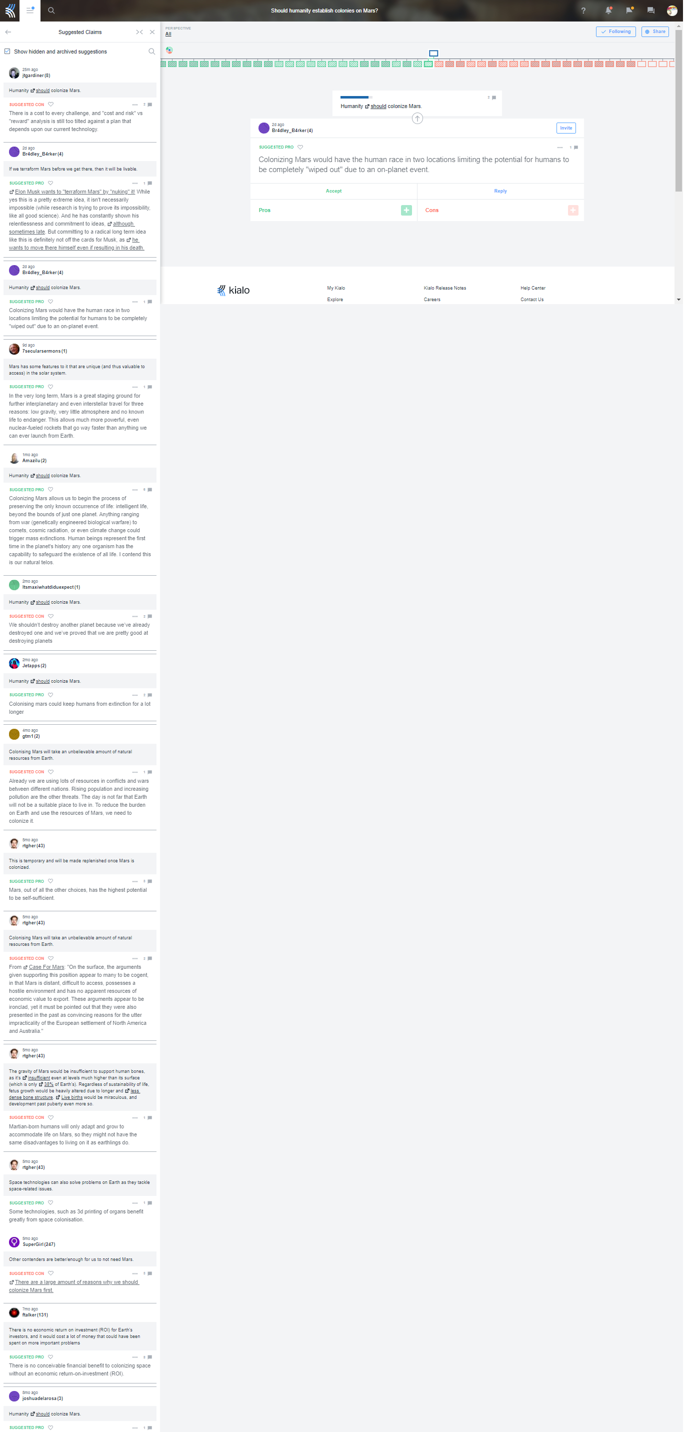
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Humanity should colonize Mars.

2d ago
Br4dley_B4rker (4)

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SUGGESTED PRO

Colonizing Mars would have the human race in two locations limiting the potential for humans to be completely "wiped out" due to an on-planet event.

25m ago
jtgardiner (8)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 2

There is a cost to every challenge, and "cost and risk" vs "reward" analysis is still too tilted against a plan that depends upon our current technology.

2d ago
Br4dley_B4rker (4)

If we terraform Mars before we get there, then it will be livable.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 1

Elon Musk wants to "terraform Mars" by "nuking" it! While yes this is a pretty extreme idea, it isn't necessarily impossible (while research is trying to prove its impossibility, like all good science). And he has constantly shown his relentlessness and commitment to ideas, although sometimes late. But committing to a radical long term idea like this is definitely not off the cards for Musk, as he wants to move there himself even if resulting in his death.

