

The three D's of planetary defense

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Detection

Deflection

Decision Making

My opinion of these planetary defense efforts is that they are futile; does anyone really believe in the light of the Hubble telescope's initial optics, the Mars lander metric/English squib, Governments' strategic brilliance, and flawed human nature that we will get this earth defense right the first time, Hollywood notwithstanding ? There is another source for serious skepticism of these defense measures and it comes from an unexpected place...

