

Space Exploration – Wisdom or Folly

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Abstract:

Many of man's greatest technological achievements were greeted with disdain, if not ridiculed, at the time of their inception. Today there are many critics of our space program-the noted British historian Arnold Toynbee among them-who believe that space exploration represents a technological dead end, an enormous waste of money, and a force that promotes increased nationalism. This article was written as a challenge to these and other charges that have been leveled at space exploration in general and the U.S. space program in particular.

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