2d ago
Br4dley_B4rker (4)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 1

Colonizing Mars would have the human race in two locations limiting the potential for humans to be completely "wiped out" due to an on-planet event.

9d ago
7secularsermons (1)

Mars has some features to it that are unique (and thus valuable to access) in the solar system.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 1

In the very long term, Mars is a great staging ground for further interplanetary and even interstellar travel for three reasons: low gravity, very little atmosphere and no known life to endanger. This allows much more powerful, even nuclear-fueled rockets that go way faster than anything we can ever launch from Earth.

1mo ago
Amazilu (2)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 8

Colonizing Mars allows us to begin the process of preserving the only known occurrence of life: intelligent life, beyond the bounds of just one planet. Anything ranging from war (genetically engineered biological warfare) to comets, cosmic radiation, or even climate change could trigger mass extinctions. Human beings represent the first time in the planet's history any one organism has the capability to safeguard the existence of all life. I contend this is our natural telos.

2mo ago
Itsmaxiwhatdiduexpect (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 2

We shouldn't destroy another planet because we've already destroyed one and we've proved that we are pretty good at destroying planets

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2mo ago
Jetapps (2)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 2

Colonising mars could keep humans from extinction for a lot longer

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4mo ago
gtm1 (2)

Colonising Mars will take an unbelievable amount of natural resources from Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 1

Already we are using lots of resources in conflicts and wars between different nations. Rising population and increasing pollution are the other threats. The day is not far that Earth will not be a suitable place to live in. To reduce the burden on Earth and use the resources of Mars, we need to colonize it.

5mo ago
rtgher (43)

This is temporary and will be made replenished once Mars is colonized.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 3

Mars, out of all the other choices, has the highest potential to be self-sufficient.

5mo ago
rtgher (43)

Colonising Mars will take an unbelievable amount of natural resources from Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 2

From Case For Mars: "On the surface, the arguments given supporting this position appear to many to be cogent, in that Mars is distant, difficult to access, possesses a hostile environment and has no apparent resources of economic value to export. These arguments appear to be ironclad, yet it must be pointed out that they were also presented in the past as convincing reasons for the utter impracticality of the European settlement of North America and Australia."

5mo ago
rtgher (43)

The gravity of Mars would be insufficient to support human bones, as it's insufficient even at levels much higher than its surface (which is only 38% of Earth's). Regardless of sustainability of life, fetus growth would be heavily altered due to longer and less dense bone structure. Live births would be miraculous, and development past puberty even more so.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 1

Martian-born humans will only adapt and grow to accommodate life on Mars, so they might not have the same disadvantages to living on it as earthlings do.

5mo ago
rtgher (43)

Space technologies can also solve problems on Earth as they tackle space-related issues.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 1

Some technologies, such as 3d printing of organs benefit greatly from space colonisation.

5mo ago
SuperGirl (247)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ··· 3

There are a large amount of reasons why we should colonize Mars first.

7mo ago
ftalker (131)

There is no economic return on investment (ROI) for Earth's investors, and it would cost a lot of money that could have been spent on more important problems

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 3

There is no conceivable financial benefit to colonizing space without an economic return-on-investment (ROI).

8mo ago
joshuadelarosa (3)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ··· 1

People should colonize mars, because the Earth is being overpopulated. Also when we colonize mars we will have a boost in technological advancements as well as a deeper understanding of space travel.

8mo ago
Lazerlamp111 (1)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

I agree that the Moon is a wonderful place for colonization and I genuinely cannot wait for NASA's project Gateway, However, Venus is inhabitable. The pressure is far too severe and there is no way we could even land ships on it. It was tried and miserably failed. Titan is also a very very poor choice. It is far too distant and does not have the materials we could benefit from using.

9mo ago
Theodore (988)

Manmade objects would advance transportation innovations (like time travelling and teleportation) faster than colonizing Mars would with their freedoms (from no gravity well to overcome), focus, and requirements for traveling more.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 11

The ability to time travel would significantly broaden the current location choices for extraterrestrial human colonisation, increasing the chance of continued, successful survival.

