

# **CMSDL Core Files 2018-2019**

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#### **1AC - PLAN**

**PLAN: THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON H-1B VISAS BY:**

- 1) ELIMINATING CAPS**
- 2) ELIMINATING TIME LIMITS BY PROVIDING A PATH TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE.**

#### **1AC - Advantage 1 (HARMS) - Competitiveness**

**Advantage 1 is Competitiveness**  
REMOVING THE H-1B VISA CAP STRENGTHENS AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS.  
SLOW TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION UNDERMINES HEGEMONY BY INCREASING THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF RUSSIA AND CHINA AND CREATING A PERCEPTION OF AMERICAN WEAKNESS  
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#### **1AC - Advantage 2 (HARMS) – Doctors**

**Advantage 2 is Doctors**  
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PRIMARY CARE ACCESS IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE TO STOP PANDEMICS.

WE'RE ON THE BRINK OF THE NEXT PANDEMIC, A MASSIVE DISEASE  
OUTBREAK—RESPONSE TIMES ARE KEY TO PREVENT GLOBAL  
DEATHS OF HISTORIC SCALE

## **1AC – SOLVENCY**

REMOVING CAPS IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE AMERICA HAS SKILLED  
WORKERS – THERE ARE SIMPLY NO ALTERNATIVES.

## **2AC/1AR – H-1B Visas**

### **2AC (HARMS) Competitiveness - “No Tech Shortage” Answers To: 1NC**

They say, “no tech shortage,” but ...

2. YES, THERE IS A TECH WORKER SHORTAGE – AMERICAN  
STUDENTS CAN'T FILL THE GAP

### **2AC HARMS (Competitiveness) - Hegemony Turn Answers To: 1NC**

They say, “hegemony causes war,” but ...

2. AMERICAN HEGEMONY AND MILITARY POWER IS NECESSARY TO  
MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE

### **2AC (HARMS) Competitiveness – “U.S. is not key to peace” Answers to: 1NC**

They say, “the U.S. is not key to peace,” but ...

### **2AC HARMS (Doctors) – “PLAN can't solve pandemics” Answers to 1NC:**

They say, “PLAN can't solve pandemics,” but ...

2. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ARE ON THE FRONTLINE OF AN  
EPIDEMIC – SHORTAGES NOW

### **2AC HARMS (Doctors) – “Trump wrecks disease cooperation” Answers to 1NC:**

They say, “Trump wrecks international disease cooperation,” but  
...

2. NEW CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL DIRECTOR ENSURES U.S.  
COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL EPIDEMIC PREVENTION PROGRAMS

### **2AC HARMS (Doctors) – “No disease extinction” Answers to 1NC:**

They say, “Pandemics don't cause extinction,” but ...

2. PANDEMICS, MASSIVE DISEASE OUTBREAKS, WILL CAUSE HUMAN EXTINCTION.

### **1AR HARMS (Doctors) – Answers to “Pandemics Don’t Cause Extinction”**

They say, “pandemics cause extinction,” but group their arguments.

2. PANDEMICS ARE DEADLY AND CAN CAUSE EXTINCTION.
3. NEW APOCALYPTIC SUPERBUGS ARE COMING – PREVENTION IS KEY.
4. BIODIVERSITY LOSS INCREASES THE RISK OF EXTINCTION LEVEL DISEASES.

### **2AC SOLVENCY — “Trump Scares Away Workers” Answers To 1NC**

They say “Trump scares away workers,” but...

1. Their evidence assumes STATUS QUO policies – the PLAN is distinct. The Kumar 2016 evidence indicates that the PLAN’s creation of a direct path to citizenship in the program is key to attract new talent. This means that the PLAN does lead to more workers coming because it signals a shift.
2. EVEN IF SOME WORKERS ARE DETERRED BY TRUMP, APPLICATIONS FOR H-1BS STILL EXCEED THE SUPPLY.
3. BEST EVIDENCE PROVES – SURVEYS SHOW THAT PEOPLE STILL WANT TO MOVE TO THE US.

### **2AC SOLVENCY — “Trump Scares Away Doctors” Answers To 1NC**

They say, “PLAN can’t solve pandemics,” but ...

## **2AC H-1B AFFIRMATIVE – Answers to Off-Case (DISADVANTAGES, TOPICALITY)**

### **2AC Frontline – Trump Base DISADVANTAGE Answers**

1. THE INTERNAL LINK IS NOT UNIQUE – TRUMP LOST A THIRD OF HIS BASE AND DID NOT LASH OUT.

2. THE LINK IS NOT UNIQUE – TRUMP BACKED DOWN ON SEPARATING FAMILIES AND THE IMPACT OF THE DISADVANTAGE DIDN'T HAPPEN.
3. THEIR IMPACT IS NOT UNIQUE - THE RUSSIA INVESTIGATION IS A HUGE ALTERNATIVE CAUSE FOR WAR.
4. NO LINK – CONSERVATIVE MEDIA SHIELDS TRUMP FROM CRITICISM.

