

The World of Space Exploration



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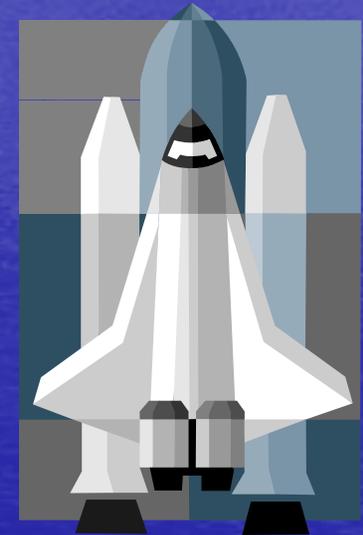
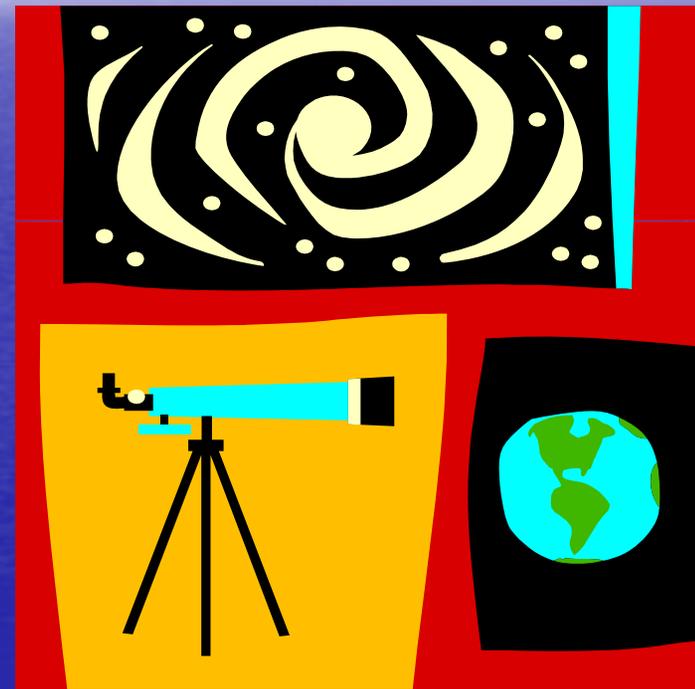


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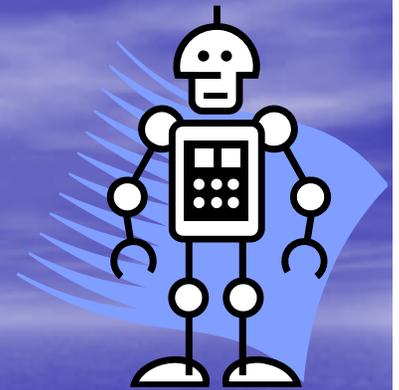
Our Opinion

Our opinion on whether we should continue or discontinue space exploration.

We think that we should continue space exploration and send humans up into space. We think that space is an important part of our world and that we should still explore it, so we can learn as much as we can to learn about our own world.



Humans vs. Robots



Claim :

Humans can do more when we send them into space.

Machines are capable of doing only what they have been programmed to do. The human mind, however, can analyze a situation and adjust plans accordingly. When astronauts go into space, they can bring special tools with them, not to mention human hands, but most importantly, the world's most versatile computer--the human mind.

The Cost of Space Exploration

Claim:

15.47 billion dollars is the NASA budget.

Here are \$976.3 billion dollars – almost a trillion - spent every year in the US on pets, toys, gambling, alcohol and tobacco. It is 63 times the amount spent on space exploration – with the difference that NASA has not destroyed lives as the alcohol, tobacco and gambling have.