9mo ago
Perihawk (1.5k)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 9

There is a growing necessity for humanity to find a place to live other than Earth.

10mo ago
Perihawk (1.5k)

Humans currently need at least 19.5% oxygen to survive, whereas Mars' atmosphere is only 0.13% oxygen. This atmospheric level is too low to support human life naturally without intervention.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 20

Without oxygen supply, very few known living organisms could function.

11mo ago
makjeng (1)

Sending many rockets into space can create more trash on Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 2

This is so true in the initial space colonization process but the long term strategic impact should be to relocate a fair amount of dirty manufacturing off of Earth and therefore reduce the rate at which Earth trash is generated.

11mo ago
makjeng (1)

Astronomy can advance by setting up telescopes on Mars where there is less light from the Sun and little atmosphere to interfere compared to Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Astronomy on Mars is not particularly attractive for a number of reasons. Assembling the materials (importing) and building the precision equipment would be a huge expense. The existence of an atmosphere and weather is a disadvantage as is the gravity. Mars rotation would require dynamic tracking. Better off in space at a Lagrange Point for example.

1y ago
The_Valen (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Mars can not, in it's natural state, support human life. To attempt to colonize Mars places major limits on the true meaning of colonization hence, it can't be colonized.

1y ago
oaksl (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

Establishing a self-sustaining colony on Mars would reduce the risk that humanity would go extinct in case something terrible (e.g. an asteroid imact, a world war) happens on Earth.

1y ago
RANDOM-USER (5)

If we terraform Mars before we get there, then it will be livable.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 3

Because Mars has a bleeding atmosphere, our production of CO2 would be ok. We would have to add CO2 to make the climate more stable. And it would also feed the growth of massive forests.

1y ago
Kajun (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

Sooner or later Earth will face some great catastrophic event. Having humanity reside on several planets increases the chance of survival.

1y ago
Doumaz (14)

Only if you ignore the hundreds of years it would take to terraform.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Other planets are orders of magnitude harder to terraform.

1y ago
epeterson (1)

This is temporary and will be made replenished once Mars is colonized.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 4

Less resources on Earth being used, more money and food and water there for the people staying on Earth(in the long run)

2y ago
Juhannuspukki (23)

The gravity of Mars would be insufficient to support human bones, as it's insufficient even at levels much higher than its surface (which is only 38% of Earth's). Regardless of sustainability of life, fetus growth would be heavily altered due to longer and less dense bone structure. Live births would be miraculous, and development past puberty even more so.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 10

This source has no information about Mars specifically. The gravity on Mars is much higher than the gravity on ISS.

2y ago
PaulPettha (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

because it might be the sole way to prevent human extinction

2y ago
Smandt (1)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

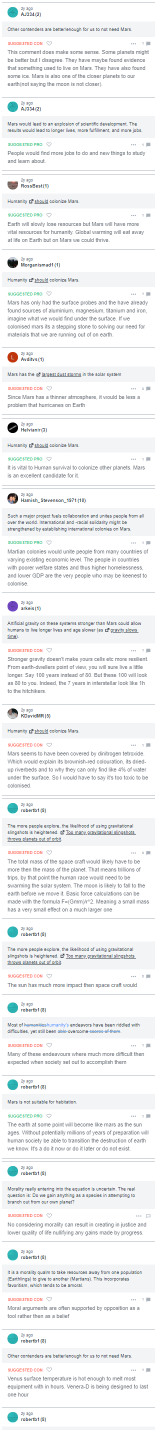
Based on the resources and environment Mars provides, it is a better option for colonization than Venus, The Moon, etc.

2y ago
TheParadox (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

Colonising Mars will aide the human race's long-term survival.



2y ago
AJ334 (2)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

This comment does make some sense. Some planets might be better but I disagree. They have maybe found evidence that something used to live on Mars. They have also found some ice. Mars is also one of the closer planets to our earth(not saying the moon is not closer).

