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The Age of Mercantilism

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In the Age of Mercantilism, empires fought over naval trade lanes and colonies. This historical trend was curtailed by the unipolar world of the United States after the end of World War Two, where the Bretton Woods system allowed everyone open access to the seas [under American stewardship]. As this system breaks down (and our supply chains buckle), does this imply that the historical norm of hot wars will be on the horizon?

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