## **2AC Frontline –Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE**

### **Answers**

1. TURN – TRUMP'S PUSH TO RESTRICT H-1B VISAS WILL CRUSH INDIA'S ECONOMY. ONLY THE PLAN SOLVES.
2. TURN - BRAIN DRAIN IS GOOD – HIGH SKILLED WORKERS ABROAD FUEL INDIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH BRAIN CIRCULATION.
3. ALTERNATE CAUSE - TERRORISM IS A BIGGER AND MORE PROBABLE CAUSE OF NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

## **2AC Frontline –Wages DISADVANTAGE Answers**

1. TURN - OPENING BORDERS FUELS EXPORTS, DRIVES UP WAGES, AND INCREASES GROWTH.
2. NO LINK – IMMIGRATION EITHER HAS A NEUTRAL OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON WAGES.
3. PLAN SOLVES THE INTERNAL LINK – THEIR BIVENS EVIDENCE SAYS THE PRIMARY CONSTRAINT ON GROWTH IS SLOW SPENDING. IMMIGRATION IS KEY TO SOLVE.

## **1AR Answers to Wages Disadvantages – Extensions to 2AC “No LINK”**

Extend our 2AC Matthews 2015 evidence that says that studies show immigration has a positive or neutral economic effect. First, it's better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

(Put their author's name)

- 2 THERE'S NO LINK – THE BEST STUDIES AND HISTORY PROVE THAT POPULATION CAN INCREASE BY 8% WITHOUT DECREASING WAGES.

## **2AC Frontline – TOPICALITY - “Permanent Residence” Answers**

1. WE MEET – H-1B visas are a restriction on legal immigration because H-1B classification is a limitation on who can legally move to the US for permanent

residence. The PLAN directly lifts this restriction by converting it to a permanent residence visa.

2. **WE MEET – SKILLED GUEST WORKERS ARE CURRENTLY AN AREA OF “LEGAL IMMIGRATION” – IT’S NOT JUST LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

3. **COUNTER INTERPRETATION: “LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION” REFERS TO WHO MAY ENTER, HOW LONG THEY STAY, AND WHEN THEY LEAVE**

4. **COUNTER-STANDARDS:**

**A. GROUND – They overlimit the topic which kills education by preventing us from learning about key areas of the topic. Our INTERPRETATION provides the clearest GROUND at the core of the topic because we include agricultural worker visas and student visas, which are the center of public controversy for immigration policy.**

**B. LIMITS – our INTERPRETATION is a better LIMIT because it is in the context of immigration LAW, not just “immigration.” This context is important for any interpretation of the topic and provides a clear LIMIT.**

5. **They say there’s a TOPICAL version of the AFFIRMATIVE, but there’s no author who advocates using green cards instead of H-1B visas for skilled workers. Our AFFIRMATIVE is at the center of the topic literature and sets PREDICTABLE LIMITS.**

6. **TOPICALITY is not a voting issue – you should use REASONABILITY in evaluating whether the AFFIRMATIVE is REASONABLY TOPICAL and whether our INTERPRETATION creates REASONABLE LIMITS for the topic.**

**1AR Answers to TOPICALITY = Permanent Residence – Extension to “WE MEET – Skilled Guest Workers”**

Extend our 2AC WE MEET and our Passel and Cohn 2015 evidence that says that legal immigration includes skilled guest workers. First, it’s better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

(Put their author’s name)

2 LEGAL IMMIGRATION INCLUDES WORKER STATUS – HERE’S ANOTHER PROFESSOR AND EXPERT

**NEGATIVE – H-1B Visas**

**1NC – HARMS (Competitiveness) frontline**

1. THERE IS NO TECH WORKER SHORTAGE.
2. HEGEMONY TURN – AMERICA’S DECLINE AS THE WORLD’S SUPERPOWER IS INEVITABLE AND TRYING TO MAINTAIN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP LEADS TO WAR AND TURNS THE AFFIRMATIVE.
- 3 NO IMPACT - HISTORY PROVES AMERICA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PEACE

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Competitiveness) Extension to 1NC “No Tech Shortage”**

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Competitiveness) Extensions to 1NC Hegemony TURN**

2. US HEGEMONIC DECLINE IS GOOD – IT PREVENTS A CONFLICT WITH CHINA. THE PLAN INCREASES HEGEMONY AND CAUSES WAR.
3. HEGEMONY DECLINE IS GOOD – IT REDUCES GLOBAL VIOLENCE.
4. A) HEGEMONY IS BAD – IT FUELS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.
- 4 B) PROLIFERATION CAUSES EXTINCTION.

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Competitiveness) Extension to 1NC “U.S. is not key to peace”**

**1NC – HARMS (Doctors) Frontline**

1. PLAN CAN’T SOLVE PANDEMICS – THE WORLD IS JUST NOT READY
2. NO IMPACT - PANDEMICS DON’T CAUSE EXTINCTION BECAUSE OF HUMAN RESILIENCE

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Doctors) – Extension to 1NC**  
**“PLAN can’t solve pandemics”**

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Doctors) Extensions to – “No IMPACT”**

2. DISEASES BURN OUT AND OUR GENETICS STOP WIDESPREAD DISEASE
3. EVEN IF THEY WIN THAT PANDEMICS CAUSE EXTINCTION, THE NUCLEAR WAR THEY CAUSE THROUGH OUR DISADVANTAGE OUTWEIGHS ON PROBABILITY.

**1NC - SOLVENCY Frontline**

1. NO SOLVENCY – TECH WORKERS DON’T WANT TO COME TO THE US AS LONG AS TRUMP IS PRESIDENT. THE AFFIRMATIVE WILL ONLY INCREASE UNCERTAINTY.
2. NO SOLVENCY - DOCTORS WON’T COME TO THE US BECAUSE OF TRUMP’S IMMIGRATION POLICIES.