2y ago
AJ334 (2)

Mars would lead to an explosion of scientific development. The results would lead to longer lives, more fulfillment, and more jobs.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

People would find more jobs to do and new things to study and learn about.

2y ago
RossBest (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Earth will slowly lose resources but Mars will have more vital resources for humanity. Global warming will eat away at life on Earth but on Mars we could thrive.

2y ago
Morganismad1 (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Mars has only had the surface probes and the have already found sources of aluminium, magnesium, titanium and iron, imagine what we would find under the surface. If we colonised mars its a stepping stone to solving our need for materials that we are running out of on earth.

2y ago
Avditvs (1)

Mars has the largest dust storms in the solar system

SUGGESTED CON 3

Since Mars has a thinner atmosphere, it would be less a problem that hurricanes on Earth

2y ago
Helvianir (3)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

It is vital to Human survival to colonize other planets. Mars is an excellent candidate for it.

2y ago
Hamish_Stevenson_1971 (10)

Such a major project fuels collaboration and unites people from all over the world. International and -racial solidarity might be strengthened by establishing international colonies on Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Martian colonies would unite people from many countries of varying existing economic level. The people in countries with poorer welfare states and thus higher homelessness, and lower GDP are the very people who may be keenest to colonise.

2y ago
arkeis (1)

Artificial gravity on these systems stronger than Mars could allow humans to live longer lives and age slower (as gravity slows time).

SUGGESTED CON 1

Stronger gravity doesn't make yours cells etc more resilient. From earth-dwellers point of view, you will sure live a little longer. Say 100 years instead of 80. But these 100 will look as 80 to you. Indeed, the 7 years in interstellar look like 1h to the hitchikers.

2y ago
KDavidMR (5)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Mars seems to have been covered by dinitrogen tetroxide. Which would explain its brownish-red colouration, its dried-up riverbeds and to why they can only find like 4% of water under the surface. So I would have to say it's too toxic to be colonised.

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

The more people explore, the likelihood of using gravitational slingshots is heightened. Too many gravitational slingshots throws planets out of orbit.

SUGGESTED CON 4

The total mass of the space craft would likely have to be more then the mass of the planet. That means trillions of trips, by that point the human race would need to be swarming the solar system. The moon is likely to fall to the earth before we move it. Basic force calculations can be made with the formula F=(Gmm)/r^2. Meaning a small mass has a very small effect on a much larger one

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

The more people explore, the likelihood of using gravitational slingshots is heightened. Too many gravitational slingshots throws planets out of orbit.

SUGGESTED CON 3

The sun has much more impact then space craft would

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Most of ~~humanities~~humanity's endeavors have been riddled with difficulties, yet still been ~~able~~ overcome ~~scores of them~~.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Many of these endeavours where much more difficult then expected when society set out to accomplish them

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Mars is not suitable for habitation.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

The earth at some point will become like mars as the sun ages. Without potentially millions of years of preparation will human society be able to transition the destruction of earth we know. It's a do it now or do it later or do not exist.

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Morality really entering into the equation is uncertain. The real question is: Do we gain anything as a species in attempting to branch out from our own planet?

SUGGESTED CON

No considering morality can result in creating in justice and lower quality of life nullifying any gains made by progress.

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

It is a morality qualm to take resources away from one population (Earthlings) to give to another (Martians). This incorporates favoritism, which tends to be amoral.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Moral arguments are often supported by opposition as a tool rather then as a belief

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Venus surface temperature is hot enough to melt most equipment with in hours. Venera-D is being designed to last one hour

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Humanity is not prepared for exploration (in terms of space colonization) at this moment.

SUGGESTED CON 1

This is a fear based argument. In the process of overcoming barriers will result in advances which helps society/humanity

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2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Interplanetary economies have never been accomplished before. This causes uncertainty as to whether it will be a success.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Assumptions that due to something not done before is a fear based argument rather then a reason based one.

2y ago
robertb1 (8)

Interplanetary economies have never been accomplished before. This causes uncertainty as to whether it will be a success.

