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SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE AND THE SINO-U.S. RIVALRY: IMPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL SECURITY

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ABSTRACT
This study investigates the growing role of satellite surveillance in shaping Sino-U.S. relations and its consequences for regional security. The ever-growing reliance on space-based technologies for intelligence gathering, military operations, and strategic decision-making has surged the competition between China and the United States, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. By investigating developments in satellite capabilities and their utility in defense and geopolitical strategies, this research highlights the dual-edged nature of satellite surveillance as both a trigger for deterrence and a potential tool for conflict escalation. The study also analyzes how this technological rivalry affects regional stability, alliances, and the broader global security framework. Through a combination of reviews of books, case studies, policy analysis, official reports, journals, and academic theses, the research highlights the urgent need for international structures to manage space-based surveillance technologies and reduce risks of confrontation, using Michel Foucault's surveillance theory as a foundation. This study adopted systematic literature review, and furthermore, exploratory approach is used to analyze the evolving role of satellite surveillance in Sino-U.S. relations and its implications for regional security. The research design combines qualitative methods with case study analysis, policy evaluation, and journals to provide a comprehensive understanding of the technological, geopolitical, and security dynamics. This investigation enriches the understanding of the complex interplay between technological innovation and geopolitical dynamics in a period of fierce Sino-U.S. competition.

Keywords: *Satellite surveillance, Sino-US, Indo-Pacific region, Michel Foucault's surveillance theory, Regional Security*

INTRODUCTION

The emergence of satellite surveillance has revolutionized global security dynamics, particularly in the context of great power competition. As nation states highly depend on space-based technologies for intelligence gathering, military operations, and strategic decision-making, these systems have become important tools for maintaining national security and projecting supremacy. This study extends the notion of Michel Foucault's surveillance theory in the context of a technologically modernized world where espionage and surveillance are no longer restricted to spatial settings but instead have become boundaryless. Surveillance lies at the core of power politics because it not only observes the ongoing activities but has the ability to even depict the future actions. In addition, digital panopticon refers to modern-day surveillance technologies such as satellites, drones, radars, signals, scanners, hardware equipment, and many other technologies that are used for surveillance. In the 21st century, the rivalry between China and the United States has started as one of the defining geopolitical tensions, with satellite technology playing an important role in shaping their strategies and connections (Ceyhan, A. 2012). Moreover, both the states are in competition with each other for technological advancement and target to strengthen their reach in space that creates a security dilemma. High amount of budgeting in satellite technology and continuous technological superiority to modernize surveillance capabilities alarms that the ongoing competition between China and US will not just worsen the relations between great powers but also have political, economic and strategic implications for the rest of the world.

In the course of history, mankind has been involved in waging wars to pursue national agendas in an ever-changing power politics of international relations. From the sword battles of the ancient times to the armored military vehicles, aircrafts, naval warships, drones and intelligence through satellites of today, the game of power is subjected to continuous transformation, equipped by technological modernization. Evolution of electronics and telecommunication has expanded the battle space and prompted a new competition to dominate the skies, making space a modern arena of competition. Former US President, Barack Obama has declared "America's digital infrastructure is a strategic national asset" which means that governments attribute satellite technology

as a direct threat to national security. Moreover, National Security of the United States and China also divulge that both leading great powers are inclined to gain offensive technological capabilities (Robinson, 2015).

Michel Foucault's Surveillance theory has been linked with modern sophisticated technologies of today such as Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, infrared cameras, electronic tags, hard drives, software and sorting capabilities of devices. Although the use of surveillance technology has been normalized for the public domain, secret surveillance is a part of politics, business firms and border security (Simon, 2005).

The history of Sino-US relations since 1949 divulges the fact that both countries have been engaged in intense diplomacy, international rivalry and complicated trade affairs. Now competition in space in the form of satellite surveillance lies at the heart of US-China relations. The well-known historic example of the rivalry between Sparta and Athens proved the authenticity of Thucydides predictions that whenever the supremacy of the dominant state is threatened by the rising power, there begins a risk war. Besides the ongoing US-China trade war, the aggressive outer space activity is also intensifying which could multiply to escalate the cold war that is already forecasted to be fought in outer space (Wang, 2019).

LITERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of satellite surveillance and its increasing prominence in geopolitical and military strategies have attracted significant scholarly attention, particularly in the context of Sino-U.S. relations. This literature review synthesizes existing studies on the technological, geopolitical, and security dimensions of satellite surveillance, emphasizing its implications for regional and global stability.

Satellite surveillance has become an indispensable component of modern defense and intelligence strategies. Scholars have noted its dual function as both a means of ensuring security and a potential catalyst for conflict. According to Robinson (2015), satellite technology provides unparalleled capabilities for real-time intelligence gathering, enabling states to monitor adversaries, predict actions, and secure national interests. However, the same capabilities have led to increased mistrust and competition among global powers, particularly between the United States and China.

Barack Obama's declaration of America's digital infrastructure as a "strategic national asset" (Robinson, 2015) highlights the strategic importance of satellite technology. The U.S. National Security Strategy underscores the role of satellites in maintaining technological superiority, while China's space policy reflects similar ambitions. The competitive acquisition of satellite capabilities by these two powers illustrates how surveillance has become central to geopolitical competition in the 21st century.

The Sino-U.S. rivalry in satellite surveillance is often analyzed through the lens of security dilemma theory. Wang (2019) emphasizes that the aggressive development of space capabilities by both nations heightens mutual suspicion, creating a self-reinforcing cycle of military build-up. This dynamic mirrors historical power struggles, such as the rivalry between Sparta and Athens described by Thucydides, where the rise of one power threatens the dominance of another, increasing the likelihood of conflict.

The Indo-Pacific region, a focal point of Sino-U.S. tensions, is particularly affected by this technological rivalry. Satellite surveillance plays a crucial role in this region, where territorial disputes and military posturing are prevalent. Scholars such as Ceyhan (2012) have argued that advanced surveillance systems exacerbate these tensions by enabling states to monitor each other's activities more closely, thereby reducing the room for strategic ambiguity and increasing the risk of confrontation.

Michel Foucault's surveillance theory offers a valuable framework for understanding the implications of satellite technology. Foucault's concept of the panopticon, originally applied to physical spaces, has been extended to modern surveillance systems, including satellites. Simon (2005) describes this evolution as the creation of a "digital panopticon," where the omnipresence of surveillance technologies enables states to exert power through observation and control.

In the context of satellite surveillance, this digital panopticon transcends physical boundaries, enabling global monitoring of military, economic, and environmental activities. While this enhances transparency and deterrence, it also raises concerns about privacy, sovereignty, and the potential misuse of data. Scholars like Robinson (2015) and Wang (2019) have noted that

the normalization of surveillance technologies in public and political domains reflects a shift in the balance of power, with states leveraging these tools to reinforce their strategic positions.

The implications of satellite surveillance extend beyond the Sino-U.S. rivalry, affecting regional alliances, global security frameworks, and international law. The technological competition between these two powers has prompted other states to invest in satellite capabilities, leading to a broader militarization of space. This trend raises concerns about the absence of robust international structures to regulate the use of satellite technologies.

Scholars such as Ceyhan (2012) have highlighted the need for cooperative mechanisms to mitigate the risks associated with satellite surveillance. Existing frameworks, such as the Outer Space Treaty, are often criticized for being outdated and insufficient to address the challenges posed by modern space technologies. The lack of consensus on issues such as data sharing, weaponization of space, and privacy rights further complicates efforts to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

The increasing integration of satellite surveillance into geopolitical and military strategies underscores the critical role of surveillance in modern power dynamics. Michel Foucault's theory of surveillance, particularly his concept of the panopticon, provides a foundational framework for understanding the implications of these technologies. In Foucault's model, surveillance operates as a mechanism of power, not only observing but also shaping behaviour through its omnipresence and capacity to anticipate actions. In the 21st century, this principle extends to digital surveillance tools, including satellites, which transcend physical boundaries and project influence on a global scale.

