalization, 6-24, http://www.atlanticfreepress.com/reviews/10253-reviewing-f-william-engdahls-qfull-spectrum-dominance-totalitarian-democracy-in-the-new-world-orderq-part-i.html)

A nuclear-armed Russia with intercontinental missile capabilities halted the threat - until the

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contend "out of national survival considerations," not a desire for confrontation.

#### The Russia impact obviously turns back the Russia Arctic conflict because good relations solve

#### Absence Russia Relations they will work against US interests—Turns leads to other countries first striking

Simes ‘7 (Dimitri, President of the Nixon Center and Publisher of The National Interest, Foreign Affairs, “Losing Russia; The Costs of Renewed Confrontation,” Nov/Dec – lexis)

But if the current U.S.-Russian relationship deteriorates further, it will

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incentives and cover for others to confront Washington, with potentially catastrophic results.

**Now Romney also bashes China this reduces relations and causes their South china sea and Asia war impacts that is conceded on the bottom of the DA**

## A2—Uniqueness O/W Link

#### You have read both Unix takeouts and unix takes out the link your Ohio not key card indicates it is because Romney is gaining in Iowa and Wisconsin this would prove that the election is close but their silver evidence still concludes Ohio is key—protect the 2NR from their perf con shennanigans

#### Obama will win now but it will be close.

MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MARK LANDLER 11/1, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/02/us/politics/after-storm-hiatus-presidential-race-is-back-in-full-swing.html

Mr. Obama enters the last stretch with a slight and consistent — but in

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voters will help him overcome the president’s state-by-state organization.

#### Small shifts now have big impacts.

Silver 10/20 <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/20/oct-20-calm-day-in-forecast-but-volatility-ahead/>

What makes this challenging is that although something like a half-point shift is

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estimates in the forecast are likely to be volatile from here on out.

#### The race could still shift---every swing state is close

Cohn 10/24 Nate is an elections expert at The New Republic. “Expect the Unexpected: Diverse Battleground States Mean the Race Can Shift in Any Number of Ways,” 2012, http://www.tnr.com/blog/electionate/109067/diverse-and-competitive-electoral-map-introduces-more-possibilities-surprisi

With a deadlocked popular vote all eyes turn toward the electoral college, where the

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errors in the polling could easily reshape the electoral map before November 6.

as the president doesn’t outright make gains as a result of the debate.

### They say one plan not enough

#### The plan is not the October surprise but instead the November 4th surprise which super charges our link arguments

#### It’s key in Ohio

Sweet, 10/15 (Columnist-Sun Times, All eyes on Ohio’s voters in Obama-Romney race, http://www.suntimes.com/news/sweet/15778122-452/all-eyes-on-the-buckeye-state.html)

CINCINNATI — Michelle Obama, Paul Ryan and Ann Romney all stumped in the Buckeye

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to assist in “producing our own energy in the ground in Ohio.”

#### Energy key to the election

Kingston 12. [John, Director of News @ Platts, focused on energy policy, “US election 2012: if not "all energy, all the time," a lot of energy for sure” The Barrel -- April 11 -- http://www.platts.com/weblog/oilblog/2012/04/11/election\_2012\_i.html]

Get ready for the energy election of 2012. Maybe because it was at a

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what is going on...to see who takes the fall for this."

#### Energy is a key election issue.

Skorobogatov 12. [Yana, intern @ StateImpact Texas – a collaboration of public radio stations focused on environmental and energy issues coordinated by NPR,“Poll: Consumers favor domestic energy production, natural gas” State Impact -- April 10 -- http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2012/04/10/poll-consumers-favor-domestic-energy-production-natural-gas/]

Americans will likely **take their views on energy issues to the voting booth** this November, according to a new national poll by The University of Texas at Austin. The survey found that 65 percent of respondents considered energy to be an **important presidential issue**.

## Military Shields

#### GOP frames energy shifts as forcing additional spending cuts in other areas

Davenport, 12 (7/13, “Obama Faces Tough Challenge in Virginia Over Energy,” National Journal, http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/obama-faces-tough-challenge-in-virginia-over-energy-20120713

**But even here, Republicans** – including the Romney campaign – **have criticized Navy contracts to purchase biofuels that are more expensive than traditional fuels as the Pentagon prepares for spending cuts.** Speaking on Thursday to reporters on behalf of the Romney campaign, Former Navy Secretary John Lehman said, **“If the president wants the taxpayer to subsidize alternative fuels, it shouldn’t be done on the Navy’s back.”**

#### Obama gets the blame

Los Angeles Times, 7-30-10, http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/30/nation/la-na-velcro-presidency-20100730

Reporting from Washington — If Ronald Reagan was the classic Teflon president, Barack Obama

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Agriculture Department official fired as a result of a misleading fragment of videotape.

