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The American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Union of Concerned Scientists have just released a major report on Weapons in Space which makes two key points: 1) only ASAT (anti-satellite) weapons will be cost-effective space weapons for the next several decades, and 2) US deployment of ASAT weapons could easily be duplicated by other nations, creating a major threat to strategic stability and an arms race in space. For the reader not scientifically inclined, probably the report's section on "Policy Implications" of space weaponization is a good place to start at:

http://www.ucsusa.org/global_security/space_weapons/page.cfm?pageID=1771

For those who want the full Monty (well, actually, the full Newton), the entire text of the 184 - page report is available at:

http://www.ucsusa.org/global_security/space_weapons/page.cfm?pageID=1770