WAR IN SPACE:
STRATEGY, SPACEPOWER,
AND GEOPOLITICS

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ARGUMENT

- Space warfare is the continuation of Terran politics by other means
- Wars may not begin in space, and they may not be decided in space
- Space is not the ultimate high ground
- Hegemony or dominance is not a useful starting point for analysis
- Much existing spacepower theory based on bluewater, island power seapower theory
- My spacepower theory brings in continental, land power based seapower theory
- Space powers on Earth are like continental sea powers, with cultural and strategic consequences
- Spacepower is in a supporting role; it’s mostly about infrastructure
- Earth orbit is a cosmic coastal region
A NEW SPACEPOWER THEORY


I. Space warfare is waged for the command of space

II. Spacepower is uniquely infrastructural and connected to Earth

III. The command of space does not equate to the command of Earth

IV. The command of space manipulates celestial lines of communication

V. Earth orbit is a cosmic coastline suited for strategic manoeuvres

VI. Spacepower exists within a geocentric mindset

VII. Spacepower is dispersed and imposes dispersion on Earth
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