#### **Military doesn’t shield**

Erwin ’12 (Sandra Erwin, National Defense Magazine, “Ranking HASC Dem: Political Environment ‘Difficult’ for DoD Energy Agenda”, http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=797, May 22, 2012, LEQ)

For the second year in the row, the House GOP majority is seeking to

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burning sources of fuel, that also undermines its agenda, he said.

### Link

#### Empirically—coal supporters fight tooth and nail against nuclear energy expansion

Adams, 10/8 (Experience working in nuclear industry for two decades, former submarine engineer officer & host and producer of The Atomic Show Podcast, “Pertaining to Fossil Fuel Industry Fighting Nuclear Using Propaganda,” http://deregulatetheatom.com/2012/10/pertaining-to-fossil-fuel-industry-fighting-nuclear-using-propaganda/

I agree that the Energy Reorganization Act was a coup de grace of antinuclear activism

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will use it for process heat – that gets some naysayers off our backs

#### Only a risk of the link – public massively opposed to nuclear expansion and there’s no constituency to lobby for the plan.

CSI 12. [Civil Society Institue, “SURVEY: CONGRESS, WHITE HOUSE FOCUS ON FOSSIL FUELS, NUCLEAR POWER IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH VIEWS OF MAINSTREAM AMERICA” November 3 -- http://www.civilsocietyinstitute.org/media/110311release.cfm]

If Congress thinks it has found a winning issue in trashing wind and solar power

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are actually quite striking findings in the context of the 2012 election campaign."¶

#### Their link turns assume squo levels of nuke power – the world of the aff is massively unpopular – how the question is asked is key – prefer our link.

Mariotte 12. [Michael, Executive Director of Nuclear Information and Resource Service, “Nuclear Power and Public Opinion: What the polls say” Daily Kos -- June 5 -- http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/06/05/1097574/-Nuclear-Power-and-Public-Opinion-What-the-polls-say]

Conclusion 3: On new reactors, how one asks the question matters.¶ Gallup

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33 percent supported building a nuclear power plant in their own local area.”

### They say both label china

**Obama won’t label- he’s declined six times**

**Christian Science Monitor, 8/23/12**

(“Obama vs. Romney 101: 4 ways they differ on China” http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/DC-Decoder/2012/0901/Obama-vs.-Romney-101-4-ways-they-differ-on-China/China-as-currency-manipulator)

Mr. Romney says China’s leaders are “cheaters” who keep their currency artificially low to make Chinese products cheaper on the world market. He says that on “Day 1” of a Romney presidency, he would declare China a currency manipulator – a step the US has not taken since 1994, but which would pave the way to imposing duties on Chinese products. The US trade deficit with China amounted to nearly $300 billion in 2011.

Obama has resisted demands from both Democrats and Republicans to make the “manipulator” designation, which he says could set off a trade war. Instead, he claims that steady diplomatic pressure has worked better. The administration’s evidence? China’s currency has risen by almost a third against the dollar since 2005, helping to raise Chinese labor and manufacturing costs.

### Romney kills China Relations

**Romney crushes relations with China specifically turning SCS and Asia Wars**

**Rogin 8-28**

Josh writes the Cable for Foreign Policy, “Chinese Media Slams Romney as Convention Begins,” <http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/08/28/chinese_media_slams_romney_as_convention_begins>

China's state-controlled media lashed out at GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney Monday,

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our way of lifecan be the greatest force for change in their country."

## Romney Won’t Harm Relations

**5 Romney win causes a full-scale crisis in relations - largest internal link to collapse**

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**Richter 7/2** Paul is a writer at the LA Times, citing Alexey Pushkov, chairman of the international affairs committee of the Russian Duma. "Russian official: Romney's hard line could bring 'full-scale crisis'," 2012, http://articles.latimes.com/2012/jul/02/news/la-pn-russian-official-romneys-hard-line-could-bring-fullscale-crisis-20120702

MOSCOW -- Mitt Romney’s comment that Russia is America’s “No. 1 geopolitical foe

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in Mexico that “they don’t want a personal conflict,” he said.

#### Romney will react in line with campaign rhetoric and Russia will react aggressively

Adomanis 10/23/12 (Mark, international contributor @ Forbes, “How Will Mitt Romney Demonstrate 'Backbone' With Vladimir Putin?” http://www.forbes.com/sites/markadomanis/2012/10/23/how-will-mitt-romney-demonstrate-backbone-with-vladimir-putin/)

Now because the debate was poorly run there wasn’t any follow-up on Romney’s

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Distribution Network in the face of aggressive attempts to weaken and marginalize it.