**2NC/1NR SOLVENCY “Trump Scares Away Workers”– Extensions to 1NC**

2. TRUMP’S RHETORIC SCARES H-1B WORKERS AWAY. THE PLAN CAN’T SOLVE
3. UNCERTAINTY ABOUT TRUMP’S POLICIES SCARES OFF FOREIGN STUDENTS

**2NC/1NR SOLVENCY “Trump Scares Away Doctors”– Extensions to 1NC**

2. TRUMP IS DETERRING DOCTORS FROM IMMIGRATING – PERCEPTION IS KEY

**Open Borders – Version 1 (Beginners)**  
**AFFIRMATIVE**

**1AC - PLAN**

**PLAN: THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH OPEN BORDERS BY REMOVING ALL LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION.**

**1AC - Advantage 1 – HARMS (Economy)**

TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES UNDERMINE LABOR FORCE GROWTH. THAT WILL HURT THE ECONOMY FOR DECADES.  
WORKER SHORTAGE IS COMING NOW.  
LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION HURT THE ECONOMY.  
REMOVAL HAS HUGE BENEFITS.  
ECONOMIC DOWNTURN CAUSES TRUMP TO WAGE DIVERSIONARY WAR.

## **1AC - Advantage 2 – HARMS (Inequality)**

ELIMINATING US RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION LEADS TO MASSIVE BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE GLOBALLY.  
MIGRATION IS THE BEST SOLUTION TO INEQUALITY, SPECIFICALLY WHEN IT DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW SKILLED WORKERS.  
INEQUALITY FUELS TERRORISM.

## **1AC – SOLVENCY**

SMALLER REFORMS WILL FAIL. ONLY REMOVING LEGAL RESTRICTIONS CAN SOLVE WITHOUT DECIMATING HUMAN RIGHTS.  
THE PLAN SPILLS OVER TO CHALLENGE WHITE SUPREMACY.  
REMOVING ALL RESTRICTIONS IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THAT CAN WORK IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD.

## **2AC/1AR – Open Borders – Version 1 (Beginners) AFFIRMATIVE**

### **2AC HARMS (Economy) “No labor shortage” Answers to 1NC**

They say, “there’s no labor shortage,” but ...

### **2AC HARMS (Economy) “PLAN can’t solve inflation” Answers to 1NC**

They say, “PLAN can’t solve inflation,” but ...

2. THEY SAY THERE’S A TRADE WAR WITH CHINA, BUT THAT’S NOT TRUE

### **2AC HARMS (Inequality) Democracy Turn Answers to 1NC**

They say, “open borders hurt democracy,” but ...

2. PLAN SOLVES DEMOCRACY – REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION IS KEY TO DURABLE DEMOCRATIZATION AND SPREADING DEMOCRATIC NORMS.



**1AR HARMS (Inequality) – ANSWERS to -  
Democracy TURN**

They say open borders hurt democracy, but group their arguments.

2. NO LINK – OPEN BORDERS DON'T WEAKEN THE NATION-STATE

**2AC SOLVENCY “Can't solve inequality” Answers to  
1NC**

1. Extend Shivani 2017 – migration is a human right that's key to all other rights. That means only by doing the PLAN can we access improved workers rights.

2. THE PLAN CAN SOLVE - IMMIGRATION FUELS REMITTANCES WHICH ARE THE BEST MECHANISM TO SOLVE GLOBAL POVERTY.

**2AC Frontline –Trump Base DISADVANTAGE**

**Answers**

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1. PLAN SOLVES – OPEN BORDERS ARE KEY TO ENSURE KNOWLEDGE CIRCULATION THAT SOLVES BRAIN DRAIN.

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## **2AC Frontline – Wages DISADVANTAGE Answers**

1. **TURN - IMMIGRATION FUELS EXPORTS, DRIVES UP WAGES, AND INCREASES GROWTH.**
2. **Their IMPACT is NOT UNIQUE - Extend the US News and World Report 2017 evidence – the STATUS QUO crushes economic growth because Trump’s policies kill labor force growth which accounts for half of all growth. That’s an ALTERNATIVE cause to the DISADVANTAGE’s IMPACT.**
3. **PLAN SOLVES THE INTERNAL LINK – THEIR BIVENS EVIDENCE SAYS THE PRIMARY CONSTRAINT ON GROWTH IS SLOW SPENDING. IMMIGRATION IS KEY TO SOLVE.**
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Extend our 2AC White 2017 evidence that says that immigrants increase spending, which boosts the economy. First, it’s better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

(Put their author’s name)

- 2 **PLAN SOLVES THE INTERNAL LINK – IMMIGRANTS ARE KEY TO CONSUMER SPENDING.**

## **1AR – Answers To – Wages DISADVANTAGE – Extension to 2AC “Immigration benefits economy”**

Extend our 2AC Kane 2015 evidence that says that studies show immigration have a net positive economic effect. First, it’s better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

author’s name)

(Put their

- 2 **IMMIGRATION EITHER HAS A NEUTRAL OR POSITIVE IMPACT ON WAGES.**

## **2AC Frontline – TOPICALITY “Permanent Residence” Answers**

1. **WE MEET – our PLAN text specifically says we “remove all restrictions on legal immigration.” Evaluate the TOPICALITY of the PLAN text in vacuum. We have**

**SOLVENCY** advocates that show that all our advantages follow from removing these restrictions.

**2. COUNTER INTERPRETATION:** “LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION” REFERS TO WHO MAY ENTER, HOW LONG THEY STAY, AND WHEN THEY LEAVE

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**A. GROUND** – our INTERPRETATION provides the clearest GROUND at the core of the topic because we include H-1B, agricultural worker visas, and student visas, which are the center of public controversy for immigration policy. We preserve NEGATIVE GROUND. Our AFFIRMATIVE makes it easy for them to LINK all the core of the topic DISADVANTAGES: Trump Base, Wages, and Brain Drain. Prefer big AFFIRMATIVES like ours to small AFFIRMATIVES that their INTERPRETATION pushes for.

