

Re: space travel or war

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On Mar 20, 4:29 pm, Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Mar 20, 3:55 pm, American <samuelran...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mar 20, 9:57 am, Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:> In a high-technology age with nuclear weapons and worse, what would

you have the state do to protect its people from possible attack?

It is the today the federal government that wants to capitalize on the fears of its citizens by permitting the grandstanding of our supposed "upper hand" that would propel the fastest growth in the defense industry, while marginalizing the freedom that promise markets WOULD HAVE offered, if it were not for the "dumbing down" effect that war material serves to employ.

Obviously you assume here that the United States faces no challenges that threaten its existence and hence has nothing to fear. What is the factual basis of this claptrap? Clearly in the 1950s the United States faced the distinct possibility of a successful nuclear Pearl Harbor from which it could not recover. Plainly those who worried about the security of the United States in the coming nuclear age took steps to secure the United States against such threats. This involved maintaining a constant war footing, as well as shifting the costs of doing this to our allies. The methods used worked in the short term, and had long-term costs which are now coming due and did nothi