

War

A world of great powers that are optimistic about the future will have arenas of confrontation, but little war.

These confident great powers will invest in resources designed to attract as well as coerce, suggesting a contested but relatively pacific world.

A world of pessimistic great powers, however, will lead to an emphasis on military capabilities and a temptation to engage in preventive action.

Militarized disputes are far more likely in a pessimistic world, where the role of force matters the most.

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