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**4. They say “EXTRA TOPICALITY”** – no part of our AFFIRMATIVE is EXTRA TOPICAL. In the world of the AFFIRMATIVE, there are no restrictions on permanent residence therefore everyone has this status if they want it. Our AFFIRMATIVE is within their LIMITS on the topic. We are just a large reform of legal immigration, all their research on immigration applies to our AFFIRMATIVE. There’s no IMPACT.

**5. TOPICALITY** is not a voting issue – you should use REASONABILITY in evaluating whether the AFFIRMATIVE is REASONABLY TOPICAL and whether our INTERPRETATION creates REASONABLE LIMITS for the topic.

**1AR Answers to TOPICALITY = Permanent Residence – Extension to COUNTER-INTERPRETATION**

Extend our 2AC COUNTER-INTERPRETATION and our Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute 2017 evidence that says that restrictions on legal immigration means deciding who gets to come, how long they get to stay, and when they leave. First, it's better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

(Put their author's name)

**2 LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE IS ONLY A SUBSET OF "LEGAL IMMIGRATION"**

**3 LEGAL IMMIGRATION INCLUDES MORE THAN JUST LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE – HERE'S ANOTHER PROFESSOR AND EXPERT**

**NEGATIVE – Open Borders – Version 1 (Beginners)**

**1NC – HARMS (Economy) Frontline**

- 1. NO LABOR SHORTAGE – THERE'S A LOW LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE.**
- 2. PLAN CAN'T SOLVE INFLATION – TRADE WAR WITH CHINA, TAX CUTS, AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING ARE ALL ALTERNATIVE CAUSES**

**1NC – HARMS (Inequality) Frontline**

**DEMOCRACY TURN – OPEN BORDERS WEAKEN THE DEMOCRATIC NATION STATE WHICH FUELS INEQUALITY**

**1NC – SOLVENCY Frontline**

**NO SOLVENCY - OPEN BORDERS IN THE US CAN NEVER SOLVE GLOBAL INEQUALITY.**

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Economy) "No labor shortage" –**

**Extension to 1NC**

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Economy) "PLAN can't solve inflation" – Extension to 1NC**

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Inequality) Democracy Turn – Extension to 1NC**

**2. THE PLAN LEADS TO MASSIVE POPULATION GROWTH THAT CRUSHES DEMOCRACY AND FUELS INEQUALITY.**

**3. IMMIGRATION FUELS POPULIST BACKLASH BECAUSE OF DEEPLY EMBEDDED RACISM THAT DESTROYS DEMOCRACY – THAT MAKES US FAR WORSE IN THE LONG TERM**

**2NC/1NR SOLVENCY “PLAN can’t solve inequality”–  
Extension to 1NC**

# **Open Borders – Version 2 (Advanced)**

## **AFFIRMATIVE**

### **1AC - PLAN**

**PLAN: THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH OPEN BORDERS BY REMOVING ALL LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION.**

### **1AC - Advantage 1 (HARMS) – Racism**

**IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS RESULT IN RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION. OPEN BORDERS SOLVE WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO REJECT RACISM IN EVERY INSTANCE.**

### **1AC - Advantage 2 (HARMS) – Global Warming**

**LACK OF POLITICAL WILL IS THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO LIMITING WARMING TO 1.5 DEGREES. IN THE STATUS QUO THE US IS UNLIKELY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE BECAUSE OTHER COUNTRIES BEAR THE COST. ONLY OPEN BORDERS CREATES THE POLITICAL SHIFT NECESSARY TO CREATE MEANINGFUL ACTION. WARMING CAUSES EXTINCTION---TRIGGERS TIPPING POINTS AND POSITIVE FEEDBACKS WHICH MAKE THE PLANET UNINHABITABLE**

### **1AC – SOLVENCY**

**SMALLER REFORMS WILL ENSURE INCREASED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. ONLY COMPLETELY REMOVING LEGAL RESTRICTIONS SPILLS OVER TO BROADER PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.**

### **1AC Advantage 3 – HARMS (Human Rights)**

**US HUMAN RIGHTS GET MODELED GLOBALLY AND STOP HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN REPRESSIVE REGIMES. UNDERMINING HUMAN RIGHTS LEADS TO VIOLATIONS THAT RESULT IN GENOCIDE.**

HUMAN RIGHTS COME FIRST – THERE IS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO PROTECT RIGHTS.

## **2AC/1AR – Open Borders Version 2**

### **(Advanced) AFFIRMATIVE**

#### **2AC SOLVENCY “Legal system discriminates” – ANSWERS TO 1NC**

They say that the legal system will still discriminate after the PLAN, but...

