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#### Politics DA

#### Congress is on track to make a deal to prevent sequestration cuts now---Obama’s political capital is key to forge a compromise

Weisman 10/1 Jonathan is a writer at the New York Times. “Leaders at Work on Plan to Avert Mandatory Cuts,” 2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/02/us/senate-leaders-at-work-on-plan-to-avert-fiscal-cliff.html?hp&\_r=0

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders are closing in on a path for dealing with the “

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the deal, deliver the members of his party and sign the bill.”

#### Even bipartisan energy legislation is massively controversial

McEntee 8/15 Christine is the Executive Director and CEO at the American Geophysical Union. “Science, Politics and Public Opinion,” 2012, http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/08/finding-the-sweet-spot-biparti.php

We know that objective scientific knowledge is needed to inform good policy decisions---and

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national economies, public health and national security. This needs to change.

#### Going over the fiscal cliff causes a second great depression

Morici 8/7 Peter, PhD, is a "recognized expert on economic policy and international economics." He is a Professor of International Business at the R.H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. "Fix fiscal cliff now or face next Great Depression," 2012, http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/08/07/fix-fiscal-cliff-now-or-face-next-great-depression/

President Obama and Republicans … **thrust it into a prolonged contraction.**

#### Global nuclear war

Harris & Burrows 9 Mathew, PhD European History @ Cambridge, counselor of the U.S. National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer, member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f\_0016178\_13952.pdf

Of course, the report encompasses more than economics and indeed believes the future is

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within and between states in a more dog-eat-dog world.

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#### The United States Supreme Court should rule that the restrictions that the pre-Young amendment version of the Native American Energy Act would remove are unenforceable on the basis of Native American self-determination.

#### Courts can effectively rule to invalidate restrictions on all forms of energy production

Simon 7 [Christopher A. Simon - Director, Master of Public Administration, Political Science Department, University of Utah, Professor, Political Science, “Alternative Energy: Political, Economic, and Social Feasibility”]

**THE COURTS**

The institutional power of the federal … and national policy priorities.

#### It’s competitive:

1. **Doesn’t pass legislation---any permutation links to the politics DA**

#### It doesn’t reduce restrictions, just rules them unenforceable

Treanor & Sperling 93 William - Prof Law at Fordham. Gene - Deputy Assistant to President for Economic Policy. “PROSPECTIVE OVERRULING AND THE REVIVAL OF "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" STATUTES,” Columbia Law Review, Dec 93, lexis

Unlike the Supreme Court, several state courts have …not offer a convincing rationale for nonrevival.

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**Oil DA**

#### The plan massively increases energy production on native lands

House Natural Resources Committee 12 “Native American Energy Act (H.R. 3973)” May 15, <http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=296902>

The Native American Energy … streamlining burdensome procedures.

#### That drastically increases coal, natural gas, and oil production in the US---35% of reserves are on native land

Awehali 6 Brian is a writer for LiP Magazine. “# 25 Who Will Profit from Native Energy?” June 5, http://www.projectcensored.org/top-stories/articles/25-who-will-profit-from-native-energy/

Energy on Native American land is becoming big business. According to the Indigenous Environmental

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enough power to eradicate all fossil fuel burning power plants in the US.”

#### That collapses oil prices overnight---the link is huge and unique

Poruban 12 Steven Poruban "API: Raising US oil supplies key to lowering gasoline prices" 3/26 www.ogj.com/articles/print/vol-110/issue-3c/general-interest/api-raising-us-oil.html

A major component to relieving upward …in a matter of days, oil prices fell by $15-16/bbl.

#### High oil prices key to Russia’s economy and political stability---a slump plunges the bear into chaos

RB 12 Russia Briefing is a magazine and daily news service about doing business in Russia. "Russia Could Face Political Flux if Oil Prices Sink" May 28 russia-briefing.com/news/russia-could-face-political-flux-if-oil-prices-sink.html/

Russia Could Face Political … a year, Ksenia Yudaeva, chief economist at Moscow-based OAO Sberbank, the country’s biggest lender, said to Bloomberg.

#### Russian economic decline causes nuclear war

Filger 9 Sheldon, author and blogger for the Huffington Post, “Russian Economy Faces Disastrous Free Fall Contraction” http://www.globaleconomiccrisis.com/blog/archives/356

In Russia historically, economic health and political stability are intertwined to a degree that

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the financial impact of the Global Economic Crisis is its least dangerous consequence.

#### Oil prices are key to Iraqi stability

Gartenstein-Ross & Goodman 9 \*director of the Center for Terrorism Research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies AND \*\*CTR deputy director “The Global Economic Crisis and Iraq’s Future,” http://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/966/global-economic-crisis-iraq-future

Last summer, when oil prices … is a clear opening for insurgent factions.

#### Iraqi instability causes regional conflict

Pollack 11—Director for Persian Gulf affairs at the National Security Council. Seven years in the CIA as a Persian Gulf military analyst. PhD from MIT (Kenneth, 11/15/11, Prospects for Increased Iranian Influence in Iraq, www.brookings.edu/testimony/2011/1115\_iran\_iraq\_pollack.aspx)

Renewed civil war. Historically, this … possibly with disastrous results.

#### Escalates and goes nuclear

Jain 11—August, Ash, visiting fellow at the Washington Institute, JD and Masters from Georgetown SFS, formber member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, "Nuclear Weapons and Iran's Global Ambitions", The Washington Institute, <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/PolicyFocus114.pdf>

As it looks for plausibly deniable ways to intimidate and subvert Gulf monarchies, an

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—though this could be complicated in the face of a nuclear Iran.

