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## Part 1 Framework

#### I value morality, the standard is maximizing expected well-being.

#### 1. The resolution is a question between two policies, so we should use the moral theory that is best for policymaking, which is util. Woller

Gary, Economics Professor at BYU, “Policy Currents,” June, http://apsapolicysection.org/vol7\_2/72.pdf ) Showers

Moreover, virtually all public policies entail some redistribution of economic or political resources,

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offs implied by their polices are somehow to the overall advantage of society.

#### 2. Equality. Morality must treat everyone equally to avoid arbitrariness, Singer

Singer, Peter. “Practical Ethics.” 1983. Page 22.

From this point of view, race is irrelevant to the consideration of interests;

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sufferings of Jews, Gypsies and Slavs were of no concern to them.

And, equality strongly implies util.

1. Every life has the same value under util -- one isn't more important than five.
2. Anyone would want the right to life, and would want that right to be maximized when in conflict since there's a greater probability that the s/he is saved.

#### 3. Pain. The overriding motivating factor in human behavior is pain, Nagel:

Thomas Nagel, The View From Nowhere, HUP, 1986: 156-168.

I shall defend the unsurprising claim that sensory pleasure is good and pain bad,

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such cases. There can be no reason to reject the appearances here.

#### 4. In case of moral uncertainty, i.e. defense on either framework, prevent extinction to preserve our ability to recognize value, Bostrom

Bostrum, Nick. University of Oxford Professor. 2011. <http://www.existential-risk.org/concept.html>

“These reflections on moral uncertainty suggest an alternative, complementary way

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to increase the probability that the future will contain a lot of value.”

## Part 2 Plan Text

#### The People’s Republic of China will impose a tax of $150 per ton of CO2 released in the process of importing goods to China, the process of production of goods, and the extraction of resources. I reserve the right to clarify.

## Part 3 is Global Warming

#### There are 3 internal links from the plan to solving global warming

#### 1. Imposing this specific tax will drastically reduce carbon emissions and prevent a 4C rise in global temperature, and China affects other countries. Morris et al 12

Sergey Paltsev, Jennifer Morris, Yongxia Cai, Valerie Karplus and Henry Jacoby. “The Role of China in Mitigating Climate Change.” April 2012.

Figure 8a shows that if only China is engaged in

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regions will appreciably reduce the probability of more extreme levels of temperature increase.

#### 2. Carbon taxes spur green tech development. Jaffe et al 02

Adam B. Jaffe, Richard G. Newell and Robert N. Stavins. “Environmental Policy and

Technological Change.” April 2002. http://www.feem.it/userfiles/attach/Publication/NDL2002/NDL2002-026.pdf

For purposes of examining the link between environmental policy instruments and technological change, policies

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cost technology or process for doing so can be identified and adopted.8

And, Chinese tech development means increased exports at a cheaper price, so more countries will get the new tech.

#### Green tech is key to solving warming. Perkins et al 02

Martin I. Hoffert,1 \* Ken Caldeira,3 Gregory Benford,4 David R. Criswell,5 Christopher Green,6 Howard Herzog,7 Atul K. Jain,8 Haroon S. Kheshgi,9 Klaus S. Lackner,10 John S. Lewis,12 H. Douglas Lightfoot,13 Wallace Manheimer,14 John C. Mankins,15 Michael E. Mauel,11 L. John Perkins,3 Michael E. Schlesinger,8 Tyler Volk,2 Tom M. L. Wigley16. “Advanced Technology Paths to Global Climate Stability: Energy for a Greenhouse Planet.” 1 November 2002.

Arguably, the most effective way to re- duce CO2 emissions with economic growth

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gies that will require drastic technological breakthroughs. . . .” (12)

#### 3. Carbon tax can spur a shift to renewables—France is using the policy now.

Vorrath 13, (Sophie Vorrath, France to tax nuclear, fossil fuels to boost shift to renewables, 24 September 2013, http://reneweconomy.com.au/2013/france-to-tax-nuclear-fossil-fuels-to-boost-shift-to-renewables-42651)

France has unveiled plans to use a levy on nuclear energy, as well as

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spur efficiency in homes, as well as encourage the uptakes of EVs.

#### Only renewables can solve warming – no alternatives

Fripp 11, Research fellow, Environmental Change Institute and Exeter College, Oxford University, 11, (Matthias, Research fellow at the Environmental Change Institute and Exeter College, Oxford, PhD from Energy and Resource Program @ UC Berkeley,

“Renewables”, 11-8-11, http://www.economist.com/debate/files/view/Renewbles\_debate\_artifact0.pdf, accessed 7-31-12)

We must reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% by 2050 in

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—a target that will be reached by 2030 at current growth rates.

#### Runaway warming is beginning now – if we hit a 4 degrees Celsius rise, extinction is inevitable, and my solvency ev says the plan is key to stopping this.

Tickell 08, (Oliver, The Guardian, “On a planet 4C hotter, all we can prepare for is extinction”, 8/11, http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/aug/11/climatechange)

We need to get prepared for four degrees of global warming, Bob Watson told

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warming caused by human emissions could propel us towards a similar hothouse Earth.

#### And, warming is anthropogenic and real – most comprehensive analysis to date proves

**Green 13** – Professor of Chemistry @ Michigan Tech, \*John Cook – Fellow @ Global Change Institute, produced climate communication resources adopted by organisations such as NOAA and the U.S. Navy Dana Nuccitelli – MA in Physics @ UC-Davis \*Mark Richardson – PhD Candidate in Meteorology, et al., ("Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic global warming in the scientific literature," Environmental Research Letters, 8.2)

An accurate perception of the degree of scientiﬁc consensus is an essential element to public

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exerted an opposite effect by biasing raters towards a ‘no position’ classiﬁcation.

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### Biodiversity Defense

#### Humans will survive—we can isolate ourselves from the environment

POWERS 2002

(Lawrence, Professor of Natural Sciences, Oregon Institute of Technology, The Chronicle of Higher Education, August 9)

Mass extinctions appear to result from major climatic changes or catastrophes, such as asteroid

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Boulter mourns we will no longer behold vanish before our distant descendants' eyes.

### Property Rights Turns

#### Rights to freedom are predicated upon possibility of property. Ataner 12:

(ATTILA ATANER, B.A., J.D., McMaster University Master of Arts, KANT ON FREEDOM, PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, October 2012, http://www.academia.edu/2346248/KANT\_ON\_FREEDOM\_PROPERTY\_RIGHTS\_AND\_ENVIRONMENTAL\_PROTECTION)

My second line of argument in rejecting the claim that unowned lands are freely destructible

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exactly parallel to the incoherence of suicide (as a matter of Virtue).

#### Thus resource extraction can’t be prioritized since continued use would yield a contradiction. Ataner 2:

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Otherwise, freedom would be systematically depriving itself of the use of objects of choice

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first place, then some form of legal sanction ought to be applied.)

Thus, all uses of property must be consistent with the conception and maintenance of a system of property over time. Resource extraction fails to maintain the system and thus is illegitimate as a moral duty.

#### The concept of destroying property contradicts freedom of ownership in the first place. Ataner 3:

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For, by polluting a tract of land, for example, the polluter has

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on land that is supposedly terra nullius, or on res nullius objects.