

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

