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THE SPACE EXPLORATION MESSAGE: MEDIA AND THE MASSES - IS ANYBODY LISTENING?

**Abstract**

Space exploration by multiple nations is underway. To what extent does the media play a role in detailing humanity's thrust beyond low Earth orbit? A panel of experts is suggested to discuss how best to engage the general public, worldwide, in appreciating and taking part in future human sojourns outward. Participational exploration is a key to engender support and to sustain a multi-decadal exploration strategy. This special panel of authorities will review the difficulties in the past and today of maintaining strong public and political support for long-term space planning.