Will Competition for Scarce Water Resources Leads to Wars in the Future?

Issue Correlates of War Project, 1900-2001
- 270 maritime claims (29% militarized)
- 618 territorial claims (42% militarized)
- 143 river claims (11% militarized)
- 157 identity claims (46% militarized)

↑ Risks for Water Wars
1) Multiple Issues at Stake
   Russia-Ukraine
2) Salient Resources
   Spratly Islands
3) History of Conflict
   Senkaku/Diaoyu
4) ↓ US Naval Power
5) Strategic Chokepoints
   Chokepoints (e.g. Straits of Malacca) militarized 49% of the time vs. 24% for other areas