Satellite surveillance epitomizes what can be termed a "digital panopticon," enabling states to monitor adversaries, forecast threats, and project dominance. This capability is central to Sino-U.S. relations, where satellite technology functions both as a deterrent and as a potential catalyst for conflict. The competitive enhancement of satellite capabilities by both powers reflects the evolving nature of Foucault's insights into surveillance: while once confined to localized spaces, modern surveillance now operates across the expanse of outer space, creating a pervasive system of monitoring that influences global security frameworks.

The theoretical lens of Foucault allows for the exploration of how surveillance technologies create a dual-edged sword. On one hand, they establish deterrence through transparency and real-time monitoring; on the other, they exacerbate mistrust and provoke security dilemmas. The rivalry between China and the United States exemplifies this dynamic, with satellite systems intensifying the interplay between deterrence and provocation.

Moreover, as these technologies become integral to national security strategies, they reinforce the asymmetric power structures between states, alliances, and regions. Foucault's theory thus provides a critical lens for examining how the proliferation of surveillance technologies influences not only state behaviour but also broader geopolitical stability, particularly in contested regions like the Indo-Pacific.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

How does the competition in satellite surveillance between China and the United States influence the geopolitical and security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region?

What role can international regulatory frameworks play in mitigating the risks of conflict escalation arising from the strategic use of satellite surveillance technologies by major powers?

METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a qualitative research methodology to explore the evolving role of satellite surveillance in shaping Sino-U.S. relations and its implications for regional security. By leveraging systematic literature review and exploratory approaches, the research investigates the geopolitical, technological, and security dimensions of satellite surveillance.

Research Design: The study is structured around a qualitative framework that combines a systematic review of existing literature with case study analysis. The systematic literature review encompasses books, journal articles, policy reports, official government documents, and academic theses to provide a comprehensive understanding of the subject. Key sources include studies on satellite surveillance technology, Sino-U.S. geopolitical competition, and regional security frameworks.

Theoretical Framework: Michel Foucault's surveillance theory serves as the foundation for analyzing the strategic use of satellite technology. This theoretical lens is particularly relevant for understanding how surveillance mechanisms operate as tools of

power and control in the geopolitical sphere. By applying Foucault's concept of the panopticon, the research explores the implications of satellite surveillance as a modern, boundaryless mechanism of observation and influence.

Data Collection: Secondary data is collected from a variety of sources, including scholarly articles, case studies, and policy papers. The focus is on identifying patterns, themes, and insights that shed light on the dual-edged nature of satellite surveillance in Sino-U.S. relations. Case studies of specific incidents, such as territorial disputes in the Indo-Pacific region, are included to contextualize the broader trends in satellite surveillance.

Data Analysis: The data is analyzed using thematic analysis to identify recurring themes and patterns related to satellite technology, geopolitical competition, and regional security dynamics. This method allows for an in-depth exploration of the complex interplay between technological innovation and strategic interests, providing a nuanced understanding of the subject matter.

Limitations: This study is subject to several limitations. First, it relies entirely on secondary data, which may restrict the ability to capture real-time developments or insider perspectives. Second, the use of Foucault's surveillance theory, while insightful, may not fully encompass the technological nuances of satellite systems. Third, the focus on Sino-U.S. relations limits the generalizability of findings to other geopolitical contexts. Lastly, the absence of fieldwork or primary data collection constrains the depth of empirical validation, making the findings more interpretative than definitive.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Digital Panopticon and Satellite Surveillance

Michel Foucault, a French philosopher and social theorist borrowed the idea of panopticon from Jeremy Bentham. Although Foucault was neither writing about the use of the internet nor its implications of surveillance in the 20th century yet his work has a significant role to interrogate about modern surveillance and how digital panopticon assists in surveillance. Unlike the presupposition about the physical presence of a sovereign, the digital panopticon is reliant on the firmly interwoven grid of material coercions.

The panopticon system is much more complicated than contemplated by the common masses. Moreover, the argument is

different from correcting behavior instead it emphasizes state security. Contemporary surveillance is accompanied with technological advancements and poses a great threat to state's sovereignty. Similar to Bentham's notion of panopticon the CCTV cameras provide a corporeal sense of exposure in the shape of authority. Social media networking has subjected modern society to the omnipresent trap of panopticon architecture. It is no longer confined to prison buildings but has infused at international level. The video screen has become a counterpart to the centrally located observational tower.

