

Space Force

What would it mean to have a military branch based in space? These resources explore the ideas of space jurisdiction and militarization beyond our planet.

Conversation Questions

- 1. Who has the responsibility of protecting, regulating, and defending space?
- 2. How should governments weigh the physical risks of humans in space against the potential need for militarization in space?
- 3. Family question: Why might a country need to have a military presence or police in space?

Read

"The New Arms Race Threatening to Explode in Space" from *Wired*

https://goo.gl/Hnmc1Q

This article explores the actions among the United States, China, and Russia in the past decade around the potential militarization of space.

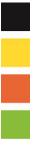
"Trump's Space Force May Come with a Big Price Tag, and No One Can Agree How to Structure It" from The Verge https://goo.gl/1CWucs

This article explores some of the economic and logistic considerations that come with a call for a branch of the U.S. military based in space.

"Would a U.S. Space Force Be Legal?" from National Geographic

https://goo.gl/uiAAb3

This article explores the existing treaties and laws that affect the militarization of space by the United States or another major power.





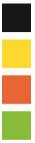
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"**Space Force**" https://goo.gl/BQ3Qk4

This episode of Awesome Astronomy explores the recent U.S. plans to add a military branch in space, as well as some of the existing groups and laws that tie into the idea of a space force.

"Space Is Dangerous, But Is Space Force the Answer?" https://goo.gl/mgJNvp

This podcast episode from Task & Purpose, an organization dedicated to considering military and veterans issues, explores the plans for a United States Space Force through the lens of existing military branches and the roles they play.



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