**Claim: Space Exploration is a waste of the United States Budget.**

**Agree Reasons:**

There are places on Earth we still haven’t fully explored.

[9 Places on Earth we know very little about (cnn.com)](http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/01/travel/frontiers-exploration/)

NASA’s budget should be spent on other government programs instead!

[Americans Divided on Government's Role in Space Exploration (pewresearch.org)](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/12/16/americans-divided-on-governments-role-in-space-exploration/)

(Note: The link won’t work, but copy & paste the title into google and it will pop up as the first resultc)

Look at all the money they’ve wasted on cancelled projects so far!

[Failure to Launch: Abandoned NASA projects (newscientist.com)](https://www.newscientist.com/gallery/abandoned-nasa-projects/)

[NASA's $349 million monument to its drift (Washington Post Article)](http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2014/12/15/nasas-349-million-monument-to-its-drift/) (Note: The link won’t work, but copy & paste the title into google and it will pop up as the first resultc)

We should just let private (non-government funded) companies explore space instead.

[Which Way to Space? (washingtonpost.com)](http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2013/11/23/which-way-to-space/)

[Will SpaceX Kill NASA? (space.com)](http://www.space.com/24628-will-spacex-kill-nasa-sls.html)

[“Bill Nye on the Remarkable Efficiency of SpaceX” Video Clip (youtube.com)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cos2CBkg8kY)

**Disagree Reasons:**

These are a couple general sites that I found helpful:

[Riding With Robots](http://www.ridingwithrobots.org/earth/)

["Why do we study space?" Neil Degrasse Tyson (National Geographic)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRdwGb_wctA)

NASA technology helps us here on Earth, too.

[NASA Technologies Benefit Our Lives (nasa.gov)](https://spinoff.nasa.gov/Spinoff2008/tech_benefits.html)

[NASA's Benefits to You (nasa.gov)](http://www.nasa.gov/topics/benefits/index.html)

[Economic Impacts (nasa.gov)](http://www.nasa.gov/externalflash/economic-impacts/Summary_NASA-Economic-Impacts.pdf)

Working in space promotes international cooperation

[Cooperation in Space (iso.org)](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index/news_archive/news.htm?refid=Ref1555)

We should know our place in the universe/have some perspective

[Carl Sagan's "Pale Blue Dot" (planetarysociety.org)](http://www.planetary.org/explore/space-topics/earth/pale-blue-dot.html)