The Snowden Revelation

Doubtlessly, before the Snowden leaks, people were not acquainted with the constant surveillance conducted by the National Security Agency (NSA), Snowden's revelations played a significant role in mobilizing the development of privacy enhancing tools (Smith, 2016).

The revelations about mass surveillance confirmed that not merely common individuals but commercial organizations and government offices have also become the victim of surveillance. It also included the allies of the United States (US), Latin America and Europe making the phenomenon more complicated for transnational security. Neither it is considered a simple privacy issue nor should it be limited to the relation of the US with the rest of the world. Instead, a massive level of satellite surveillance entraps political affairs, military capabilities, intelligence practices and knowledge industry etc. which definitely means that much more is at stake here and now (Bauman, 2014).

Increasing Surveillance: A Big Question Mark on Regional Security

Surveillance is attributed as a social phenomenon which is employed by states, commercial businesses and communities for different reasons. With the emergence of outer space security, surveillance has become a prominent issue. Besides holding many benefits, it has questioned the problems like, privacy, sovereignty, freedom and security etc. making surveillance much more controversial than ever before. After the Snowden disclosure, the trend of surveillance escalated in the name of state security. For example, California University installed high technology devices for surveillance of the campus but did not reveal to the faculty, attributing it a space security concern. Moreover, lack of

transparency and ambiguity about the kind of data monitoring makes the issue contentious (Kim, 2016).

The Issue of Surveillance through satellites

Spying from space with satellites encompasses political, economic, social and technological domains. Satellite surveillance has transcended the national and legal borders and is mostly controlled by the private digital sector. Doubtlessly, it is impossible for any state to manage the modernized form of surveillance and interlinked activities on its own. Therefore, states are reliant on allies, other international organizations and also the private sector. This reality fosters numerous questions and ambiguities leading to a new debate regarding surveillance through satellites. The interdependence on latest surveillance techniques suggests a multilateral model that involves many stakeholders to propose digital surveillance norms which depict a conflicting picture of modern espionage. The power politics of satellites has far reached implications as compared to the real world. Satellite surveillance has become a geopolitical ground where great powers are indulged in competition. (Bitros & Kyriazis, 2017)

Digital Surveillance as a matter of National Security

National security is basically concerned with "who, what and where to be secured". The concept of national security is interlinked with future policy options regarding any specific national issue. After World War Two (WWII) the concept of national security became more prominent in foreign policy and international politics (Anwar, 2018).

In the twenty-first century, surveillance has become a substantial phenomenon in almost every facet of life. Surveillance by governments, military forces, corporations, law firms and foreign intelligence agencies have fostered national security concerns. The outer space vulnerabilities are inversely proportional to the visibility of digital intrusions: monitoring, data gathering and tracking. Outer space enables digital interference which poses a serious threat to national security. Digital espionage and intelligence allow to collect data and information about the activities whereas electronic surveillance reveals what is said by whom, where and at what time Hence, satellite surveillance and electronic intelligence are the part of national security of every country (Banks, 2016).

Since 2020, advancements in satellite technologies have increased the strategic competition between these two superpowers, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, in the area of military and economic interest. China's rapid advancement of its space program, depicted by the BeiDou navigation system and its anti-satellite (ASAT) capabilities, has competed with the longstanding dominance of the United States in space. Meanwhile, the U.S. has strengthened its investments in military space initiatives, such as the foundation of the U.S. Space Force to thwart forecasted threats and defend its technological supremacy.

This increasing conflict has significant implications for regional security, as satellite surveillance serves a dual purpose: it can act as a stabilizing deterrent through advanced situational awareness but also as a potential trigger for conflict escalation if misinterpreted or misused. The Indo-Pacific, characterized by contested territories, military buildup, and fragile alliances, is particularly vulnerable to the repercussions of this technological rivalry (Division, R. A. 2020).

