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## Links

### Link – Space Assets

#### Space Assets are Capitalist.

Fabio Tronchetti, 8-1-2018, "The Trump administration and outer space: promoting US leadership or heading towards isolation?," Taylor & Francis, https://www-tandfonline-com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/doi/full/10.1080/10357718.2018.1505827 /GBN KK

As said above, the Trump Administration is promoting a sort of ‘space capitalism’. In fairness, the notion of ‘space capitalism’ was introduced under the Obama administration and found its first visible manifestation in the adoption of the [Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act](https://www-tandfonline-com.proxy.lib.umich.edu/doi/full/10.1080/10357718.2018.1505827) of 2015. The Act contains a section dedicated to the regulation of space mining activities that aims at promoting the emerging US space mining industry through governmental support and the protection of rights, including the recognition of property rights over the extracted space resources under US law (Title IV). The Trump administration has endorsed the notion of ‘space capitalism’ and has openly voiced its support to US legislative proposals that incorporate it. In this respect, a draft bill entitled the American Space Commerce Free Enterprise Act assumes particular relevance. The Act, which has been adopted by the House of Representatives on 24 April 2018, and is currently under consideration in the Senate, promotes the deregulation and the easement of licensing procedures of the previously unregulated ‘on-orbit’ space activities, including on-orbit refueling, space resources utilisation, etc., as well as commercial remote sensing systems. Accordingly, the Act attributes to the Secretary of Commerce, operating through the Office of Space Commerce, competence to authorize these activities. In doing so, the Space Free Commerce Act disregards the recommendation made under the Obama Administration to confer to the FAA regulatory competence over new on-orbit activities and takes away from NOAA the competence to regulate private remote sensing activities.

### Alt Solves AI (communism)

#### Communism stops AI from controlling the economy

Feng Xiang 18, professor at Tsinghua University, one of China’s most prominent legal scholars, spoke at the Berggruen Institute’s China Center workshop on artificial intelligence in March in Beijing, 5/2/2018, “AI Will Spell the End of Capitalism,” https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/theworldpost/wp/2018/05/03/end-of-capitalism/, PB

beijing—The most momentous challenge facing socio-economic systems today is the arrival of artificial intelligence. If AI remains under the control of market forces, it will inexorably result in a super-rich oligopoly of data billionaires who reap the wealth created by robots that displace human labor, leaving massive unemployment in their wake.

But China’s socialist market economy could provide a solution to this. If AI rationally allocates resources through big data analysis, and if robust feedback loops can supplant the imperfections of “the invisible hand” while fairly sharing the vast wealth it creates, a planned economy that actually works could at last be achievable.

The more AI advances into a general-purpose technology that permeates every corner of life, the less sense it makes to allow it to remain in private hands that serve the interests of the few instead of the many. More than anything else, the inevitability of mass unemployment and the demand for universal welfare will drive the idea of socializing or nationalizing AI.

Marx’s dictum, “From each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs,” needs an update for the 21st century: “From the inability of an AI economy to provide jobs and a living wage for all, to each according to their needs.”

Even at this early stage, the idea that digital capitalism will somehow make social welfare a priority has already proven to be a fairytale. The billionaires of Google and Apple, who have been depositing company profits in offshore havens to avoid taxation, are hardly paragons of social responsibility. The ongoing scandal around Facebook’s business model, which puts profitability above responsible citizenship, is yet another example of how in digital capitalism, private companies only look after their own interests at the expense of the rest of society.

One can readily see where this is all headed once technological unemployment accelerates. “Our responsibility is to our shareholders,” the robot owners will say. “We are not an employment agency or a charity.”