# Round 1 – NU KM

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### Contention 1: Warming

#### The current gas glut will collapse the industry now

Ahmed, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research & Development and Chief Research Officer at Unitas Communications Ltd where he leads on geopolitical risk,

1-10-13

(Nafeez Mosaddeq, “The Great Oil Swindle,” www.fpif.org/articles/the\_great\_oil\_swindle, accessed 1-15-13, CMM)

Headlines about 2012’s World Energy Outlook (WEO) from the International Energy Agency (

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even bigger financial mess, on a faster trajectory toward costly environmental destruction.

#### That makes a price shock inevitable

Finger, Forbes, 10-14-12

(Richard, “$8 Natural Gas: We're Right On Schedule,” 10-14-12, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/richardfinger/2012/10/14/8-natural-gas-were-right-on-schedule/?ss=business%3Aenergy>, accessed 10-25-12) PM

New natural gas rig counts hit the wires Friday morning and on cue the number

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Bcf/day. Time will tell but the tipping point is near.

#### That crushes the market – exports solve.

Hulbert, Lead Analyst at European Energy Review, and Goldthau, Head of the Department of Public Policy at the Central European University, an American graduate school based in Budapest, Hungary, 8-5-12

(Matthew, consultant to a number of governments, most recently as Senior Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute for International Relations, and Andreas, prior to joining CEU, he worked for Rand, SWP Germany and the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, a Fellow with the Global Public Policy Institute’s Global Energy Governance program and an Adjunct Professor with Johns Hopkins University’s MSc in Energy Policy and Climate, “Why America Can Make or Break A New Global Gas World,” http://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewhulbert/2012/08/05/why-america-can-make-or-break-a-new-global-gas-world/print/, accessed 8-7-12, CMM)

The same debate is raging in the US. Despite the phenomenal breakthroughs in American

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fundamentals. US LNG could be the straw that breaks oil indexation back.

#### Supply disputes block exports now – creating sustainable supplies is key

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 10-22-12) PM

For an increase in U.S. exports of LNG to be considered feasible

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concern, owing to the continued rapid improvement in technologies and production processes.

#### Regulatory barriers get removed inevitably – supply is all that matters

Smith, Seeking Alpha, 1-6-13

(Larry, energy stock and investment researcher, “The U.S. May Lead LNG Exports: Who Will Be The Winners?,” 1-6-13, <http://seekingalpha.com/article/1096911-the-u-s-may-lead-lng-exports-who-will-be-the-winners>, accessed 1-12-13) PM

Events from the last few weeks have made it clear to me that the United

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awaiting DOE approval for approval to export to non free-trade countries.

#### There’s tons of gas in the OCS – guarantees long term supply. Plan is key to leasing certainty that solves production

Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, ‘3

(Steven, “ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS,” Hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the US Senate, 2-27-03, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-108shrg86709/html/CHRG-108shrg86709.htm> , accessed 10-23-12) PM

Mr. Griles. America's public lands have an abundant ¶ opportunity for exploration and

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and buy, so ¶ they can have certainty about where to go.

#### Mass exports are key

Levi, CFR Energy and Environment Fellow, 12-5-12

(Michael, “Thoughts on a Long-Awaited Natural Gas Exports Study,” 12-5-12, <http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2012/12/05/thoughts-on-a-long-awaited-natural-gas-exports-study/>, accessed 12-31-12) PM

Despite these often-massive export volumes, NERA projects consistently limited natural gas price

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U.S. prices always remain well below overseas ones despite exports.

#### The plan solves price spikes immediately

Silverstein, Energy Biz, 1-23-13

(Ken, citing an extensive LNG exports report from Brookings by Ebinger, “Manufacturers are Blocking the Free Flow of LNG,” 1-23-13, <http://www.energybiz.com/article/13/01/manufacturers-are-blocking-free-flow-lng>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

The U.S. Department of Energy found in December that prices could rise

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will increase production accordingly, limiting price spikes,” says the Brookings Institution.

#### Collapse of US natural gas makes warming inevitable

Bryce, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, 7-17-12

(Robert, “Inside the strange world of 'green energy' politics and how it's ruining the US,” http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/07/17/inside-strange-world-green-energy-politics-and-how-it-ruining-us/, accessed 7-17-12, CMM)

The United States is leading the world in reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide.

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fuels is equally beneficial in percentage terms no matter how fast the transition.”

#### Renewables can’t fill in – that makes warming from emissions inevitable

Riley, professor of energy law at The City Law School at City University London, 8-13-12

(Alan, “Shale Gas to the Climate Rescue,” http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/opinion/shale-gas-to-the-climate-rescue.html?\_r=1&pagewanted=print, accessed 8-14-12, CMM)

The battle against runaway climate change is being lost. The green movement and the

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in carbon emissions that we can achieve by replacing coal with shale gas.

#### Warming is real and anthropogenic – 2020 is the tipping point

Sawyer, Global Wind Energy Council secretary general, 9

[Steve, World Environment Magazine, June 2009 Issue 3, “Wind Energy as a Key Climate Solution” <http://www.worldenvironment.tv/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185:wind-energy-as-a-key-climate-solution&catid=24:energy-category&Itemid=39>, accessed 10-4-12, TAP]

When climate change first started to worry the scientific community in the 1980s, the

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world, and the economic disaster of the reliance on imported fossil fuels.

#### Warming causes multiple scenarios for extinction – passing 4 degrees means no adaptation

Roberts, Grist, 1-10-13

(David, “If you aren’t alarmed about climate, you aren’t paying attention,” 1-10-13, <http://grist.org/article/climate-alarmism-the-idea-is-surreal/>, accessed 1-15-13) PM

\*Citing the recently released World Bank Climate Review

We know we’ve raised global average temperatures around 0.8 degrees C so far

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, but a world that is inexorably more inhospitable with every passing decade.

#### Reducing emissions is key to solve extinction

Keating, Foreign Policy Web Editor, 11/13/2009

[Joshua, "The End of the World," http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/11/13/the\_end\_of\_the\_world?page=full, 11/15]

How it could happen: Under the worst-case scenario predicted by the International

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-ending outcomes could be mitigated by a substantial reduction in carbon emissions.

#### Exports are key to solve warming

Harris, CEO of Recurrent Energy, 1-23-13

(Arno, “Natural gas is just what clean energy needs,” 1-23-13, <http://tech.fortune.cnn.com/2013/01/23/natural-gas-is-just-what-clean-energy-needs/>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

FORTUNE -- America is awash in natural gas. Prices are low and by some

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for the kind of comprehensive energy plan our nation needs to move forward.

### Contention 2: China

#### Exports key to Chinese energy security

Downs, senior fellow at Brookings, 2K

(Erica, “CHINA’S ENERGY SECURITY ACTIVITIES,” <http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monograph_reports/MR1244/MR1244.ch3.pdf>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The Chinese government can also improve China’s energy security¶ through development of the country’s

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the¶ government’s desire to bring reserves on line as quickly as possible.¶

#### Mass exports key – Chinese and Indian demand proves

Scott, NYT, 10-23-12

(Mark, “The Big New Push to Export America’s Gas Bounty,” 10-23-12, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/24/business/energy-environment/excelerate-energy-aims-to-be-a-leader-in-natural-gas.html?_r=0>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

Once dependent on natural gas imports, the United States has gone from a buyer

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China, the tremendous domestic demand ensures it will always be an importer.”

#### That solves SCS conflict

Clement, editor at Dezan Shira Law Firm (China), ‘12

(Nicholas, “China and India Vie for Energy Security,” 5-25-12, <http://www.2point6billion.com/news/2012/05/25/china-and-india-vie-for-energy-security-11177.html>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The competitive relationship between China and India has become a defining feature of the strategic

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ongoing diplomatic engagement between China and India to avoid unnecessary or accidental escalation.

#### Energy is key

Martin, Pike Research, 1-12-13

(Richard, Pike Research is a market research and consulting firm that provides in-depth analysis of global clean technology markets, “Around Lonely Islands, An Energy War Brews,” http://www.forbes.com/sites/pikeresearch/2013/01/12/around-lonely-islands-an-energy-war-brews/, accessed 1-14-13, CMM)

For an international flashpoint, the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea just southwest

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sources, but the chances of that happening have increased in recent weeks.

#### SCS escalates and collapses the economy

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, Three Days Ago, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Lurking just behind the Iranian imbroglio, however, is a potential crisis of far

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show-of-force operations by both sides in the disputed waters.

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind**, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director**, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global economic stagnation will help the

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Eurasia, Eastasia and Oceania in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

#### Escalation in the short term is likely – perception of the plan is enough

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

As 2012 ended and the New Year began, the situation only deteriorated. On

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planet will look with sadness and horror on the failure of everyone involved.

#### Institutions don’t check

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Regional diplomacy, that classic way of settling disputes in a peaceful manner, has

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Chinese press, while officials there refused to cede any ground at all.

#### Trade doesn’t check

Medcalf, Lowy Institute (Sydney) International Security Programme Director, and Heinrichs, Australian National University Strategic and Defence Studies Centre Scholar, 11

(Rory and Raoul, 6-27-11, “Asia’s Maritime Confidence Crisis,” http://the-diplomat.com/2011/06/27/asia%E2%80%99s-maritime-confidence-crisis/?all=true, accessed 10-9-11, CMM)

To the casual observer, recent security tensions in Asian waters might seem a storm

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relations among major powers, with dangerous implications for regional peace and stability.