This research thesis explores the complex interplay between satellite surveillance, Sino-U.S. relations, and regional security in the post-2020 era, specifically in military and economic interest. By analyzing advancements in satellite technology, their application in defense and geopolitical strategies, and the broader implications for global security architecture, the research aims to shed light on the opportunities and risks posed by this competition. Additionally, the study investigates the urgent need for international frameworks to govern the use of satellite surveillance technologies and prevent potential escalations in an already tense geopolitical environment.

The research addresses three critical questions. First, it would answer the use of satellite surveillance in reshaping Sino-U.S. relations from 2020, specifically in the context of military and economic domains. Second, it would explore the implications of Sino-U.S. technological competition for regional and global security. And lastly, it would suggest the laws, frameworks, and mechanisms to be implemented to manage these risks effectively. By combining reviews of books, case studies, policy analysis, official reports, journals, and academic theses, this study seeks to contribute to the understanding of how technological innovation

drives geopolitical dynamics in an era marked by increasing strategic rivalry.

Implications of Satellite Surveillance on Regional Security

The increasing role of satellite surveillance in Sino-U.S. relations has important implications for regional security, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. The development and deployment of space-based technologies by both powers have transformed the security landscape, introduced new risks and challenges while also presented potential stabilizing effects. Below are the key implications of satellite surveillance on regional security:

Escalation of Geopolitical Tensions

Satellite surveillance has increased the geopolitical rivalry between the U.S. and China, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, a strategically important area marked by contested territorial disputes, particularly in the South China Sea and around Taiwan. Both countries are struggling for technological supremacy, and their increasing reliance on satellite systems for military and strategic purposes raises the misunderstandings, miscalculations, and potential conflicts (Ceyhan, 2012). Surveillance capabilities allow both powers to monitor each other's movements closely, which can lead to an arms race in space technologies, heightening tensions rather than fostering stability.

Dual-Use Technology and Potential for Conflict

Satellite technologies have dual-use capabilities, serving both civilian and military purposes. The same satellites used for weather monitoring, telecommunications, and navigation can also be employed for military surveillance, reconnaissance, and intelligence gathering (Robinson, 2015). This dual-use nature complicates the security environment, as it becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish between peaceful and potentially hostile activities. In the context of Sino-U.S. relations, both countries are aware of each other's satellite capabilities, and the extensive monitoring can increase the chances of an accidental or intentional military confrontation, especially in areas like the Taiwan Strait or the South China Sea, where tensions already run high (Wang, 2019).

Deterrence vs. Provocation

On one hand, satellite surveillance can serve as a deterrent, providing advanced situational awareness that discourages aggressive behavior. Both the U.S. and China, by monitoring each

other's actions, can signal their readiness to respond to any military provocation, potentially preventing escalation (Kim, 2016). On the other hand, constant surveillance may provoke an adversary, particularly if military activities or strategic maneuvers are misinterpreted. For instance, the U.S. monitoring China's activities in the South China Sea or Taiwan could lead China to view such actions as acts of provocation, which may escalate into confrontations if not handled carefully.

Cybersecurity Threats and Vulnerabilities

Satellite systems are highly vulnerable to cyber-attacks, which can have far-reaching consequences on national security. Both China and the U.S. are aware of each other's vulnerabilities in space-based infrastructure, and the ability to disable or manipulate satellite systems through cyber-attacks has become a significant concern (Banks, 2016). A cyberattack on a satellite could disrupt critical communications, navigation, and reconnaissance systems, causing not only military disruptions but also economic and civilian crises. The increasing reliance on satellite surveillance amplifies these cybersecurity risks, which could have destabilizing effects on regional security if one power is perceived to have successfully compromised another's satellite infrastructure.

Impact on Regional Alliances and Security Partnerships

As the U.S. and China compete in space, regional players are drawn into their rivalry. Countries in the Indo-Pacific, such as Japan, South Korea, and Australia, have their security and technological interests intertwined with both superpowers (Division, 2020). Satellite surveillance has the potential to influence these countries' defense postures and alliances, as they increasingly depend on space-based technologies for intelligence and national security. For instance, regional powers may deepen their military and technological collaborations with the U.S. or China, depending on their strategic interests, creating a more fragmented security environment. The increasing role of satellite technology in defense also exacerbates regional security dilemmas, where actions taken by one country to enhance its surveillance capabilities can be seen as threats by neighboring nations, prompting countermeasures.

