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China is a Space Power Threat (1141)

China's space program, military doctrine, and current research efforts indicate that it is taking space very seriously and recognizes that in a conflict with the United States, control over outer space will be decisive.

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A Code of Conduct would Address many of the Issues Raised by China's Recent ASAT Weapons Test

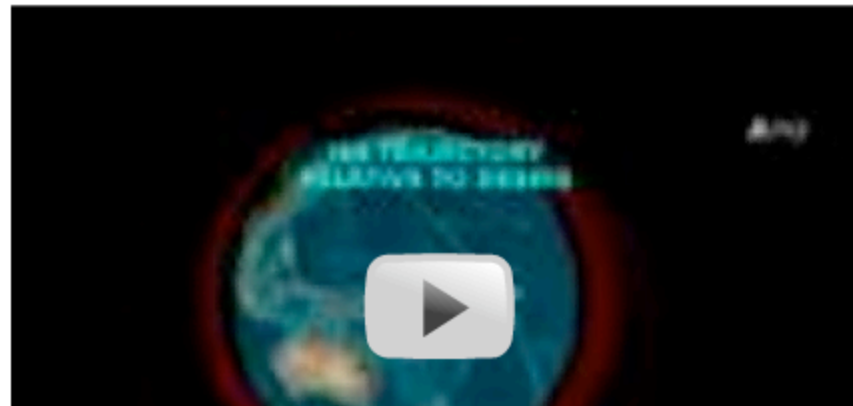
As the January Chinese A-Sat test demonstrates, the vulnerability problem in space is a global concern: All spacefaring nations stand to lose if a few operate irresponsibly. The most effective rejoinder to irresponsible behavior is not to mimic it, but to take the lead in laying out rules of the road that responsible spacefaring nations follow.

Irresponsible spacefaring nations interfere in a harmful manner against space objects, and the deliberate generation of persistent space debris.

[Katz-Hyman, Michael](#) and [Michael Kreber](#). *Space News*. February 12, 2007. [[More](#)]

Chinese ASAT Test Largest Debris-Generating Event in History

The official debris count from China's anti-satellite missile test has reached 957 pieces big enough to be tracked and NASA's Orbital Debris Program Office is estimating more than 35,000 pieces larger than 1 cm. This makes the January 11 test the largest debris-generating event in history, surpassing the previous record set in 1996, according to Dr. T.S. Kelso. Dr. Kelso serves as Senior Research Astrodynamist in the Center for Space Standards & Innovation (CSSI) and webmaster of Celestrak, a site dedicated to tracking space objects and monitoring them for in-orbit collisions.



Definitions and News Articles

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Anti-Satellite Weapon


'Anti-satellite weapons' (ASATs) are space weapons designed to destroy satellites for strategic military purposes. Currently, only the USA, the former USSR and the People's Republic of China are known to have developed these weapons, with India claiming the technical capability to develop such weapons[<http://www.newindpress.com/NewsItems.asp?ID=IEX20070122121813> Satellite killer technology within reach]. On January 11, 2007, China destroyed an old orbiting weather satellite, the world's first test since the 1980s.

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[Motives and Implications Behind China's ASAT Test](#) -- [Kevin L. Pollpeter](#) --
January 25, 2007

The author examines some of the possible strategic motives behind China's recent anti-satellite weapons test. [[Comments \(0\)](#)]

Keywords: [China](#), [Testing of Space Weapons](#).



All of Which can be Organized into Positions

Space Weaponization is Inevitable

The weaponization of space is inevitable for economic, military, strategic, historical reasons and terrorist threat perceptions.

- Space Weaponization has Already Occurred (1143)
 - Space Warfare has Already Occurred (1799)
 - U.S. is Developing Missile Defense Systems that have Latent Anti-Satellite Capability (1690)
- Space Warfare Inevitable for Strategic Reasons (1146)
- Space Warfare Inevitable for Economic Reasons (1145)
- Every New Environment is Inevitably Weaponized (1144)
 - U.S. Military Should Protect Satellites in the same way the Navy Protects Ships at Sea (1592)
- Space Weapons are Technologically Feasible (1137)
 - Anti-Satellite Space Weapons are Technologically Feasible (1329)
 - Satellites could be Disabled Through Information Warfare Attacks (1341)
 - Directed Energy Weapons Could be used to Disable Satellites (1330)

Thoughts & Questions...

- **Visualization of Structure is Key**
- **Focus on Providing Tools**
- **How to Pick Winners?**
- **Expanding it for other Topics**



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