#### Asian instability escalates

Landay, National Security and Intelligence Correspondent, 2K

(Jonathan S., “Top administration officials warn stakes for U.S. are high in Asian conflicts”, 3-10, Knight Ridder/Tribune News) Accessed on LexisNexis 12-29-09

Few if any experts think China and Taiwan, North Korea and South Korea,

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that totaled $600 billion last year, according to the Commerce Department.

#### Most probable scenario for conflict

Kolotov, Head of the Far East History Department at St. Petersburg State University, September 12

(Vladimir N., “Russia’s Views of the Security Situation in East Asia”, Brookings Opinion, September, p. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/09/17-russia-east-asia-kolotov>)

The most correct indicator of the established geopolitical balance of forces in the region is

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plays a very important role in the contemporary Great Game in East Asia.

Economic interests make conflict more likely

Kaplan senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, 11

(Robert D., national correspondent for the Atlantic, and a member of the U.S. Defense Department's Defense Policy Board, Sept/Oct, Foreign Policy, “The South China Sea Is the Future of Conflict,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/the\_south\_china\_sea\_is\_the\_future\_of\_conflict, accessed 9-5-11, CMM)

Southeast Asia, by contrast, is already deep into the post-Cold War

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states, and their militaries, is maritime: the South China Sea.

The South China Sea joins the Southeast Asian states with the Western Pacific, functioning

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estimated 900 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, a potentially huge bounty.

It is not only location and energy reserves that promise to give the South China

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all the way south 1,200 miles to near Singapore and Malaysia.

The result is that all nine states that touch the South China Sea are more

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Taiwan one, Vietnam 25, the Philippines eight, and Malaysia five.

### Contention 3: Solvency

**Plan: The United States Department of the Interior should substantially reduce leasing restrictions on conventional natural gas production in the United States Outer Continental Shelf.**

#### Exporting is possible – the infrastructure is already in the works

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 8-17-12) PM

The Brookings team distilled the findings of the feasibility and ¶ implications of LNG exports

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, we found that the environmental¶ implications of LNG exports are negligible.

#### Functional moratorium now – means we can’t access 98% of OCS reserves. Plan removes those restrictions

Pyle, President of the Institute for Energy Research, ‘12

(Thomas, “Energy Department sneaks offshore moratorium past public; Jobs and oil-supply potential are shut down,” 7-10-12, accessed 10-23-12, Lexis) PM

While the Obama administration was taking a victory lap last week after the 5-

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of annual leases is down more than 50 percent from the Clinton era.

Under the new Obama plan, those numbers will only get worse. The 2012

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the above" president is responsible for increased production and reduced oil import.

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### AT: Berman Indict – He’s Awesome

#### Berman’s right

Ahmed, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research & Development and Chief Research Officer at Unitas Communications Ltd where he leads on geopolitical risk,

1-10-13

(Nafeez Mosaddeq, “The Great Oil Swindle,” www.fpif.org/articles/the\_great\_oil\_swindle, accessed 1-15-13, CMM)

The worst-case scenario is that several large oil companies find themselves facing financial

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even bigger financial mess, on a faster trajectory toward costly environmental destruction.

### Yes Warming – AT: Not Anthropogenic

#### No other explanations.

Prothero, Los Angeles Occidental College geology professor, 2-8-12

[Donald, California Institute of Technology geobiology professor, “How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused” <http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/12-02-08/>, accessed 1-26-13, TAP]

“I agree that climate is changing, but I’m skeptical that humans are the

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, or any other potential cause. Face it—it’s our problem.

### 2AC – Methane Hydrates

#### Drilling is safe

Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, ‘3

(Steven, “ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS,” Hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the US Senate, 2-27-03, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-108shrg86709/html/CHRG-108shrg86709.htm> , accessed 10-23-12) PM

Now there is a new and environmentally friendly technology, ¶ similar to directional drilling

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where it is almost nonexistent in such areas as even ¶ in Alaska.

#### No hydrate use

Ruppel, Methane Hydrates Project at the USGS, ‘11

(Carolyn, “Methane Hydrates and the Future of Natural Gas,” 2011, <http://mitei.mit.edu/system/files/Supplementary_Paper_SP_2_4_Hydrates.pdf>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

For decades, gas hydrates have been discussed as a potential resource, particularly for

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in any consideration of the natural gas supply beyond two decades from now.

#### DOE investment thumps AND hydrates are safe

Platts Energy Research 8-31-12

(DOE invests $5.6 million in methane hydrates research, 8-31-12, <http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/NaturalGas/6604245> , accessed 9-19-12) PM

The US Department of Energy on Friday announced it is investing $5.6

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flow of natural gas from methane hydrates on the North Slope of Alaska.

#### We solve methane hydrates

Gaskill, president of Environment Reference Materials, an independent environment consulting firm, ‘6

(Alvia, “Catastrophic Methane Hydrate Release Mitigation,” <http://www.global-warming-geo-engineering.org/DOE-Meeting/Catastrophic-Methane-Hydrate-Release/ag13.html>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

All of the conditions that may have led to the methane hydrate release 15,

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reaction of events, leading to the release of massive quantities of methane.

### 2AC – Allow Exports

#### **Their studies assume impossible extraction rates**

Nelder, Slate energy analyst, 11

(Chris, 12-29-11, “What the Frack?,” http://www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/future\_tense/2011/12/is\_there\_really\_100\_years\_worth\_of\_natural\_gas\_beneath\_the\_united\_states\_.html, accessed 8-21-12, CMM)

One complicating factor here is recoverability, because we are never able to extract all

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, yet those same advocates never adjust their years of supply estimates accordingly.¶

#### Reserves are overestimated and well productivity is declining

Nelder, Slate energy analyst, 11

(Chris, 12-29-11, “What the Frack?,” http://www.slate.com/articles/health\_and\_science/future\_tense/2011/12/is\_there\_really\_100\_years\_worth\_of\_natural\_gas\_beneath\_the\_united\_states\_.html, accessed 8-21-12, CMM)

The truly devilish details of supply forecasts, however, rest in the production models

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by 80 percent. Similar adjustments may be ahead for other shale plays.

#### Industry experts prove

Urbina, NYT, 6-25-11

(Ian, “Insiders Sound an Alarm Amid a Natural Gas Rush,” http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/us/26gas.html?\_r=3&pagewanted=print, accessed 1-19-13) PM

Some doubts about the industry are being raised by people who work inside energy companies

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for ConocoPhillips, said he absolutely believed that shale gas is economically viable.

#### Industry uncertainty now – perception of shale bubble

Urbina, NYT, 6-25-11

(Ian, “Insiders Sound an Alarm Amid a Natural Gas Rush,” http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/us/26gas.html?\_r=3&pagewanted=print, accessed 1-19-13) PM

Natural gas companies have been placing enormous bets on the wells they are drilling,

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a February e-mail. “Reminds you of dot-coms.”

#### Perception is enough

Lundgren, Bloomberg, ‘12

(Kari, “U.S. Shale Gas Exports Face Hurdles, Former Exxon CEO Says,” 2-10-12, <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-10/u-s-shale-gas-exports-face-hurdles-former-exxon-ceo-says.html>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

Political constraints and concern production gains at shale fields aren’t sustainable will hinder the development

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long-term competitive supply because these are huge investments,” Raymond said.

#### Uniquely true for exports

Chadbourne & Parke LLP global finance and energy conference, 9-12-12

[Christopher Smith, a managing director of Energy Management, Inc., Paul Cavicchi, executive vice president of IPR-GDF SUEZ Energy, Roberto Simone, managing director and head of project finance at Société Genérale, and Noam Ayali, a project finance partner with Chadbourne in Washington, “The remaking of the US power sector” <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=db5376a1-8a44-4738-bd49-4b3cb95dd46a>, accessed 10-4-12, TAP]

Low natural gas prices are turning the energy sector upside down. Gas prices are

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, rather than politics, that will limit the number of export terminals.

#### Even if they win long term certainty, it doesn’t solve the case

Ryan, AOL Energy, 12-7-12

(Margaret, “LNG Project Angst Builds in US Energy Industry,” 12-7-12, <http://energy.aol.com/2012/12/07/lng-project-angst-builds-in-us-energy-industry/?icid=related1>, accessed 12-24-12) PM

As of the end of October, the Department of Energy (DOE) had

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against gas scarcity, can take two years or more for full approvals.

#### CP causes shale to backfire – collapses the industry

Butterfield, Huffington Post, 12

(Anne, Columnist for the "Boulder Daily Camera", 4-19-12, “Colorado's Elegant Solution for Fracking,” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/anne-butterfield/colorado-fracking\_b\_1413811.html, accessed 8-19-12, CMM)

And in case anyone has forgotten -- there are huge economic risks with shale gas

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bonanza is exhausted sooner than most expected and few profit in the end."

#### CP links to politics

Rascoe, Reuters, 9-17-12

(Ayesha, “Energy Dept delays release of LNG export report,” 9-17-12, <http://news.yahoo.com/energy-department-delays-release-lng-export-report-211004170--finance.html>, accessed 9-27-12) PM

The Obama administration on Monday once again delayed release of a report on expanding liquefied

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Resources and Sempra Energy on hold pending the outcome of the economic analysis.

### 2AC – Non Del

#### Presidential powers are critical to global economic stability and prevent wars across the world - U.S. power is inevitable but a weak presidency encourages miscalculation and failure

South China Morning Post, 2000, (12-11, “Position of Weakness, Pg. 19)

A weak president with an unclear mandate is bad news for the rest of the

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the world needs the United States to use its power deftly and decisively.