SUGGESTED PRO 3

It's 1,000 AD Inter transatlantic ocean economies has never been accomplished before. This causes uncertainty as to wether it will be a success. Hrmm, wait a second. It turned out to be a success...

2y ago
Badoubis (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Exploring the planet Mars is a great and big dream of humanity since the beginning of time (we were, we are and we will be always curious). Realizing this dream will be a feat and a proof that we are, as human beings, an intelligent civilization despite our unbearable defects. This dream, if it is realized, will allow us to understand many things about ourselves, about life, about our planet and our solar system.

2y ago
Blendeezer (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

So like, doesnt anyone think about space illness? Like the ones we have yet to discover? Even if u wont take your suit off, you still can get various radiation doses, or even psychical ones.. And doesnt mars has ground activities aswell? Like earthquakes and various storms, including solar waves? A lot to cover

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2y ago
sdsdsdssdsd (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

no

2y ago
mrguen (2)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Humans should establish a colony on the moon first to learn how to build a big city there and then will be able to move to another planet or satellite. Also I think we will send advanced humanoid robots to Mars, who will perform better than humans, and without all the logisitcs needed for humans.

2y ago
deactivated-zmoxugan (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

This is a proof some people know this planet won't last very long, and we'll need another one quickly. When you own a car, crash it, take another one, crash it, etc... everybody will stop you from driving!!! We are crashing our planet, and happy to buy another one; luckily, there is nobody on the moon to steal their land from, this time! I wish some other people will come and stop us before wasting another planet...

2y ago
lkocman (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Space program itself brought us a lot of new technologies. Imagine what new observations will be found while establishing self-sustaining eco-system on a fairly hostile planet.

2y ago
Gl0ryh0und (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Not enough is known about encapsulated populations/cultures to ensure success with a distant target like Mars, a closer settlement that could receive aid relatively quickly would be more prudent. It would allow for us to develop the space based industry and culture in close proximity for support and safety.

2y ago
Dominas (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO

Mars should be colonized, it is in human DNR - explore or DIE of boredom.

2y ago
rightcelebrator (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

First all the troubles on the earth should be solved. Only successful companies are expanding. We should not expand until the earths life is in perfect condition.

2y ago
elvingup (11)

The Martian colony would have a people genetically adapted to its gravitation and environment.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

I wonder how large could be the martian underground. May be a lot of caves there. Perhaps, caves where martian humans could live in.

2y ago
TimJAris (1)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Even if there are better options, we should still colonize mars eventually. The initial claim does not say "Humanity should colonize mars first."

2y ago
deactivated-vr2zq1cy (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

it is possible the question is when; I am racist not race-ist just like antiprotons

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2y ago
Emrys91 (41)

Interplanetary economies have never been accomplished before. This causes uncertainty as to whether it will be a success.

SUGGESTED PRO 3

In order to fully make it usefull, we would need to terraform, fully or partially, Mars which would need even more funds

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2y ago
deactivated-vr2zq1cy (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

I am Marsian

2y ago
deactivated-vr2zq1cy (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 3
Well the earth is still not proven to be flat first proof that this hypocrisy then you learn to keep promises

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2y ago
deactivated-vr2zq1cy (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
Colon cancer is more important debate than this

2y ago
Zenyata (4)

If we can anywhere at any time, deciding between Mars and the others isn't a worry.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
This point is perhaps uncharitable and too literal.

2y ago
jazzko (1)

Any other contender for colonization will face equally difficult if not more severe problems than Mars. These could include; a lack of in-situ resources for construction and survival and radiation/cosmic rays that will hurt potential settlers.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
If humanity is poisoning the Earth and trigering the climate change were is the logic to moove on to a planet that doesnt even have an atmosphere? Its like to burn your nice home for mooving to a hovel without a roof and windows.

2y ago
Godrockin (2)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
Very big goals with so little success in the area of space exploration is a very troubling thought . Nasa has come forward with new claims that they only have technology at this time for low earth orbit ! So with that being said (By Nasa) that puts us decades or even longer for interplanetary travel !