#### **2AC HARMS (Racism) “Nativist backlash” – ANSWERS TO 1NC**

They say that PLAN causes a nativist backlash, but...

2. WE CAN'T BE AFRAID TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT BECAUSE OF RACISTS - IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS ARE IMMORAL AND CAUSE PREVENTABLE DEATHS.

#### **2AC HARMS (Global Warming) – ANSWERS TO 1NC “Too late”**

They say that it's too late to SOLVE global warming, but...

2. WARMING CAN STILL BE STOPPED—WE MUST ACT BEFORE 2020.
3. POLITICAL WILL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR TO MANAGE GLOBAL WARMING BY 2050

#### **1AR HARMS (Global Warming) – Answers to “It's too late”**

They say, “it's too late to SOLVE global warming,” but group their responses.

2. ANY RISK THAT WARMING CAN BE STOPPED MEANS YOU VOTE AFFIRMATIVE. DELAYING ACTION CAUSES MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF SUFFERING, CONFLICT, AND DEATH.

#### **2AC HARMS (Global Warming) – ANSWERS TO 1NC “Technology can't SOLVE Global Warming”**

They say that technology can't solve global warming, but...

**2. STEADY ROLLOUT OF TECHNOLOGY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A SINGLE INNOVATION TO SOLVE.**

## **2AC HARMS (Human Rights) “Trump kills human rights credibility” – ANSWERS TO 1NC**

**They say that Trump has killed our human rights credibility, but...**

**2. THE PLAN SOLVES – INTERNATIONAL SKEPTICISM OF TRUMP MEAN THAT REVERSALS OF HIS POLICIES SOLVE HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP.**

## **1AR HARMS (Human Rights) “Trump kills credibility” Answers**

**They say that Trump kills our human rights credibility, but group their responses.**

- 1. TRUMP DOESN'T HARM U.S. LEADERSHIP FOREVER. HIS DAMAGE CAN BE REVERSED BY THE PLAN.**
- 2. They say ALTERNATIVE causes and point to Guantanamo, but the biggest issue now is immigration.**

**A) Our Green 2017 evidence specifically isolates international perception of Trump's immigration policy.**

**B) Our Byman 2018 evidence indicates that Trump's restrictions on immigrations fuel international skepticism because fewer people migrate and gain complex views. That means that the PLAN is key.**

**3. ACTION NOW IS KEY – BROADER ACTION BY THE US GOVERNMENT CAN COUNTERACT TRUMP'S IMPACT ON US LEADERSHIP.**

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**1AR – TOPICALITY = Permanent Residence –  
Extension to COUNTER-INTERPRETATION**

Extend our 2AC COUNTER-INTERPRETATION and our Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute 2017 evidence that says that restrictions on legal immigration means deciding who gets to come, how long they get to stay, and when they leave. First, it's better than their \_\_\_\_\_ evidence because...

(Put their author's name)

2 LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE IS ONLY A SUBSET OF "LEGAL IMMIGRATION"

3 LEGAL IMMIGRATION INCLUDES MORE THAN JUST LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE – HERE'S ANOTHER PROFESSOR AND EXPERT

**NEGATIVE – Open Borders – Version 2  
(Advanced)**

**1NC – SOLVENCY Frontline**

1. THE STRUCTURE OF US LAW DENIES LEGAL IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS. EVEN IF THEY REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION AND LET EVERYONE IN, THOSE IMMIGRANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRIMINATORY LAWS OF THE U.S., WHICH ENSURES CONTINUED RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

**2NC/1NR SOLVENCY "Legal system discriminates" –**

**Extension to 1NC**

**1NC – HARMS (Racism) Frontline**

BACKLASH TURN – THE PLAN TRIGGERS A NATIVIST BACKLASH THAT INCREASES RACISM AND A ROLLBACK OF THE PLAN'S OPENING OF BORDERS

**2NC/1NR Harms (Racism) "Nativist Backlash"–**

**Extension to 1NC**

2. ANTI-IMMIGRANT SENTIMENTS ARE DEEPLY INGRAINED IN AMERICA, THE PLAN TRIGGERS BACKLASH.

**1NC – Harms (Global Warming) Frontline**

1. TOO LATE TO SOLVE – WE'RE PAST THE TIPPING POINT AND GLOBAL WARMING IS LOCKED IN.

2. TECHNOLOGY CAN'T SOLVE GLOBAL WARMING  
**2NC/1NR HARMS (Global Warming) – “Too Late to Solve” Extensions to 1NC**

2. FEEDBACK LOOPS ARE IN EFFECT– MEANS GLOBAL WARMING IS NOW SELF-REINFORCING.

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Global Warming) – “Tech Can't Solve” Extensions to 1NC**

2. TECHNOLOGY HAS NO SOLUTION TO GLOBAL WARMING IN SIGHT AND NATIONS WON'T SPEND MONEY ON IT

**1NC – HARMS (Human Rights) Frontline**

1. NO SOLVENCY – TRUMP CAUSES IRREPARABLE HARM TO US LEADERSHIP.

**2NC/1NR HARMS (Human Rights) – “Trump kills credibility” Extension to 1NC**

2. NO SOLVENCY – TRUMP'S FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORTS ALLIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS

3. ALTERNATIVE CAUSES – GUANTANAMO BAY AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE CREDIBILITY LOSSES THE PLAN CAN'T SOLVE.

