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On 18 Jan 2007 17:07:30 -0800, "LunaTick" <chuckadams05@xxxxxxx> wrote:

I think GPS satellites are safe from this particular (no pun intended) weapon.

According to a spokesman for the National Security Council, the ground-based, medium-range ballistic missile knocked an old Chinese weather satellite from its orbit about 537 miles above Earth. The missile carried a "kill vehicle" and destroyed the satellite by ramming it.

GPS satellites are a lot higher than that, approx 12,000 miles.

Under a space policy authorized by President Bush in August, the United States asserts a right to "freedom of action in space" and says it will "deter others from either impeding those rights or developing capabilities intended to do so."

So, the US can militarize space and expect nobody else to follow suit? How quaintly naive.

Low Earth-orbit satellites have become indispensable for U.S. military communications, GPS navigation for smart bombs and troops, and for real-time surveillance. The Chinese test highlights the satellites' vulnerability.

More disinformation from the gutter press. GPS satellites are in MEO, not LEO, and are unaffected by these missiles.

"The thing that is surprising and disturbing is that [the Chinese] have chosen this moment to demonstrate a military capability that can only be aimed at the United States," he said.

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Eh? Are the USA and China the only countries in the world with LEO satellites?