#### Utilitarianism precludes any other framework for evaluations, life comes first.

Schell, 2000 (policy analyst and proliferation expert, Jonathan, “The Fate of the Earth”, p. 94-5 \*This card has been gender-modified)

To say that human extinction is a certainty would, of course, be a

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the earth we tamper with a mystery. We are in deep ignorance.

#### Nuclear War is an a priori concern. Their moral imperatives are contradictory in the face of global annihilation

Bok, Brandeis Philosophy Professor, 1988,

(Sisela, Applied Ethics and Ethical Theory, Rosenthal and Shehadi, eds.)

Everything changes when it is the world’s perishing itself that is at stake. I

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make the promise itself and the end to be accomplished by it impossible.”

The same argument can be made for Kant’s other formulations of the Categorical Imperative:

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even killing an innocent person, in order that the world not perish.

To avoid self-contradiction, the Categorical Imperative would, therefore, have to

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pose a strong challenge to the unity and simplicity of Kant’s moral theory.

### AT: Warming Reps

#### very alternative paradigm is inevitably circular – resolution requires weighing impacts – not ethics.

* The alt is circular – undercuts any ethics based argument
* Consequentialism is inevitable

Hirokawa, Northwestern School of Law LLM, 2002

[Keith, LLM is an advanced degree that goes beyond JD, 21 Stan. Envtl. L.J. 225, “ARTICLE: Some Pragmatic Observations About Radical Critique In Environmental Law” Lexis, accessed 7-8-12, TAP]

A pragmatic approach to environmental decision making requires [\*255] environmental advocates to recognize

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. n139 Persuasion, not stubborn dogmatism, is the key to progress.

#### The role of the ballot is to evaluate the desirability of the implementation of the plan

a. Key to fairness – anything else moots the 1ac – eliminates 9 minutes of aff offense and makes it impossible to be aff

b. Implementation education – allowing us to weigh the case is key to test the alternative against different advocacies

#### Reps don’t shape reality or policy

Tuathail, Department of Geography at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Political Geography, 96 (Gearoid Tuathail, Department of Geography at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Political Geography, 15(6-7), 664 )

While theoretical debates at academic conferences are important to academics, the discourse and concerns

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needs to always be open to the patterned mess that is human history.

#### Catastrophic warming reps are good—it’s the only way to motivate response—their empirics are attributable to climate denialism

Romm, PhD in physics from MIT and fellow at the Center for American Progress, ‘12

(Joe, “Apocalypse Not: The Oscars, The Media And The Myth of ‘Constant Repetition of Doomsday Messages’ on Climate,” 2-26-12, <http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/02/26/432546/apocalypse-not-osars-media-myth-of-repetition-of-doomsday-messages-on-climate/#more-432546>, accessed 1-18-13) PM

The two greatest myths about global warming communications are 1) constant repetition of doomsday

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by most of the rest of the media, intelligentsia and popular culture.

#### Threat con doesn’t apply – SCS is unique

Kaplan, senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, 11

(Robert D., national correspondent for the Atlantic, and a member of the U.S. Defense Department's Defense Policy Board, Sept/Oct, Foreign Policy, “The South China Sea Is the Future of Conflict,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/the\_south\_china\_sea\_is\_the\_future\_of\_conflict, accessed 9-5-11, CMM)

JUST AS GERMAN SOIL constituted the military front line of the Cold War, the

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nationalism, has a geographical home, it is the South China Sea.

### 2AC – Immigration

#### Won’t pass – GOP opposition – won’t be comprehensive

Lillis, The Hill, 1-25-13

(Mike, “Republicans shift gears on immigration ahead of reform debate with Obama,” <http://thehill.com/homenews/house/279221-gop-girds-for-immigration-debate-with-obama>, accessed: 1-25-13, LLL)

¶ "There's not a chance the House will introduce or move a comprehensive bill

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before," the aide said Thursday. "There's a lot of inexperience."¶

\*\*Jenks=director of government relations at NumbersUSA

#### Or they cave because of ideology

Wernick, attorney and director of the City University of New York’s Citizenship Now!, 1-25-13

(Allan, “A look at where key Congressional players stand on immigration indicates reform could come soon,” <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/citizenship-now/immigration-chances-good-sweeping-immigration-reform-article-1.1245988>, accessed: 1-25-13, LLL)

As expected, President Obama confirmed his support for immigration reform in his inaugural address

AND¶ players on the immigration reform debate have been saying and doing this year

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going forward.¶ Immigration reform will happen this year. Count on it.

#### 6 months away – Obama will push something between now and then

Helderman and Nakamura, Washington Post, 1-25-13

Rosalind S. and David, “Senators nearing agreement on broad immigration reform proposal,” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/senators-nearing-agreement-on-broad-immigration-reform-proposal/2013/01/25/950fb78a-6642-11e2-9e1b-07db1d2ccd5b_story.html>, accessed: 1-25-13, LLL)

Their timetable would aim for a bill to be written by March or April and

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citizens and to normalize the status of the nation’s 11 million illegal immigrants.

#### Here’s 4 examples

Kaplan, National Journal, 1-16-13

(Rebecca, “What Gets in the Way of Immigration Reform,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/congress/what-gets-in-the-way-of-immigration-reform-20130116>, accessed: 1-18-13, LLL)

A crowded agenda: The temporary nature of the deal produced to avert the fiscal

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not be enough oxygen for immigration reform to happen this year as well.

#### DOI shields Obama

Foy, Huff Post, 9

(Paul, Huffington Post, "Ken Salazar Blamed By Oil And Gas Companies For Scant Interest In New Drilling Projects", 11-19-9, [www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/11/19/ken-salazar-blamed-by-oil\_n\_364027.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/11/19/ken-salazar-blamed-by-oil_n_364027.html), accessed 1-24-13) PM

Ken Salazar Blamed By Oil And Gas Companies For Scant Interest In New Drilling Projects

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of the battles over vast swaths of public land have been playing out.

#### Plan gets trillions in government revenue

Mason, banking department chair at the LSU Ourso College of Business, ‘9

(Joseph, “The Economic Contribution of Increased Offshore Oil Exploration and Production to Regional and National Economies,” Feb 2009, <http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/images/aea_offshore_updated_final.pdf>, accessed 1-2-13) PM

Until recently, Congressional and Presidential leasing¶ moratoria have withdrawn from production oil and

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stimulus are particularly ¶ attractive in the face of a severe economic downturn.

#### Jobs shields the link

Izadi, National Journal, 12

(Elahe, "Former Sen. Trent Lott, Ex-Rep. Jim Davis Bemoan Partisanship on Energy Issues,” 8-29-12, http://www.nationaljournal.com/2012-election/former-members-bemoan-partisanship-on-energy-issues-20120829, accessed 1-6-13) PM

In a climate where everything from transportation issues to the farm bill have gotten caught

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job is very simple: adult supervision of the Congress,” Davis said.

#### The plan *is* political capital – Obama will horse trade with the plan for his agenda

Davenport, National Journal, 12-6-12

(Coral, “How Obama and Congress Could Find Common Ground on Energy,” <http://www.nationaljournal.com/magazine/how-obama-and-congress-could-find-common-ground-on-energy-20121206>, accessed 12-26-12, CMM)

As always, the question will be what kind of bill can get through Congress

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could use those decisions as chips in a broader grand bargain on energy.

#### Plan bipartisan – outweighs party allegiance

Russell, President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, ‘12

(Barry, “Energy Must Transcend Politics,” 8-15-12, <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php?comments=expandall#comments>, accessed 1-6-13) PM

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.

#### Winners win

Green, professor of political science at Hofstra University, 10

(David Michael, 6-11-10, “The Do-Nothing 44th President,” http://www.opednews.com/articles/The-Do-Nothing-44th-Presid-by-David-Michael-Gree-100611-648.html, accessed 1-26-11, CMM)

Moreover, there is a continuously evolving and reciprocal relationship between presidential boldness and achievement

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of the now retired Helen Thomas, this is precisely what they did.

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### Uniqueness Overwhelms

#### 2AC Card

Wernick, attorney and director of the City University of New York’s Citizenship Now!, 1-25-13

(Allan, “A look at where key Congressional players stand on immigration indicates reform could come soon,” <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/citizenship-now/immigration-chances-good-sweeping-immigration-reform-article-1.1245988>, accessed: 1-25-13, LLL)

l Luis Gutierrez — Chicago Congressman Luis Gutierrez is the Democratic Party’s conscience on immigration

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going forward.¶ Immigration reform will happen this year. Count on it.

### Budget Thumps

#### Budget comes first – big fight

Weigant, Huff Post, 1-23-13

(Chris, “Handicapping Obama's Second Term Agenda,” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-weigant/obama-second-term\_b\_2537802.html, accessed 1-24-13, CMM)

The ceremonies are all over and Congress has slunk back into Washington, meaning President

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any legislative action (good or bad) happening on it immediately afterwards.

### PC Fails

#### Political capital fails – Obama bill poisons the water

Foley, Huffington Post, 1-22-13

[Elise, Huffington Post, “Immigration Bill Should Come From Congress, Members Say”, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/22/immigration-bill_n_2529042.html?utm_hp_ref=politics>, accessed 1-25-13, AFB]

WASHINGTON -- Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.) and Luis

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complex done, it obviously has to be done in a bipartisan way."

### 1AR Link Turn

#### Revenue is key – GOP is looking for ways to increase revenue without increasing taxes

Sloan, Politico, ‘12

(Steven, Kelsey Snell, “How will GOP solve fiscal cliff riddle?,” 11-8-12, <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1112/83610.html>, accessed 1-7-13) PM

Republicans know they’re going to have to budge on revenues in the looming debt and

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the increased revenue comes from and what type of reform comes with it.”