Arms Race in Space

The competition for supremacy in satellite technology between China and the U.S. is an integral part of the broader militarization

of space. Both countries have made significant investments in anti-satellite (ASAT) capabilities, which have the potential to disrupt regional security (Bitros & Kyriazis, 2017). The militarization of space through the development of ASAT weapons, space-based missile defense systems, and military satellite constellations could provoke an arms race in space. This arms race is particularly concerning in the Indo-Pacific region, where countries such as India, Japan, and South Korea are also enhancing their space capabilities. The expansion of military space infrastructure increases the potential for conflict, as states may perceive the space-based assets of other powers as threats to their security.

Risks of Misinterpretation and Miscommunication

Given the growing reliance on satellite surveillance, there is an increased risk of misinterpretation. The capabilities of satellites to monitor military activities, troop movements, and potential threats may lead to false alarms or miscommunications between the U.S. and China or other regional actors (Smith, 2016). In a region already fraught with territorial disputes, such as the South China Sea and Taiwan, misinterpretation of surveillance data could escalate tensions. For example, a military exercise conducted by one country could be perceived as an act of aggression by another, potentially sparking a larger conflict.

Diplomatic and Normative Challenges

Satellite surveillance also brings diplomatic and normative challenges to regional security. The rapid development of surveillance technologies by China and the U.S. may prompt calls for greater transparency and international regulation to prevent the weaponization of space (Robinson, 2015). In the absence of global governance frameworks for satellite technology and surveillance practices, there is a risk of unchecked military use of space and satellite systems. This could lead to the further destabilization of the region as nations may feel compelled to match the surveillance and technological advancements of their adversaries, creating a security spiral.

Recommendations for Managing Satellite Surveillance

Developing International Norms: There is an urgent need for multilateral agreements to govern satellite surveillance. Such frameworks should emphasize transparency, accountability, and the peaceful use of satellite technologies.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation: Countries in the Indo-Pacific should engage in collaborative efforts to address shared security concerns. Regional alliances can play a pivotal role in fostering stability and preventing the escalation of conflicts.

Investing in Cybersecurity: Both nations and regional alliances must prioritize the protection of satellite systems against cyberattacks. This includes the development of robust cybersecurity protocols and the sharing of best practices.

Promoting Deterrence through Transparency: Clear communication about the purpose and scope of satellite surveillance activities can help reduce misunderstandings and build trust among nations.

CONCLUSION

Satellite surveillance has emerged as a transformative yet contentious element of modern geopolitics, deeply influencing national security, regional stability, and global governance. Rooted in the concept of the panopticon, contemporary satellite surveillance transcends physical boundaries, creating a digital panopticon that intertwines material coercion with technological advancements. The revelations by Edward Snowden highlighted the extent and complexity of surveillance practices, underscoring the pervasive intrusion into private and state domains, and raising concerns about sovereignty and trust in international relations.

The Sino-U.S. rivalry in space surveillance epitomizes the dual-edged nature of these technologies. On one hand, advanced surveillance capabilities enhance situational awareness and serve as a deterrent against aggressive actions. On the other hand, they heighten geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, where unresolved disputes and fragile alliances exacerbate risks of miscalculation. The dual-use nature of satellite technologies, coupled with their vulnerabilities to cyberattacks, further complicates the security environment, making it critical to distinguish between civilian and military applications.

Moreover, the reliance on satellite surveillance fosters an arms race in space, with both the U.S. and China investing heavily in anti-satellite (ASAT) capabilities and space-based defense systems. This militarization not only threatens regional stability but also prompts smaller states to align strategically with superpowers, deepening the geopolitical divide.

To address these challenges, there is an urgent need for international norms and frameworks that govern the use of satellite surveillance technologies, ensuring transparency and reducing risks of conflict escalation. As surveillance becomes an integral part of national security strategies, a balanced approach is required to harness its benefits while mitigating its potential for provocation and destabilization. By fostering collaboration and regulatory oversight, the global community can navigate the complexities of satellite surveillance, paving the way for a secure and stable future in an increasingly interconnected world.

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