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#### Natural Gas DA

#### Expanding natural gas causes warming

Pooley 12 Eric Pooley - senior VP @Environmental Defense Fund, Served as chief political correspondent of Time, managing editor of Fortune, and deputy editor of Bloomberg Businessweek. “Natural Gas – A Briefing Paper For Candidates,” August 10, 2012, http://blogs.edf.org/energyexchange/2012/08/10/natural-gas-a-briefing-paper-for-candidates/)

Reducing Methane Leakage

**In the absence of responsible natural …** to increased climate forcing on any time frame.

#### Warming is real, anthropogenic and causes extinction

Flournoy 12 -- Citing Feng Hsu, PhD NASA Scientist @ the Goddard Space Flight

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, Springer Briefs in Space Development, Book, p. 10-11

In the Online Journal of Space Communication , Dr. Feng Hsu, a  NASA

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simply too high for us to take any chances” (Hsu 2010 ).

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#### The United States federal government should fully fund contract support costs under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

#### Solves the case – supporting effective native governance is the vital internal link to self-determination and economic self-sufficiency. It’s also a pre-req to effective natural resource use

National Congress of American Indians, 2012, “Support for Tribal Governments,” http://www.ncai.org/resources/ncai-publications/indian-country-budget-request/FY2013\_Spport\_for\_Tribal\_Governments.pdf

Providing tribes with the tools for effective governance is critical to fulfilling the promise of

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fulfilled, so that critical jobs that serve tribal communities can be restored.

### Self Determination Adv.

#### They obviously don’t solve---restoring native sovereignty only just energy does nothing to restore overall self-determination.

#### Moral absolutism undermines political effectiveness and causes political paralysis

Jeffrey C. Isaac, James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy and Public Life at Indiana University, Spring 2002, Dissent, Vol. 49, No. 2

As writers such as Niccolo Machiavelli, Max Weber, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Hannah

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

#### Some rights violations are inevitable – cost-benefit analysis is the only way to justify action to solve concrete harms

Cummiskey Associate Professor of Philosophy – Bates 1999 Gewirth ed. Boylan p. 134

The PGC’s (Principle of Generic Consistency’s) goal of securing the generic rights of

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agency. So once again we find no basis for limiting Gewirthian consequentialism.

#### Conflicting moral claims necessitate utilitarianism

Mulholland Professor of Philosophy – Newfoundland 1986 Journal of Philosophy v.83 i.6 p. 328

For many, the persuasiveness of utilitarianism as a moral theory lies in its power

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coherence and simplicity of the principle in explaining the morality of such cases.

#### Policymakers must act in a consequentialist fashion --- their moral theorizing ignores the constraints of real-world policymaking

Michael Ignatieff 7, member of the independent international commission on Kosovo, chaired by Judge Richard Goldstone of South Africa. Former fellow at King’s College, Cambridge; École des Hautes Études, Paris; and St. Antony’s College, Oxford; and Visiting Prof of Human Rights Practice at Harvard, August 5, 2007, The New York Times, online: http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/05/magazine/05iraq-t.html?ei=5090&en=cb304d04accc6df8&ex=1343966400&partner=rssuserland&emc=rss&pagewanted=all, accessed August 10, 2007

The unfolding catastrophe in [Iraq](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/iraq/index.html?inline=nyt-geo) has condemned …— or anywhere else — as it is.

#### Nuke war threat is real and o/w structural and invisible violence---their expansion of structural violence to an all-pervasive omnipresence makes preventing war impossible

Ken Boulding 78 is professor of economics and director, Center for Research on Conflict Resolution, University of Michigan, “Future Directions in Conflict and Peace Studies,” The Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Jun., 1978), pp. 342-354

Galtung is very legitimately interested in problems of world poverty and the failure of development

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, increases with every improvement in technology, either of war or of peacex

#### Nuke war outweighs positive peace

Folk 78 – Peace Studies Professor, Bethany College (Jerry, Peace Education-Peace Studies Programs, Peace Change 5.1)

Those proponents of the positive peace approach who reject out of hand the work of

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who view the field essentially from the point of view of negative peace.

### Colonization Adv.

#### Their epistemology argument makes no sense – obviously our authors are not like “patriarchy is good” either – the intent of the 1NC also criticizes patriarchy

#### Patriarchy’s inevitable

Fukuyama, prof of IR, 98**—**Professor of International Political Economy and Director of the International Development Program at Johns Hopkins. BA in classics from Cornell. PhD in government from Harvard (Francis, “Women and the Evolution of World Politics,” September 1998, http://www.evoyage.com/Evolutionary%20Feminism/ForAffairWomen&Evolution.htm)

It is clear that this violence was largely perpetrated …easily by changes in culture and ideology.

#### Gender isn’t the root cause of war

Goldstein, IR prof, 1—Professor of International Relations at American University, 2001 (Joshua S., War and Gender: How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa, pp.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.

### YES Disads Contention

#### Prefer our impacts – multiple studies confirm that people are more likely to underestimate the risk of extinction scenarios because they’ve never happened – we actually have a cognitive bias in favor of systemic impacts

Eliezer Yudkowsky, Research Fellow at the Singularity Institute for Artificial Intelligence, 8-31-2006 "Cognitive biases potentially affecting judgment of global risks" http://singinst.org/upload/cognitive-biases.pdf

Biases implicit in the availability heuristic affect estimates of risk. A pioneering study by

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underestimated since, obviously, humanity has never yet encountered an extinction event.

#### Our predictions are true---reject their non-falsifiable assertion that they’re tainted by patriarchy

Houghton 8 – David Patrick Houghton 8, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Florida, Positivism ‘vs’ Postmodernism: Does Epistemology Make a Difference?, International Politics (2008) 45, 115–128

As long ago as 1981, Yale Ferguson and Richard Mansbach effectively laid the influence

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epistemological ones, ought to be what divides the international relations scene today.