# Round 5 – West Georgia DF

## 1AC

### Plan

#### Text: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase financial incentives for waterless fracturing for the energy production of natural gas.

### Warming Adv

#### Contention 1 is Warming

#### Warming is real and anthropogenic – 2020 is the tipping point

Sawyer, Global Wind Energy Council secretary general, 9

[Steve, World Environment Magazine, June 2009 Issue 3, “Wind Energy as a Key Climate Solution” <http://www.worldenvironment.tv/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185:wind-energy-as-a-key-climate-solution&catid=24:energy-category&Itemid=39>, accessed 10-4-12, TAP]

When climate change first started to worry the scientific community in the 1980s, the

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world, and the economic disaster of the reliance on imported fossil fuels.

#### Warming causes multiple scenarios for extinction – passing 4 degrees means no adaptation

Roberts, Grist, 1-10-13

(David, “If you aren’t alarmed about climate, you aren’t paying attention,” 1-10-13, <http://grist.org/article/climate-alarmism-the-idea-is-surreal/>, accessed 1-15-13) PM

We know we’ve raised global average temperatures around 0.8 degrees C so far

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, but a world that is inexorably more inhospitable with every passing decade.

#### Reducing emissions is key to solve extinction

Keating, Foreign Policy Web Editor, 11/13/2009

[Joshua, "The End of the World," http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/11/13/the\_end\_of\_the\_world?page=full, 11/15]

How it could happen: Under the worst-case scenario predicted by the International

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-ending outcomes could be mitigated by a substantial reduction in carbon emissions.

#### Natural gas solves warming – getting rid of coal is key

Bryce, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, 7-17-12

(Robert, “Inside the strange world of 'green energy' politics and how it's ruining the US,” http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/07/17/inside-strange-world-green-energy-politics-and-how-it-ruining-us/, accessed 7-17-12, CMM)

The United States is leading the world in reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide.

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fuels is equally beneficial in percentage terms no matter how fast the transition.”

#### The plan solves global emissions cuts – renewables can’t fill in

Riley, professor of energy law at The City Law School at City University London, 8-13-12

(Alan, “Shale Gas to the Climate Rescue,” http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/opinion/shale-gas-to-the-climate-rescue.html?\_r=1&pagewanted=print, accessed 8-14-12, CMM)

The battle against runaway climate change is being lost. The green movement and the

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of radical cuts in carbon dioxide emissions over the short and medium term.

#### **Producers are going to cut back gas production now – prices need to stay low**

Dlouhy, Houston Chronicle, 7-16-12

(Jennifer, “Natural gas glut a dilemma for Obama,” http://www.chron.com/business/article/Natural-gas-glut-a-dilemma-for-Obama-3706576.php, accessed 7-16-12, CMM)

Prices to rise?¶ Many analysts contend natural gas prices are destined to rise even

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terminals for receiving natural gas imports that were built before today's drilling boom.

#### Inexpensive natural gas forces coal out of the market

Schwartz, Senior Vice President for Global Relations and Strategic Planning for Salesforce.com, 8-17-12

(Peter, futurist, author, and cofounder of the Global Business Network (GBN), an elite corporate strategy firm, specializing in future-think and scenario planning, “Abundant Natural Gas and Oil Are Putting the Kabosh on Clean Energy,” http://www.wired.com/business/2012/08/mf\_naturalgas/all/, accessed 8-17-12, CMM)

But this is changing. We’ve long been acutely aware of the geopolitical ramifications of

AND¶ supply. And that’s a good thing, right? Not so fast

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potent than C02 so even a little leakage can have a large impact.

#### Now is a unique moment – anti-science ideology is on the rise – it is generating skepticism toward global warming that precludes institutional change.

Gleick, National Academy of Sciences fellow, 2011

[Peter, Pacific Institute CEO, 8-31-11, “Why Anti-Science Ideology is Bad for America” <http://www.forbes.com/sites/petergleick/2011/08/31/why-anti-science-ideology-is-bad-for-america/>, accessed 9-30-12, TAP]

Anti-science ideology isn’t completely new in the U.S. — there

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hide, or misrepresent science in service of political wars and ideological positions.

#### Rejecting denialism is an ethical choice.

Hamilton, Center for applied philosophy and public ethics professor, 2009

[Clive, “Hamilton: Denying the coming climate holocaust” <http://www.crikey.com.au/2009/11/16/hamilton-denying-the-coming-climate-holocaust/>, accessed 9-30-12, TAP]

If the climate deniers were to succeed, and stopped the world responding to the

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morally worse than Holocaust denialism is no, at least, not yet.

#### Public and open deliberation is critical to challenging denialism.

Hobson, University of Oxford, and Niemeyer, Australian National University, 1-10-12

[Kersty and Simon, Public Understanding of Science, “''What sceptics believe'': The effects of information and deliberation on climate change skepticism” <http://jonathanstray.com/papers/What%20Climate%20Sceptics%20Believe.pdf>, Sagepub, p.3, accessed 9-30-12, TAP]

Thus, researchers and commentators now have the means to categorise and discuss different forms

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beliefs and concerns: a hypothesis explored in the remainder of this paper.

### Fracking Adv

#### Contention 2 is Fracking

#### Hydraulic fracturing uses millions of gallons of water – that causes ground and surface water pollution, waste mismanagement, and health consequences. Lack of regulation and oversight make these problems uniquely likely

Finkel, Professor of clinical public health at Cornell, ‘11

(Madelon and Adam Law, doctor at Cornell Medical College, “The Rush to Drill for Natural Gas: A Public Health Cautionary Tale,” *American Journal of Public Health,* Vol 101, No 5, May 2011, <https://journals.eventjournal.com/upload/349/The%20Rush%20to%20Drill%20for%20Natural%20Gas%20-%20A%20Public%20Health%20Cautionary%20Tale.pdf>, accessed 8-29-12) PM

Hydraulic fracturing relies on¶ pumping as much as ﬁve million¶ gallons of surface

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human health ranging from the¶ comparatively benign to the more¶ serious.

#### Groundwater pollution is discursively justified through a hydro-social system of exclusion – it marginalizes those who need water for the sake of energy needs. The aff shifts the debate towards a calculus behind water-based fracking

Finewood, assistant professor of sustainability at the Chatham University School of Sustainability and the Environment, and Stroup, assistant professor of Environmental Studies at St. Michael’s College, ’12

(Michael and Laura, “Fracking and the Neoliberalization of the Hydro-Social Cycle in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale,” Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education 147.1, pp72-79, March 2012, accessed 10-22-12) PM

The complex energy-water nexus (whereby energy and water are understood to be

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, it would then no longer be quantifiable in a global energy market.

#### Hydraulic fracking establishes those in fracking communities as acceptable sacrifices for the sake of national interest

Finewood, assistant professor of sustainability at the Chatham University School of Sustainability and the Environment, and Stroup, assistant professor of Environmental Studies at St. Michael’s College, ’12

(Michael and Laura, “Fracking and the Neoliberalization of the Hydro-Social Cycle in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale,” Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education 147.1, pp72-79, March 2012, accessed 10-22-12) PM

But more broadly, we are interested in contributing to a context-specific analysis

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water-energy nexus, and to strive for a more equitable future.

### Solvency

#### Waterless fracking solves all the problems with fracking

Brino, Midwest Energy News, 5-15-12

(Anthony, “Waterless fracking technique makes its debut in Ohio,” http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2012/05/15/waterless-fracking-technique-makes-its-debut-in-ohio/, accessed 7-27-12, CMM)

Although no one really knows how much there is, oil and gas companies are

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the company for BMO Capital Markets.¶ “The environmental benefits are secondary.”

#### Waterless still solves natural gas production AND it’s safer than hydraulic fracturing

LeBLANC et al, Principal Engineer for Reservoir and Production Engineering of Eastex Petroleum Consultants, 11

(Don, LARRY HUSKINS is the Drilling and Completions Team Lead for Corridor Resources, ROBERT LESTZ is a degreed petroleum engineer with 26 years of experience and the Chief Technology Officer for GasFrac Energy Services, July, “Propane-based fracturing improves well performance in Canadian tight reservoirs,” http://www.worldoil.com/July-2011-Propane-based-fracturing-improves-well-performance-in-Canadian-tight-reservoirs.html, accessed 8-19-12, CMM)

The McCully tight gas field in New Brunswick, Canada, is being developed by

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flowback continued to be produced even after 1,000 days of production.

#### It’s super safe and requires no water

Bakken Zone, 8-3-12

(Bakkenzone.com was launched in 2010 to serve as an informational resource about the North Dakota Bakken oil shale boom, “Chimera Energy the latest to develop waterless fracking method,” http://bakken-jobs.com/blog/2012/08/03/chimera-energy-the-latest-to-develop-waterless-fracking-method/, accessed 8-18-12, CMM)

Chimera Energy has become the latest company to reveal it’s development of a method of

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risk of contamination of groundwater supplies is going to be a great success.

#### Government incentives are key

Jenkins and Trembath, Breakthrough Institute, ‘12

(Jesse and Alex, “Avoiding a natural gas bridge to nowhere,” 1-19-12, <http://thebreakthrough.org/archive/avoiding_a_natural_gas_bridge>, accessed 8-22-12) PM

Just as the history of unconventional natural gas production in America was fundamentally shaped by

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in the development of the key technologies that enabled today's shale gas boom.

