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Propositions

- 1. Effects-based operations stand for a concept that inappropriately addresses the frictional, chaotic, and complex reality of war.
- 2. Air power theories reflect the peculiarities of technological developments of the last 100 years.
- 3. As a theorist even nearly 200 years after his death Clausewitz still has relevance for those who want to study war.
- 4. The vocabulary with which we analyse war does obviously change, but wars' basic attributes might stay constant.
- 5. In their analytical attempt to explain difficult-to-comprehend phenomena humans tend to confuse causation with correlation.
- 6. Using the vocabulary of any given scientific field does not obviously mean that we equally take all the consequences into account.
- 7. Evolution by natural selection and the conduct of war are intimately related in a very fundamental way.
- 8. War requires superiors who are able to tolerate a high degree of uncertainty and subordinates who have responsibility and self-initiative.
- 9. Regardless whether we approach war as a scientist or as an artist, we always face unpredictability.
- 10. The Netherlands and Hungary are more similar than it is normally thought and have long cultural and educational relationships.