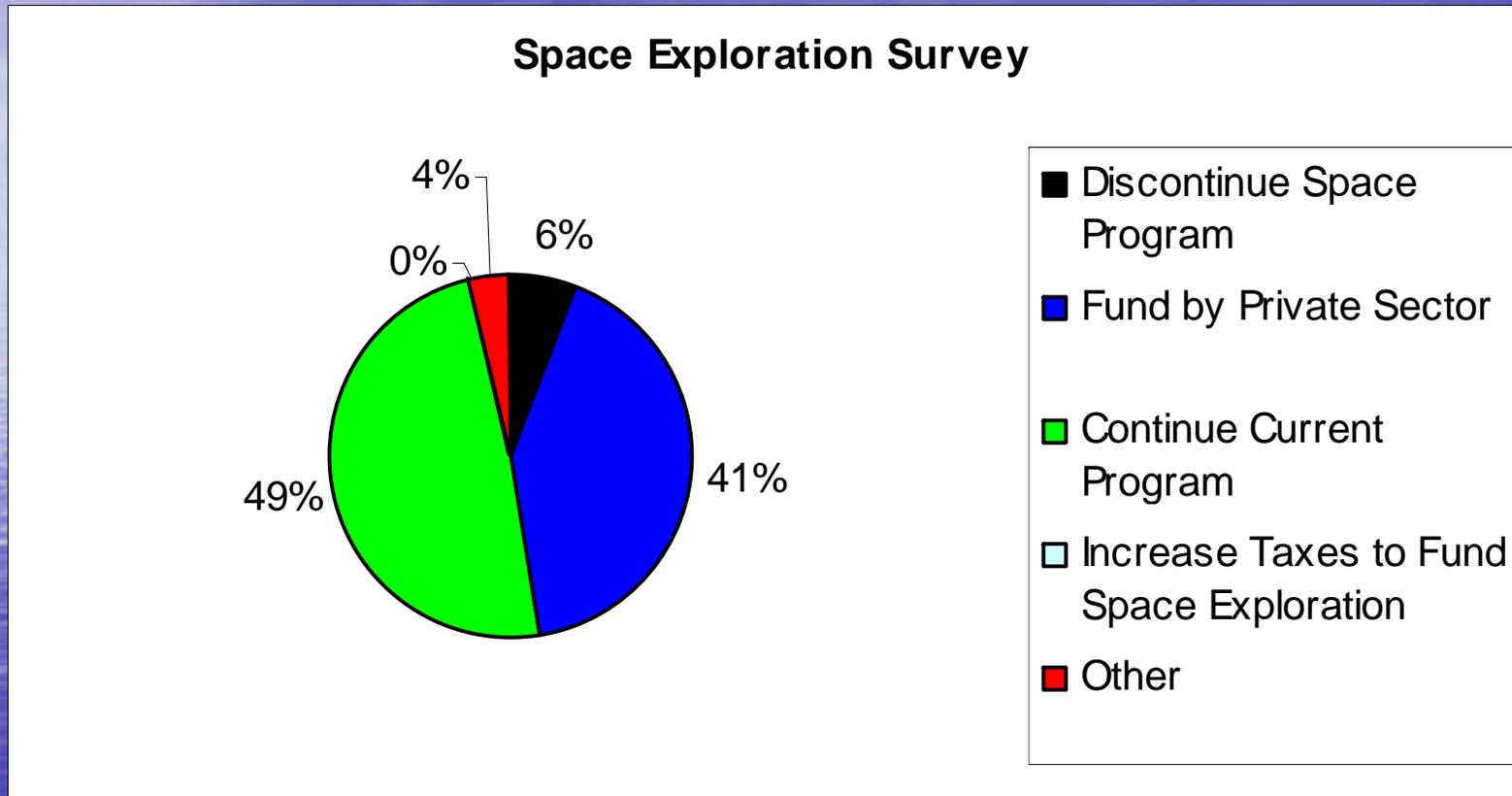
Technological Advancements

Claim:

Technological advancements are worth the cost.

The exploration of space has led to advances in weather forecasting, in communications, in computing, search and rescue technology, robotics, and electronics. Our investment in space exploration helped to create our satellite telecommunications network and the Global Positioning System. Medical technologies that help prolong life -- such as the imaging processing used in CAT scanners and MRI machines -- trace their origins to technology engineered for the use in space.

Space Exploration Survey



In a survey we conducted of 110 people all but 10% felt we should continue to explore space.

In conclusion...

In Conclusion humans should be sent into space although it is a bigger risk, it is a bigger reward because humans can analyze the situation better. They can find us evidence, on the other hand robots can only do what they are programmed to do. Also some people think that space exploration costs so much, but they are wrong! Space exploration costs 15.47 billion dollars on the other hand, Americans spend 2-63 times that amount on drugs, alcohol, toys, and pets every year.

For these reasons, we think that space exploration should continue and we should continue to send humans into space.

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