







# The Mighty Aircraft Carrier: Now Just A Floating Graveyard? Seeking an explanation.aa



Russia's Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier. Image Credit: Creative Commons.

If aircraft carriers are obsolete, then why do so many countries continue to build and buy them?

The question goes to the core of modern naval procurement, and not just in the United States. The People's Liberation Army has assembled a vast array of systems designed to deter aircraft carriers and thus deter them from entering contested waters. At the same time, the PLAN is in the process of fitting out its third (and largest) carrier, with additional vessels apparently on the way.

And China is hardly alone; in the last decade, the United Kingdom has built and commissioned two