#### Concerns with fracking center on water usage – the plan sidesteps

Goodman, CBS DFW, 12

(Matt, CBS Dallas-Fort Worth, 1-12-12, “Waterless Fracking Method Targets Natural Gas Industry’s Gaze,” dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/01/12/waterless-fracking-method-target-for-natural-gas-industrys-gaze/, accessed 8-18-12, CMM)

The debates for and against hydraulic fracturing all center on the world’s most essential natural

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. operations. “We use what actually comes out of the ground.”

## 2AC

### 2AC – Warming Adv – Gas Solves

#### Coal causes widespread systemic death – disproportionately affecting minorities

Earthjustice, Environmental non-profit, ‘11

(“Communities of Color, Poverty Bear Burden of Air Pollution,” 5-27-11, <http://earthjustice.org/news/press/2011/communities-of-color-poverty-bear-burden-of-air-pollution>, accessed 9-30-12) PM

ATLANTA - Earthjustice and the Environmental Justice Research Center at Clark Atlanta University have collaborated

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Atlanta today to be no different. Americans want and deserve clean air."

### AT: McKibbon

#### Natural gas as a bridge fuel solves

Benedict, Executive Director and Publisher of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, ’12

(Buying climate stability BY KENNETTE BENEDICT | 20 SEPTEMBER 2012, she had been the Director of International Peace and Security at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, she also served as Senior Advisor to the President, <http://thebulletin.org/web-edition/columnists/kennette-benedict/buying-climate-stability>, accessed 1-26-13) PM

In the August issue of Rolling Stone ("Global Warming's Terrifying New Math"), Bill

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path. This would be a win-win-win for everyone.

#### Plan solves oil

Dlouhy, FuelFix, 7-24-12

(Jennifer A., “Manufacturers ‘alarmed’ about surging natural gas demand,” http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/07/24/manufacturers-alarmed-about-surging-natural-gas-demand/, accessed 7-25-12, CMM)

One alternative to cars running on liquefied natural gas is using compressed natural gas to

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for natural gas vehicles will become increasingly available and attractive to residential consumers.”

### 2AC – Framework

#### The role of the ballot is to evaluate the desirability of the implementation of the plan

a. Key to fairness – anything else moots the 1ac – eliminates 9 minutes of aff offense and makes it impossible to be aff

b. Implementation education – allowing us to weigh the case is key to test the alternative against different advocacies

#### **c. Implementation questions are key to education and to solve environmental problems**

Maniates, Professor of Political Science and Environmental Science at Allegheny College, 1

(Michael, “Individualization: Plant a Tree, Buy a Bike, Save the World?,” Global Environmental Politics 1:3, August 2001, http://merlin.allegheny.edu/employee/m/mmaniate/savetheworld.pdf, page 32-33, accessed 6-20-12, CMM)

And yet mainstream environmentalism has not always advanced an individualized consumeristic strategy for redressing environmental

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they were lovely visionaries, naive about the forces that confronted them.22

#### No root cause

Joshua Goldstein, American University International Relations Professor, 2001, “War and Gender: How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa,” p.411-412

I began this book hoping to contribute in some way to a deeper understanding of

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on injustice as the main cause of war seems to be empirically inadequate.

#### Method shouldn’t come first

Fearon, Stanford Political Science Professor, and Wendt, Ohio State IR Professor, 2002

[James and Alexander, Handbook of International Relations, p. 68]

It should be stressed that in advocating a pragmatic view we are not endorsing method

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, but we certainly believe a conversation should continue on all three levels.

### 2AC – USFG Not Ethical

#### 1. Threshold frame – all we need to do to win a link turn is win ONE instance of the USFG doing something good. The burden for them winning this link has to be that the state is ALWAYS bad, which it isn’t

Jensen, Texas University Journalism Professor, Nowar Collective Founder, 2005

[Robert, The Heart of Whiteness, p. 91-96]

That's the question for which this country has never quite found an answer: What

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to civilize others. The real White People's Burden is to civilize ourselves.

### 2AC – Role Playing/DSRB

#### B. Debating as the federal government is key to understand policy - knowing how the state works is critical to removing its more insidious actions

Makani Themba-Nixon, The Praxis Project Director, 2000

[Colorlines, “Changing the Rules: What Public Policy Means for Organizing” July 31, 3:2]

"This is all about policy," a woman complained to me in a recent conversation. "I'm an organizer."

The flourish and passion with which she made the distinction said everything. Policy is

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set as the minimum needed to keep a family of four above poverty.

### 2AC – Afrofuturism

#### Futurism is the most ethical framework for evaluating impacts – it’s the only way to determine how to prioritize actions. This is especially true in the context of debates on climate – predicting and forecasting impacts of global warming using scientific data can allow us to better understand what will happen and how to stop it. This also answers their Duffy evidence

Isaac, Indiana University James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science and Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life director, Spring 2002

(Jeffrey C. “Ends, Means, and Politics,” Dissent Magazine Vol. 49 Issue 2, p32)

Power is not a dirty word or an unfortunate feature of the world. It

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

#### Futurist rhetoric is key to warming

Romm, PhD in physics from MIT and fellow at the Center for American Progress, ‘12

(Joe, “Apocalypse Not: The Oscars, The Media And The Myth of ‘Constant Repetition of Doomsday Messages’ on Climate,” 2-26-12, <http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/02/26/432546/apocalypse-not-osars-media-myth-of-repetition-of-doomsday-messages-on-climate/#more-432546>, accessed 1-18-13) PM

The two greatest myths about global warming communications are 1) constant repetition of doomsday

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by most of the rest of the media, intelligentsia and popular culture.

#### Their links don’t apply to any of our advantages –

FIRST is warming – it causes structural harms to countless groups who don’t have access to infrastructure and are uniquely vulnerable

Baird, Minority Rights Group International, 2008

[Rachel, “The Impact of Climate Change on Minorities and Indigenous Peoples” <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/ClimateChange/Submissions/Minority_Rights_Group_International.pdf>, p.1-4, accessed 9-30-12, TAP]

Despite consulting with climate change and development¶ specialists within NGOs, academia and intergovernmental

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plantations of biofuel crops, threatens¶ the very existence of some cultures.

SECOND is fracking – people are being excluded right now from systems of social inclusion

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– the more we wait, the more these social conditions are made possible

### 2AC – Duffy

#### He supports Switch side debate

Duffy, Cal Poly Communication professor, 83

[Bernard, Rhetoric PhD – Pitt, Communication Prof – Cal Poly, “The Ethics of Argumentation in Intercollegiate Debate: A Conservative Appraisal,” National Forensics Journal, Spring, pp 65-71, accessed at <http://www.nationalforensics.org/journal/vol1no1-6.pdf>]

I am not proposing that debaters only make arguments they believe in. Students also learn from articulating the principles which underlie positions they oppose.

### 2AC – Perm

#### Do the plan and non-contradictory parts of the alternative – their steadfast opposition to any use of the state fosters a culture of radical skepticism that makes any change impossible – the perm is the best middle ground

Berman, University of Connecticut Law School Associate Professor, 2001

[Paul Schiff, “APPROACHES TO THE CULTURAL STUDY OF LAW: TELLING A LESS SUSPICIOUS STORY: NOTES TOWARD A NON-SKEPTICAL APPROACH TO LEGAL/CULTURAL ANALYSIS,” 13 Yale J.L. & Human. 95, Lexis]

The second drawback of the hermeneutics of suspicion is perhaps even more important. As

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normative scholarship cannot extricate scholars from the fundamental questions that I am discussing.

#### Incremental reforms are better political strategies

Hirokawa, Northwestern School of Law LLM, 2002

[Keith, LLM is an advanced degree that goes beyond JD, 21 Stan. Envtl. L.J. 225, “ARTICLE: Some Pragmatic Observations About Radical Critique In Environmental Law” Lexis, accessed 7-8-12, TAP]

As discussed above in Part IV, the thrust of applying pragmatism to environmental critique

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dominant legal paradigms and demonstrates the pessimism resulting from the failure to persuade.

### 2AC – Anti Blackness/Turtle Island

#### Wilderson is wrong about political ontology

Macedo, University of Massachusetts Boston Applied Linguistics Master of Arts program graduate program director, 2000

[Donaldo, writes the new introduction to the anniversary edition to *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, p.32-3, TAP]

Freire is able to do this because he operates on one basic assumption: that

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right to say his or her own word, to name the world.

[We don’t endorse any gender language within this card]

#### Their ontological framing of blackness dooms the aff. Placing Blackness as oppositional denies it any existence independent of white supremacy and makes identity reliant on oppression

Pinn, Macalester College Professor of Religious Studies, 4

(Anthony, Dialog: A Journal of Theology, Volume 43, Number 1, Spring 2004, '‘‘Black Is, Black Ain’t’’: Victor Anderson, African American Theological Thought, and Identity', pg.57-58, Wiley online Library, accessed 11-10-12 TAT)

This connection between ontological blackness and¶ religion is natural because: ‘‘ontological blackness

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foster¶ balance while embracing difference as positive?¶ Anderson looks to Nietzsche.

#### Wilderson’s theory over-homogenizes and ignores critical differences in identity and powerful forms of identity and resistance in black culture

Bâ, Race and Postcolonial theorist, 11

(Saer Maty, “The US decentered: From Black Social Death to Cultural Transformation,” Cultural Studies Review 17(2), September p. 385-387, TAT)

And yet Wilderson's highlighting is problematic because it overlooks the 'Diaspora' or 'African Diaspora',

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? The coffle approaches with its answers in tow.' (340)

#### Corporations fill in – that’s uniquely worse

Mary Christina **Wood**, **Oregon Law Professor**, **1994**

(“Protecting the Attributes of Native Sovereignty” Utah Law Review, p. L/N)

A barrage of recent development proposals directed to tribes starkly demonstrates an intense modern pressure

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dynamics and deference to tribes ushered in by the Self-Determination era.