## **TRUMP BASE DISADVANTAGE - NEGATIVE**

### **1NC Trump Base DISADVANTAGE Shells**

#### **1NC vs. H-1B Visas (Specific) – TRUMP BASE DISADVANTAGE**

A. UNIQUENESS - TRUMP'S BASE SUPPORT IS ON THE BRINK – IMMIGRATION POLICY IS KEY.

B. LINK - TRUMP HAS SIGNALLED THAT HE WILL MAKE THE H-1B PROGRAM MORE RESTRICTIVE TO SOLIDIFY HIS BASE – THE PLAN LOSES THEIR SUPPORT.

C. IMPACT - COLLAPSE OF BASE SUPPORT LEADS TO DIVERSIONARY NUCLEAR WAR.

#### **1NC vs. Open Borders (Specific) – TRUMP BASE DISADVANTAGE**

A. UNIQUENESS - TRUMP'S BASE SUPPORT IS ON THE BRINK – IMMIGRATION POLICY IS KEY.

**B. LINK - TRUMP USES OPPOSITION TO OPEN BORDERS TO SHORE UP HIS BASE.**

**C. IMPACT - COLLAPSE OF BASE SUPPORT LEADS TO DIVERSIONARY NUCLEAR WAR.**

## **2NC/1NR – TRUMP BASE DISADVANTAGE**

### **2NC/1NR LINK – H-1B Visas (Specific)**

**TRUMP’S BASE SUPPORTS FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON H-1B PROGRAMS. THE PLAN REVERSES THIS STANCE.**

**TRUMP’S BASE IS ANGRY AT H-1B VISAS. RESTRICTIONS ARE KEY TO APPEASE THEM.**

### **2NC/1NR LINK – Open Borders (Specific)**

**TRUMP’S BASE OPPOSES OPEN BORDERS – PREFER OUR EVIDENCE. BREITBART IS A PUBLICATION CONNECTED TO AND REPRESENTATIVE OF TRUMP’S BASE.**

**DATA PROVES - TRUMP HAS CONSISTENTLY RILED UP HIS BASE USING FEAR OF OPEN BORDERS. THE PLAN IS HIS BASE’S WORST FEAR.**

### **2NC/1NR – “Trump lost his base” Answer to 2AC**

**They say Trump lost 1/3 of his base, but...**

- 1. TRUMP IS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER WITH HIS BASE**
- 2. Even if Trump lost one third of his voters, he still has two thirds of his base, which means that the only action that triggers Trump going to war is one that loses more of his base. The PLAN alienates most of his base and the key elements of it.**
- 3. TRUMP BACKS DOWN UNDER PRESSURE TO SATISFY HIS BASE— DACA PROVES. EITHER A) THE PLAN LEADS TO A BACKLASH OR B) TRUMP ROLLS BACK THE PLAN AND THEY CAN’T SOLVE THE HARMS**

### **2NC/1NR “NON UNIQUE: Family Separation” – Answer to 2AC**

**They say the family separation issue proves the LINK is NOT UNIQUE, but ...**

- 2 FAMILY SEPARATION EXAMPLE GOES NEGATIVE - TRUMP BACKED DOWN ON SEPARATING FAMILIES BECAUSE IT WAS UNPOPULAR WITH HIS BASE.**

## **2NC/1NR “NO LINK – Conservative media”–**

### **Answer to 2AC**

They say that conservative media prevents Trump’s base from turning on him, but ...

2. THEY SAY NO LINK BECAUSE CONSERVATIVE MEDIA SPINS THE PLAN, BUT THAT’S NOT TRUE BECAUSE CONSERVATIVE MEDIA RAISES THE ALARM AT MERE *SPECULATION* THAT TRUMP IS CONCEDING GROUND ON IMMIGRATION.

## **2NC/1NR “ALTERNATE CAUSE - Russia”– Answer to**

### **2AC**

They say Russia is the only reason Trump would launch a diversionary war, but ...

2. IMMIGRATION IS THE KEY ISSUE TO TRUMP’S BASE. THIS MEANS UNLESS THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT TRUMP’S IMMIGRATION POLICIES, THEY DON’T ANSWER OUR LINK

# **Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE – NEGATIVE**

## **1NC Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE Shells**

### **Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE 1NC – H-1B Visas**

#### **(Specific)**

A. UNIQUENESS AND LINK - NEW RESTRICTIONS ON H-1B ENSURE RECIRCULATION OF WORKERS TO INDIA – THE PLAN REMOVES TIME LIMITS PREVENTING THIS.

B. IMPACT - THAT COLLAPSES THE INDIAN ECONOMY – THEY’RE UNIQUELY VULNERABLE TO LOSS OF HUMAN CAPITAL

2. WEAKENING INDIAN GROWTH RISKS INDO-PAK NUCLEAR WAR AND COLLAPSE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

#### **Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE 1NC (General)**

A. UNIQUENESS AND LINK - RESTRICTIONS ON LEGAL IMMIGRATION ARE DRIVING RECIRCULATION OF SKILLED WORKERS TO INDIA.

B. IMPACT - OPEN BORDERS COLLAPSE THE INDIAN ECONOMY – THEY’RE UNIQUELY VULNERABLE TO LOSS OF HUMAN CAPITAL.

2. WEAKENING INDIAN GROWTH RISKS INDO-PAK NUCLEAR WAR AND COLLAPSE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

## **2NC/1NR – Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE**

### **2NC/1NR LINKS to H-1B (Specific)**

TRUMP’S HOSTILITY TOWARDS H-1B VISAS DRIVES RECIRCULATION OF WORKERS TO INDIA—THE PLAN REVERSES THAT.

