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### Lack of US space initiative has spurred Russian space programs and improved their public image

Mack 2k11 (David Mack of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, “Russia’s New Space Odyssey,” 3/25/11, http://csis.org/blog/russias-new-space-odyssey acc 12/31/11 NiMo)

In this decade Russia is … true pioneers of mankind’s final frontier.

### Power is zero-sum and Russia is at a crossroad – weakened Russia spurs nationalism

Barry 2k9 (Ellen, the Moscow bureau chief for The New York Times, previously a correspondent in the Moscow bureau, International Herald Tribune “U.S.-Russia Relations at a Crossroads Moscow Can Elect Path of Cooperation or One of Retrenchment,” http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewnewspaged/articleid/2944238/pageid/1 1/12/09 acc 1/2/12 NiMo)

There appear to be … would expand the definition of treason.

### Russian nationalism leads to nuclear war and extinction

Israelyan 98 Victor was a Soviet ambassador, diplomat, arms control negotiator, and leading political scientist. The Washington Quarterly, Winter)

The first and by far … we all fall down together." n12