#### Particularly in the context of our fracking bad arguments. Natives are uniquely exposed to hydro-social exclusion from fracking – only the plan can solve

Berry, Indian Country Today, ‘12

(Carol, “Oil and Gas Boom in Indian Country! Tribal Leaders and EPA Meet in Denver,” 4-12-12http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/article/oil-and-gas-boom-in-indian-country%21-tribal-leaders-and-epa-meet-in-denver-107770#.UQLV3yfBdwg, accessed 1-25-13) PM

With so much money pouring onto tribal lands, “it’s like trying to stop

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, you include drinking water “with gas bubbling up out of it.”

#### Only the government can prevent this form of exploitation

Taylor, Greenwire, 4-11-12

(Phil, “House hearing will explore impacts of fracking regs on American Indian lands,” www.rlch.org/news/house-hearing-will-explore-impacts-fracking-regs-american-indian-lands, accessed 7-12-12, CMM)

A House subcommittee next week will hold a hearing to examine the effects of new

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for a tribe to develop a mineral resource on its own tribal lands."

#### They lead to transition wars

James **Aune**, Texas A&M Communications Professor**, 2000**

[Selling the Free Market: the Rhetoric of Economic Correctness]

Strangely enough, if taken seriously as a prescription for policy, the essay contradicts

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the bourgeoisie – to implement its proposals in the teeth of popular resistance.

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### AT: Transportation Key

#### It’s electricity – newest data

Cappiello, AP, ‘12

(John, “EPA: Power Plants Main Global Warming Culprits,” 1-11-12, <http://news.yahoo.com/epa-power-plants-main-global-warming-culprits-182125414.html>, accessed 1-25-13) PM

The most detailed data yet on emissions of heat-trapping gases show that U

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industry, states and the federal government identify ways to reduce greenhouse gases.

### DOD = 1%

#### The DOD is only 1%

Andrews, Specialist in Energy and Energy Infrastructure Policy at CRS, 9

(Anthony, 2-19-09, “Department of Defense Facilities Energy Conservation Policies and Spending,” http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R40111.pdf, accessed 9-30-12, CMM)

The Department of Defense (DOD) accounts for approximately 63% of the energy consumed by

federal facilities and buildings.1 This makes DOD the single largest energy consumer in the

United States, even though consuming only 1% of national site-delivered energy.2 Its annual

spending on facility energy has averaged over $3.4 billion recently.

### Consumption Answers

#### Changing consumption doesn’t solve

Kenny, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, 4-9-12

(Charles, Schwartz fellow at the New America Foundation, “Not Too Hot to Handle,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/04/09/not\_too\_hot\_to\_handle?page=full, accessed 5-15-12, CMM)

Let's also not forget how human psychology works. Too many environmentalists suggest that dealing

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to curb greenhouse gas emissions is one for the hard-nosed optimist.

#### Alt would cause transition wars

Barnhizer, Cleveland State University Law Professor, 6

(David R. Barnhizer, “Waking from Sustainability's "Impossible Dream": The Decisionmaking Realities of Business and Government,” *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, 18 Geo. Int'l Envtl. L. Rev. 595, lexis, accessed 7-4-12, CMM)

The scale of social needs, including the need for expanded productive activity, has

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, place economic and social justice high on a list of priorities. n60

The imperative of economic growth applies not only to the needs and expectations of people

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social justice while avoiding and mitigating the most destructive consequences of our behavior.

# Round 7 – Harvard BS

## 1AC

### Contention 1: Warming

#### The current gas glut will collapse the industry now

Ahmed, Executive Director of the Institute for Policy Research & Development and Chief Research Officer at Unitas Communications Ltd where he leads on geopolitical risk,

1-10-13

(Nafeez Mosaddeq, “The Great Oil Swindle,” www.fpif.org/articles/the\_great\_oil\_swindle, accessed 1-15-13, CMM)

Headlines about 2012’s World Energy Outlook (WEO) from the International Energy Agency (

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even bigger financial mess, on a faster trajectory toward costly environmental destruction.

#### That makes a price shock inevitable

Finger, Forbes, 10-14-12

(Richard, “$8 Natural Gas: We're Right On Schedule,” 10-14-12, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/richardfinger/2012/10/14/8-natural-gas-were-right-on-schedule/?ss=business%3Aenergy>, accessed 10-25-12) PM

New natural gas rig counts hit the wires Friday morning and on cue the number

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Bcf/day. Time will tell but the tipping point is near.

#### That crushes the market – exports solve.

Hulbert, Lead Analyst at European Energy Review, and Goldthau, Head of the Department of Public Policy at the Central European University, an American graduate school based in Budapest, Hungary, 8-5-12

(Matthew, consultant to a number of governments, most recently as Senior Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute for International Relations, and Andreas, prior to joining CEU, he worked for Rand, SWP Germany and the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, a Fellow with the Global Public Policy Institute’s Global Energy Governance program and an Adjunct Professor with Johns Hopkins University’s MSc in Energy Policy and Climate, “Why America Can Make or Break A New Global Gas World,” http://www.forbes.com/sites/matthewhulbert/2012/08/05/why-america-can-make-or-break-a-new-global-gas-world/print/, accessed 8-7-12, CMM)

The same debate is raging in the US. Despite the phenomenal breakthroughs in American

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fundamentals. US LNG could be the straw that breaks oil indexation back.

#### Supply disputes block exports now – creating sustainable supplies is key

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 10-22-12) PM

For an increase in U.S. exports of LNG to be considered feasible

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concern, owing to the continued rapid improvement in technologies and production processes.

#### Regulatory barriers get removed inevitably – supply is all that matters

Smith, Seeking Alpha, 1-6-13

(Larry, energy stock and investment researcher, “The U.S. May Lead LNG Exports: Who Will Be The Winners?,” 1-6-13, <http://seekingalpha.com/article/1096911-the-u-s-may-lead-lng-exports-who-will-be-the-winners>, accessed 1-12-13) PM

Events from the last few weeks have made it clear to me that the United

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awaiting DOE approval for approval to export to non free-trade countries.

#### There’s tons of gas in the OCS – guarantees long term supply. Plan is key to leasing certainty that solves production

Griles, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, ‘3

(Steven, “ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS,” Hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the US Senate, 2-27-03, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-108shrg86709/html/CHRG-108shrg86709.htm> , accessed 10-23-12) PM

Mr. Griles. America's public lands have an abundant ¶ opportunity for exploration and

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and buy, so ¶ they can have certainty about where to go.

#### Mass exports are key

Levi, CFR Energy and Environment Fellow, 12-5-12

(Michael, “Thoughts on a Long-Awaited Natural Gas Exports Study,” 12-5-12, <http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2012/12/05/thoughts-on-a-long-awaited-natural-gas-exports-study/>, accessed 12-31-12) PM

Despite these often-massive export volumes, NERA projects consistently limited natural gas price

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U.S. prices always remain well below overseas ones despite exports.

#### The plan solves price spikes immediately

Silverstein, Energy Biz, 1-23-13

(Ken, citing an extensive LNG exports report from Brookings by Ebinger, “Manufacturers are Blocking the Free Flow of LNG,” 1-23-13, <http://www.energybiz.com/article/13/01/manufacturers-are-blocking-free-flow-lng>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

The U.S. Department of Energy found in December that prices could rise

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will increase production accordingly, limiting price spikes,” says the Brookings Institution.

#### Collapse of US natural gas makes warming inevitable

Bryce, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, 7-17-12

(Robert, “Inside the strange world of 'green energy' politics and how it's ruining the US,” http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/07/17/inside-strange-world-green-energy-politics-and-how-it-ruining-us/, accessed 7-17-12, CMM)

The United States is leading the world in reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide.

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fuels is equally beneficial in percentage terms no matter how fast the transition.”

#### Renewables can’t fill in – that makes warming from emissions inevitable

Riley, professor of energy law at The City Law School at City University London, 8-13-12

(Alan, “Shale Gas to the Climate Rescue,” http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/14/opinion/shale-gas-to-the-climate-rescue.html?\_r=1&pagewanted=print, accessed 8-14-12, CMM)

The battle against runaway climate change is being lost. The green movement and the

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in carbon emissions that we can achieve by replacing coal with shale gas.

#### Warming is real and anthropogenic – 2020 is the tipping point

Sawyer, Global Wind Energy Council secretary general, 9

[Steve, World Environment Magazine, June 2009 Issue 3, “Wind Energy as a Key Climate Solution” <http://www.worldenvironment.tv/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185:wind-energy-as-a-key-climate-solution&catid=24:energy-category&Itemid=39>, accessed 10-4-12, TAP]

When climate change first started to worry the scientific community in the 1980s, the

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world, and the economic disaster of the reliance on imported fossil fuels.

#### Warming causes multiple scenarios for extinction – passing 4 degrees means no adaptation

Roberts, Grist, 1-10-13

(David, “If you aren’t alarmed about climate, you aren’t paying attention,” 1-10-13, <http://grist.org/article/climate-alarmism-the-idea-is-surreal/>, accessed 1-15-13) PM

\*Citing the recently released World Bank Climate Review

We know we’ve raised global average temperatures around 0.8 degrees C so far

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, but a world that is inexorably more inhospitable with every passing decade.