### **2NC/1NR Open Borders LINK Extensions (Specific)**

Extend Srinivasan 2011 – even if only 5% of the people who want to emigrate leave under open borders, that’s enough to trigger economic collapse.

Extend Wadhwa 2018 – Trump’s anti-immigration policies fuel the return of workers to India. The PLAN reverses those and ensures people emigrate to the US. That means there’s massive brain drain in the world of the PLAN.

EVEN A SMALL LOSS OF HUMAN TALENT TRIGGERS RIPPLING ECONOMIC DAMAGE – IT’S A NEGATIVE MULTIPLIER

### **2NC/1NR IMPACT Extensions**

BRAIN DRAINS *UNIQUELY* SHIP-WRECKS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND LONG-TERM GLOBAL GROWTH  
INDIA-PAKISTAN CONFLICT ESCALATES – NO CHECKS TO ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR

### **2NC/1NR Remittances Turn Answer to 2AC**

They say that remittances help the countries people emigrate from, but ...

2. REMITTANCES FAIL TO REPLACE THE GROWTH LOST BY WORKERS’ DEPARTURE
3. REMITTANCES CAN’T BALANCE THE LOSS OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND CAN’T MAKE UP FOR THE LOST GROWTH IN HOME COUNTRIES
4. BRAIN DRAIN’S DISADVANTAGES OUTWEIGH BENEFITS OF REMITTANCES

### **2NC/1NR Brain Circulation Turn Answer to 2AC**

They say that immigrants go back and create brain circulation, but ...

2. ANY BRAIN CIRCULATION IS MINIMAL.
3. THE RISK OF THE LINK TURN IS LESS THAN TEN-PERCENT.

### **2NC/1NR – “ALTERNATIVE causes to Indo-Pak Conflict” Answer to 2AC**

2. ECONOMIC STRENGTH IN THE STATUS QUO PREVENTS CONFLICT ESCALATION.
3. ECONOMIC GROWTH IS KEY TO PEACEFUL INDIAN RISE. DECLINE CAUSES VIRULENT NATIONALISM

## **Wages DISADVANTAGE NEGATIVE**

### **1NC Wages DISADVANTAGE Shells**

#### **1NC vs. H-1B (Specific) Wages DISADVANTAGE**

- A. UNIQUENESS: WAGE GROWTH IS HIGH NOW BECAUSE OF A TIGHT LABOR MARKET
- B. LINK - INCREASED 'HIGH SKILLED' IMMIGRATION COLLAPSES WAGES
- C. INTERNAL LINK - HIGH WAGES ARE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR GROWTH
- D. IMPACT - ECONOMIC-INDUCED DECLINE LEADS CAUSES NUCLEAR WAR

#### **1NC vs. Open Borders (Specific) – Wages DISADVANTAGE**

- A. UNIQUENESS: WAGE GROWTH IS HIGH NOW BECAUSE OF A TIGHT LABOR MARKET
- B. LINK - OPEN BORDERS CAUSE A RACE-TO-THE-BOTTOM IN WAGES, AND CIRCUMVENTS LIMITATIONS ON INEQUALITY
- C. INTERNAL LINK - HIGH WAGES ARE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR GROWTH
- D. IMPACT - ECONOMIC-INDUCED DECLINE LEADS CAUSES NUCLEAR WAR

### **2NC/1NR – Wages DISADVANTAGE**

#### **2NC/1NR LINKS to H-1B (Specific)**

- COMPANIES WILL USE H-1B VISAS TO DRIVE DOWN WAGES AND LAY-OFF HIGHER PAID WORKERS.
- EMPIRICALLY PROVEN THAT INCREASING H-1B VISAS CAUSES A DECREASE IN WAGES.
- H-1B WORKERS DRIVE DOWN WAGES, WITHOUT RAISING EMPLOYMENT OR INNOVATION.
- INFUX OF HIGH SKILLED IMMIGRANTS DRIVES DOWN WAGES AND ELIMINATES TONS OF JOBS—IT OUTWEIGHS THE LINK TURN.

#### **2NC/1NR LINKS to Open Borders (Specific)**



**OPEN BORDERS MEAN A 10% INCREASE IN WORKERS RESULTS IN 3% DECREASE IN WAGES.**

**INCREASES IN IMMIGRATION DRIVE UP INEQUALITY BY REDUCING WAGES WHILE INCREASING CORPORATE PROFITS.**

### **2NC/1NR – UNIQUENESS Extensions**

**WAGE GROWTH IN JUNE WAS THE HIGHEST IN 2018. HIGH DEMAND FOR WORKERS COUPLED WITH LOW SUPPLY IS KEY. DIRECTION OF STATUS QUO IS STRONGER WAGE GROWTH. TIGHT LABOR MARKET IS KEY.**

**4% WAGE GROWTH IS LIKELY IN THE STATUS QUO.**

### **2NC/1NR INTERNAL LINK Extensions**

**WAGES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR TO DRIVE UP DEMAND. WAGE GROWTH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR BECAUSE ECONOMIC INEQUALITY CRUSHES GROWTH.**

