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# 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

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- 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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