#### Reducing emissions is key to solve extinction

Keating, Foreign Policy Web Editor, 11/13/2009

[Joshua, "The End of the World," http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/11/13/the\_end\_of\_the\_world?page=full, 11/15]

How it could happen: Under the worst-case scenario predicted by the International

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-ending outcomes could be mitigated by a substantial reduction in carbon emissions.

#### Exports are key to solve warming

Harris, CEO of Recurrent Energy, 1-23-13

(Arno, “Natural gas is just what clean energy needs,” 1-23-13, <http://tech.fortune.cnn.com/2013/01/23/natural-gas-is-just-what-clean-energy-needs/>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

FORTUNE -- America is awash in natural gas. Prices are low and by some

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for the kind of comprehensive energy plan our nation needs to move forward.

### Contention 2: China

#### Exports key to Chinese energy security

Downs, senior fellow at Brookings, 2K

(Erica, “CHINA’S ENERGY SECURITY ACTIVITIES,” <http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monograph_reports/MR1244/MR1244.ch3.pdf>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The Chinese government can also improve China’s energy security¶ through development of the country’s

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the¶ government’s desire to bring reserves on line as quickly as possible.¶

#### Mass exports key – Chinese and Indian demand proves

Scott, NYT, 10-23-12

(Mark, “The Big New Push to Export America’s Gas Bounty,” 10-23-12, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/24/business/energy-environment/excelerate-energy-aims-to-be-a-leader-in-natural-gas.html?_r=0>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

Once dependent on natural gas imports, the United States has gone from a buyer

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China, the tremendous domestic demand ensures it will always be an importer.”

#### That solves SCS conflict

Clement, editor at Dezan Shira Law Firm (China), ‘12

(Nicholas, “China and India Vie for Energy Security,” 5-25-12, <http://www.2point6billion.com/news/2012/05/25/china-and-india-vie-for-energy-security-11177.html>, accessed 1-4-13) PM

The competitive relationship between China and India has become a defining feature of the strategic

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ongoing diplomatic engagement between China and India to avoid unnecessary or accidental escalation.

#### Energy is key

Martin, Pike Research, 1-12-13

(Richard, Pike Research is a market research and consulting firm that provides in-depth analysis of global clean technology markets, “Around Lonely Islands, An Energy War Brews,” http://www.forbes.com/sites/pikeresearch/2013/01/12/around-lonely-islands-an-energy-war-brews/, accessed 1-14-13, CMM)

For an international flashpoint, the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea just southwest

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sources, but the chances of that happening have increased in recent weeks.

#### SCS escalates and collapses the economy

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, Three Days Ago, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Lurking just behind the Iranian imbroglio, however, is a potential crisis of far

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show-of-force operations by both sides in the disputed waters.

#### Economic collapse leads to global war.

Lind**, New America Foundation Economic Growth Program Policy Director**, 5/11/2010

[Michael, "Will the great recession lead to World War IV?," http://www.salon.com/news/economics/index.html?story=/opinion/feature/2010/05/11/great\_recession\_world\_war\_iv]

If history is any guide, an era of global economic stagnation will help the

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Eurasia, Eastasia and Oceania in 1984 is all too easy to imagine.

#### Escalation in the short term is likely – perception of the plan is enough

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

As 2012 ended and the New Year began, the situation only deteriorated. On

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planet will look with sadness and horror on the failure of everyone involved.

#### Institutions don’t check

Klare, Peace and World Security Studies professor at Hampshire, 1-23-13

(Michael, “The Next War,” 1-23-13, <http://www.realclearworld.com/articles/2013/01/23/the_next_war_100500.html>, accessed 1-24-13) PM

Regional diplomacy, that classic way of settling disputes in a peaceful manner, has

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Chinese press, while officials there refused to cede any ground at all.

#### Trade doesn’t check

Medcalf, Lowy Institute (Sydney) International Security Programme Director, and Heinrichs, Australian National University Strategic and Defence Studies Centre Scholar, 11

(Rory and Raoul, 6-27-11, “Asia’s Maritime Confidence Crisis,” http://the-diplomat.com/2011/06/27/asia%E2%80%99s-maritime-confidence-crisis/?all=true, accessed 10-9-11, CMM)

To the casual observer, recent security tensions in Asian waters might seem a storm

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relations among major powers, with dangerous implications for regional peace and stability.

#### Asian instability escalates

Landay, National Security and Intelligence Correspondent, 2K

(Jonathan S., “Top administration officials warn stakes for U.S. are high in Asian conflicts”, 3-10, Knight Ridder/Tribune News) Accessed on LexisNexis 12-29-09

Few if any experts think China and Taiwan, North Korea and South Korea,

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that totaled $600 billion last year, according to the Commerce Department.

#### Most probable scenario for conflict

Kolotov, Head of the Far East History Department at St. Petersburg State University, September 12

(Vladimir N., “Russia’s Views of the Security Situation in East Asia”, Brookings Opinion, September, p. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/opinions/2012/09/17-russia-east-asia-kolotov>)

The most correct indicator of the established geopolitical balance of forces in the region is

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plays a very important role in the contemporary Great Game in East Asia.

Economic interests make conflict more likely

Kaplan senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, 11

(Robert D., national correspondent for the Atlantic, and a member of the U.S. Defense Department's Defense Policy Board, Sept/Oct, Foreign Policy, “The South China Sea Is the Future of Conflict,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15/the\_south\_china\_sea\_is\_the\_future\_of\_conflict, accessed 9-5-11, CMM)

Southeast Asia, by contrast, is already deep into the post-Cold War

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states, and their militaries, is maritime: the South China Sea.

The South China Sea joins the Southeast Asian states with the Western Pacific, functioning

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estimated 900 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, a potentially huge bounty.

It is not only location and energy reserves that promise to give the South China

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all the way south 1,200 miles to near Singapore and Malaysia.

The result is that all nine states that touch the South China Sea are more

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Taiwan one, Vietnam 25, the Philippines eight, and Malaysia five.

### Contention 3: Solvency

**Plan: The United States Department of the Interior should substantially reduce leasing restrictions on conventional natural gas production in the United States Outer Continental Shelf.**

#### Exporting is possible – the infrastructure is already in the works

Ebinger, Senior fellow and Director of the Energy Security Initiative at Brookings, ‘12

(Charles, “Liquid Markets: Assessing the Case for US Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas,” 5-2-12, <http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/events/2012/5/02%20lng%20exports/20120502_lng_exports>, accessed 8-17-12) PM

The Brookings team distilled the findings of the feasibility and ¶ implications of LNG exports

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, we found that the environmental¶ implications of LNG exports are negligible.

#### Functional moratorium now – means we can’t access 98% of OCS reserves. Plan removes those restrictions

Pyle, President of the Institute for Energy Research, ‘12

(Thomas, “Energy Department sneaks offshore moratorium past public; Jobs and oil-supply potential are shut down,” 7-10-12, accessed 10-23-12, Lexis) PM

While the Obama administration was taking a victory lap last week after the 5-

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of annual leases is down more than 50 percent from the Clinton era.

Under the new Obama plan, those numbers will only get worse. The 2012

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the above" president is responsible for increased production and reduced oil import.

## 2AC

### 2AC – Warming – AT: 450 PPM

#### Roberts evidence says that 4 degrees makes warming irreversible – that gives us a lot more room than 450

Avi-Yonah, University of Michigan Law school International Tax LLm Program director, and Uhlmann, University of Michigan Environmental law and policy program director, 2008

[Reuven, University of Michigan Irwin I Cohn law professor, and David, University of Michigan Jeffrey F Liss professor from Practice, Michigan Law Journal, March, “Combating Global Climate Change: Why a Carbon Tax Is a Better Response to Global Warming Than Cap and Trade” <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1109167>, p.10-11, accessed 5-4-11, TP]

To limit global warming to 2°C or 4°F will require stabilizing

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above, the rate of carbon dioxide emissions is increasing so rapidly.32

### Warming Adv – AT: Methane Turn – Romm

#### Worst case methane leaks have no impact

Levi, CFR Energy and Environment Fellow, ‘13

(Michael, “Climate Consequences of Natural Gas as a Bridge Fuel,” *Climatic Change,* January 2013, accessed 1-23-13) PM

Several authors have recently suggested that methane emissions from natural gas¶ production and distribution

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such¶ leakage rates make natural gas worse for climate change than coal.

#### No impact to methane

Levi, CFR energy fellow, ‘12

(Michael, “Why Allowing Natural Gas Exports Is Probably Good for Climate Change,” 8-17-12, <http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2012/08/17/why-allowing-natural-gas-exports-is-probably-good-for-climate-change/>, accessed 9-23-12) PM

Onward with Romm’s analysis:¶ It is head-scratching to say the least to

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makes a dent in the greenhouse gas advantages of natural gas over coal.

#### Romm uses flawed studies

Levi, CFR energy fellow, ‘12

(Michael, “Why Allowing Natural Gas Exports Is Probably Good for Climate Change,” 8-17-12, <http://blogs.cfr.org/levi/2012/08/17/why-allowing-natural-gas-exports-is-probably-good-for-climate-change/>, accessed 9-23-12) PM

Romm begins with this:¶ The NY Times piece asserts offers [sic] this

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case, none of this has anything to do with my LNG argument.

### AT: Econ Reps

#### Econ reps are good – key to solve the environment – no reason they shape policy

Thompson, professor of natural resources law at Stanford, ‘3

(Barton, “SYMPOSIUM: SYNERGY OR CONFLICT: THE ROLES OR ETHICS, ECONOMICS, AND SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DECISIONS: PANEL: What Good Is Economics?” UC Davis Law Review, November 2003, accessed 1-17-13, Lexis) PM

Even the environmental moralist who eschews any normative use of economics may find economics valuable

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ignores this tool in trying to improve the environment is doomed to frustration.