### **2NC/1NR INTERNAL LINKS to Open Borders AFF (Specific)**

**STATUS QUO WAGE GROWTH IS STRONGEST FOR LOW INCOME WORKERS.**

**THE PLAN DRIVES DOWN WAGES FOR LOW SKILLED WORKERS.**

**THOSE ARE KEY TO GROWTH**

### **2NC/1NR - “Inflation crushes the economy”**

#### **Answer to 2AC**

**They say that inflation is hurting the economy now, but**

**...**

**2. INFLATION IS TOO LOW. RISING RATES ARE GOOD FOR GROWTH.**

**3. INCREASING INFLATION WON'T CRUSH THE ECONOMY. IT'S GOOD FOR DEMAND.**

### **2NC/1NR - “TURN - consumer spending by immigrants” Answer to 2AC**

**They say “TURN – that immigrants increase consumer spending,” but ...**

**2. WAGE GROWTH OUTWEIGHS ALL OTHER FACTORS. IT'S THE INTERNAL LINK TO CONSUMER SPENDING, WHICH LEADS TO MORE HIRING AND HIGHER WAGES.**

**3. MASS IMMIGRATION INCREASES CREATE SUPPLY SHOCKS THAT DRIVE DOWN WAGES FOR SIMILARLY SKILLED WORKERS.**

## **TOPICALITY – NEGATIVE**

## **TOPICALITY NEGATIVE - Legal permanent residence**

### **1NC vs. H-1B Visas TOPICALITY**

**A. INTERPRETATION: The federal government must reduce restrictions on legal permanent residence.**

**IMMIGRATION MEANS MOVE PERMANENTLY**

**B. VIOLATION – H-1B VISAS ARE FOR TEMPORARY STAYS.**

**C. STANDARDS for why the judge should vote NEGATIVE**

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**1. GROUND - expanding the topic to include all non-immigrant and temporary visas explodes GROUND and forces the negative to prepare for countless small AFFIRMATIVES including tourist visas, student visas, asylum, and airports. That leads to shallow education because we don't gain an in depth understanding of immigration law because teams are incentivized to write AFFIRMATIVES that avoid clash.**

**2. LIMITS – Clear LIMITS to the scope of the topic are key to protecting NEGATIVE preparation. A topic focused on only permanent residency provides the best LINKs to key Negative strategies with core educational value like the Brain Drain DISADVANTAGE and the Trump Base DISADVANTAGE. They destroy LIMITS to the topic, which is unfair because it makes our preparation for debating against the core of the topic unusable.**

**3. TOPICAL VERSION OF THE AFFIRMATIVE – they did not need to be non-TOPICAL as there is a version of their PLAN that fits within our interpretation: The USFG should expand green cards for skilled workers.**

**D - TOPICALITY is a voting issue for FAIRNESS and education.**

### **1NC vs. Open Borders TOPICALITY**

**A. INTERPRETATION: The federal government must reduce restrictions on legal permanent residence.**

**IMMIGRATION MEANS MOVE PERMANENTLY**

**B. VIOLATION – The PLAN removes all restrictions, which means it affects nonimmigrants, tourists, refugees, and other groups.**

**C. STANDARDS for why the judge should vote NEGATIVE**

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**1. GROUND - expanding the topic to include all nonimmigrant and temporary visas explodes GROUND and forces the negative to prepare for a million small AFFIRMATIVES including tourist visas, student visas, asylum, and airports. That leads to shallow education because we don't gain an in depth understanding of immigration law because teams are incentivized to write AFFIRMATIVES that avoid clash.**

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**3. EXTRA TOPICALITY – the AFFIRMATIVE is extra TOPICAL, even if part of the AFFIRMATIVE affects long term permanent residents it also allows refugees, temporary workers, tourists, and other groups that aren't here for long term permanent residence. This kills NEGATIVE GROUND because it allows them to claim advantages off the nonTOPICAL parts of the PLAN.**

**4. TOPICAL VERSION OF THE AFFIRMATIVE – they did not need to be non-TOPICAL as there is a version of their PLAN that fits within our interpretation: The USFG should remove all restrictions on entry for legal permanent residency.**

**D - TOPICALITY is a voter for FAIRNESS and education.**

## **2NC/1NR Topicality vs H-1B – “We Meet” Answers to 2AC**

- 2. Extend our INTERPRETATION - The federal government must reduce restrictions on legal permanent residence. Extend our 1NC definition from Merriam Webster.**
  
- 3. At best they’re extra TOPICAL even if the PLAN converts H-1B visas to a permanent residence program, they’re still expanding the topic into an area that is currently NOT a permanent residence program. There’s no literature on H-1Bs as legal permanent residence, so we have no GROUND for our DISADVANTAGES. This makes it impossible to have a fair debate with research on both sides and TOPICALITY is a VOTING ISSUE.**
  
- 4. Extend our standards –**
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## **2NC/1NR Topicality vs H-1B – COUNTER-INTERPRETATION Answers to 2AC**

**They say “legal immigration is who we let into the country,” but ...**

1. Their interpretation sets **NO LIMITS**. It defines immigration as anything that has to do with letting people into our country – it has no specifics
2. This means there's **NO BRIGHTLINE** for what is **TOPICAL** when they have such a broad and vague definition.
3. **HERE'S MORE EVIDENCE - IMMIGRATION IS PERMANENT RESIDENCE.**
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