



## 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/mqjNvp>

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.