### 2AC – Framework

#### The role of the ballot is to evaluate the desirability of the implementation of the plan

a. Key to fairness – anything else moots the 1ac – eliminates 9 minutes of aff offense and makes it impossible to be aff

b. Implementation education – allowing us to weigh the case is key to test the alternative against different advocacies

#### **c. Engaging the state is key to education and environmental solutions**

Maniates, Professor of Political Science and Environmental Science at Allegheny College, 1

(Michael, “Individualization: Plant a Tree, Buy a Bike, Save the World?,” Global Environmental Politics 1:3, August 2001, http://merlin.allegheny.edu/employee/m/mmaniate/savetheworld.pdf, page 32-33, accessed 6-20-12, CMM)

And yet mainstream environmentalism has not always advanced an individualized consumeristic strategy for redressing environmental

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they were lovely visionaries, naive about the forces that confronted them.22

### 2AC – No Root Cause

#### No root cause

Joshua Goldstein, American University International Relations Professor, 2001, “War and Gender: How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa,” p.411-412

I began this book hoping to contribute in some way to a deeper understanding of

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on injustice as the main cause of war seems to be empirically inadequate.

### 2AC – Util

#### Ethical policymaking must be grounded in consequences

Isaac, Indiana University James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science and Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life director, Spring 2002

(Jeffrey C. “Ends, Means, and Politics,” Dissent Magazine Vol. 49 Issue 2, p32)

Power is not a dirty word or an unfortunate feature of the world. It

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not true believers. It promotes arrogance. And it undermines political effectiveness.

### 2AC – AT: Methodology

#### Focusing on method is bad – it leads to political paralysis

Fearon, Stanford Political Science Professor, and Wendt, Ohio State IR Professor, 2002

[James and Alexander, Handbook of International Relations, p. 68]

It should be stressed that in advocating a pragmatic view we are not endorsing method

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, but we certainly believe a conversation should continue on all three levels.

### 2AC – Fracking Bad

#### We don’t link to any of their fracking arguments

#### All their impacts are empirically denied and supported by bad studies

Furlow, associate editor of the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law, and Hays, adjunct professor of energy law at UT, ‘12

(John Furlow and John Hays, “ARTICLE: DISCLOSURE WITH PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS COMES TO THE HYDRAULIC FRAC-TURING REVOLUTION,” Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law, 7 Tex. J. Oil Gas & Energy L. 289, 2011-12, accessed 8-14-12, Lexis) PM

While there are risks inherent in all oil and gas production activities, opponents allege

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outright lies to argue a case that cannot be supported with verifiable facts.

### 2AC – Sustainability

#### Growth is sustainable – history proves

Ellis, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 12

(Erle, Winter, “The Planet of No Return,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/the-planet-of-no-return/, accessed 12-18-12, CMM)

Over the last several decades, a consensus has grown among scientists that humans have

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of continuing to support a burgeoning population by engineering and transforming the planet.

### Cap Good – Envo

#### Cap is key to the environment and turns their poverty args

Norberg, senior fellow at CATO institute 03 (Johan, Senior Fellow at Cato Institute, In Defense of Global Capitalism, pg 224)

Although multinational corporations and free trade are proving good for development and human rights in

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exhaust emission control, for example—and begin to rectify past mistakes.

#### Their root cause arguments are out of date – we have to keep innovating

Atkisson, President and CEO of environmental sustainability group, ‘1

(Alan, The Atkisson Group, international sustainability group that advises governments and corporations, “Sustainability is Dead – Long Live Sustainability,” 10-18-01, <http://www.rrcap.unep.org/uneptg06/course/Robert/SustainabilityManifesto2001.pdf>, accessed 9-10-10) PM

Our economies and technologies are changing certain basic structures of planetary life, such as

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with relatively minor risks to the greater whole associated with their inevitable collapse.

#### This independently insulates us from their sustainability args

Nordhaus and Shellenberger, Breakthrough Institute, 2011

[Ted and Michael, 2-25-11, “The Long Death of Environmentalism” <http://thebreakthrough.org/archive/the_long_death_of_environmenta>, accessed 1-12-13, TAP]

The great ecological challenges that our generation faces demands an ecological politics that is generative

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want to get started."¶ Thank you very much.[End of article]

### AT: Alt – AT: Consumption

#### Changing consumption doesn’t solve

Kenny, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, 4-9-12

(Charles, Schwartz fellow at the New America Foundation, “Not Too Hot to Handle,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/04/09/not\_too\_hot\_to\_handle?page=full, accessed 5-15-12, CMM)

Let's also not forget how human psychology works. Too many environmentalists suggest that dealing

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to curb greenhouse gas emissions is one for the hard-nosed optimist.

#### Transition wars

Barnhizer, Cleveland State University Law Professor, 6

(David R. Barnhizer, “Waking from Sustainability's "Impossible Dream": The Decisionmaking Realities of Business and Government,” *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, 18 Geo. Int'l Envtl. L. Rev. 595, lexis, accessed 7-4-12, CMM)

The scale of social needs, including the need for expanded productive activity, has

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, place economic and social justice high on a list of priorities. n60

The imperative of economic growth applies not only to the needs and expectations of people

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social justice while avoiding and mitigating the most destructive consequences of our behavior.

#### Can’t solve either adv

Brooks, Chair of Climate Change Studies at the University of Adelaide, ‘11

(Barry, “Australia’s nuclear options CEDA policy perspective,” November 2011, <http://ceda.com.au/media/153125/nuclearfinal8nov.pdf>, accessed 10-8-12) PM

Improved efficiency in the way we use energy offers a partial fix, at least

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an environmentally aware society, to deliver these aspirations in a sustainable way.

#### Doesn’t solve anything

Lewis, George Washington University geography and regional science professor, 1992

[Martin, “Green Delusions: An Environmentalist Critique of Radical Environmentalism” <http://books.google.com/books?id=cMThEEHW2JYC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false>, p.11-2, accessed 7-10-12, TAP]

Many eco-radicals hope that a massive ideological campaign can transform popular perceptions,

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political plans must be devised if those policies are ever to be realized.

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### AT: Transportation Key

#### It’s electricity – newest data

Cappiello, AP, ‘12

(John, “EPA: Power Plants Main Global Warming Culprits,” 1-11-12, <http://news.yahoo.com/epa-power-plants-main-global-warming-culprits-182125414.html>, accessed 1-25-13) PM

The most detailed data yet on emissions of heat-trapping gases show that U

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industry, states and the federal government identify ways to reduce greenhouse gases.

### Biodiversity Impact Defense

#### Resiliency checks biod loss

Kareiva et al, Chief Scientist and Vice President, The Nature Conservancy, 12

(Peter, Michelle Marvier, professor and department chair of Environment Studies and Sciences at Santa Clara University, Robert Lalasz, director of science communications for The Nature Conservancy, Winter, “Conservation in the Anthropocene,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/conservation-in-the-anthropocene/, accessed 12-18-12, CMM)

2. As conservation became a global enterprise in the 1970s and 1980s, the

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at least not in the last thousand years, and arguably even longer.

### FW and CaP

#### We solve political engagement – catastrophic climate reps key

Romm, PhD in physics from MIT and fellow at the Center for American Progress, ‘12

(Joe, “Apocalypse Not: The Oscars, The Media And The Myth of ‘Constant Repetition of Doomsday Messages’ on Climate,” 2-26-12, <http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2012/02/26/432546/apocalypse-not-osars-media-myth-of-repetition-of-doomsday-messages-on-climate/#more-432546>, accessed 1-18-13) PM

The two greatest myths about global warming communications are 1) constant repetition of doomsday

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by most of the rest of the media, intelligentsia and popular culture.

#### Cap solves war and violence

Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr., Mises Institute president, 2002, “Why They Attack Capitalism,” (<http://www.mises.org/freemarket_detail.asp?control=418&sortorder=articledate>,” accessed 9-4-9)

If you think about it, this hysteria is astonishing, even terrifying. The

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We are told that we must rethink the very foundations of civilization itself.

### AT: Poverty

#### Poverty is going down – cap is sweet

Kenny, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, 3-5-12

(Charles, a Schwartz fellow at the New America Foundation, “Onward and Upward,” http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/03/05/onward\_and\_upward?page=full, accessed 3-5-12, CMM)

On Feb. 29, the World Bank came out with its latest estimates on

AND¶ global poverty is even lower than suggested by the World Bank's latest numbers

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The dismal science has got far too dismal on the subject of development.

### 1AR – Growth Sustainable

#### Globalization is resilient – no risk of extinction

Ellis, Associate Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 12

(Erle, Winter, “The Planet of No Return,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/the-planet-of-no-return/, accessed 12-18-12, CMM)

4.With urbanization shaping the Industrial Age, and as we move rapidly into

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beginning of a new geological epoch ripe with human-directed opportunity. /

### AT: Mindset Shift

#### No mindset shift – public polling proves

Stepp, Senior Policy Analyst at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, 11-6-12

(Matthew, “Don’t Leave Our Clean Energy Choices Up to Environmentalists,” http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/programs/energy-and-climate/dont-leave-our-clean-energy-choices-up-to-environmentalists/, accessed 12-21-12, CMM)

Extreme weather has become the new normal. Despite another year of unprecedented drought in

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energy options for all Americans, not just those who can afford them.