2y ago
deactivated-vr2zq1cy (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 8
Well, colonizing of mars first of all not ethic after that not feasible then not visional while we do not resist how to live in planet earth...the point is this first we need to survive living on planet earth, well how you know that divine is not planning another life on mars after these sequential ages on earth ?

2y ago
Mitchell-McGill (36)

~~First~~ The first step should be the moon, where all later exploration should be launched from, then Mars, and then when we have developed a minimal expertise, set our eyes on other solar systems~~...~~. We must learn to crawl before we can run~~! :)~~.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
There is no economic incentive to colonize the moon until we have a significant need for interplanetary transport.

2y ago
Mitchell-McGill (36)

We would most likely have to live in cloud cities, but humans are not adapted for that.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
- Just realized this is a duplicate

2y ago
Scabard (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1
There is evidence that Mars may have been populated millions of years ago by an advanced race. Establishing colonies on Mars could lead to discoveries of life or advanced technology. Possibly even the origins of our own species.

2y ago
space_marine__ (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1
Eventually yes, but the moon should come first.

2y ago
lupuz (6)

People create devastation wherever they go. Martian colonization should not start or continue this process.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1
We have to learn first to live as a self sustainable species in Earth, when the major problems on Earth are solved then we can consider to colonize outer space.

2y ago
Emeraldcat12 (1)

Colonising Mars will take an unbelievable amount of natural resources from Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
On this planet we have proved to be the very best at what seems to be the real meaning of life, to flourish and ensure our gens go on, for ever expanding and breaking the confines of nature, surely this is the next logical step forwards.

2y ago
dka (14)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 7
If a private individual or corporation wants to do it, why not? I reserve my right to change my mind. What is 100% CLEAR is that neither Mars or anywhere else off of the Earth can be the salvation for mankind if we fuck it up here. If THEY want to, who is to stop them? OTOH, they need to get upwards of 20 men and women to go there to keep from going stir crazy.

2y ago
Burnouf17 (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
I believe we should be using our collective scientific efforts to turn our attention to saving the planet we are on now. Rather than exhaust our natural resources on Earth trying to reach a planet we really don't know that we can survive on!

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Ads can block visual observation, which can cause space colonization to be limited.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
It is unlikely that ads would block scientific research on Mars any more than they do here on Earth.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Ads can be distracting to where people might focus more on them than on survival.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
There is no reason why this would be more of an issue on Mars rather than on Earth.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

If we destroy all of the rocks, there would be no planet to go to

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1
If humans caused the same amount of devastation as that on Earth, the end result would not be that all the rocks would be destroyed. There would still be a planet to go to, even if in a worse condition than it is now.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Innovations such as developing an alternative for the monetary system - at least specifically in Mars territory - can dissuade a vast assortment of problems, and allow us to focus entirely on only making the highest-quality items, greenest technology, and smartest decisions.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

It is not proven that any devastation that humans cause is directly caused by the monetary system, or that without it better decisions would be made.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Such a major project fuels collaboration and unites people from all over the world. International and -racial solidarity might be strengthened by establishing international colonies on Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Once a Mars colony is well established in the far future, one could even envision a war between Earth and Mars.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Humanity since its existence has been exploring and never stopped with innovations. That is on our human DNA and we have a duty to explore and inhabit Mars as the Earth is our homeland but has several limited resources, famine as a result of climate changes and pollution among many factors. Therefore, we should thrive towards the space exploration and give our Earth a booster and new hope for our civilization.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Actually we do not have any obligations towards our DNA. This is a moral argument that not everyone would hold.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Mars gives humanity a mission (a.k.a. goal)

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Humanity could also set out to work on a large number of other worthy goals, such as Lunar colonies, curing cancer, or countering climate change. It does not have to be the colonization of Mars.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Any other contender for colonization will face equally difficult if not more severe problems than Mars. These could include; a lack of in-situ resources for construction and survival and radiation/cosmic rays that will hurt potential settlers.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Radiation/cosmic rays can be shielded against. A much larger issue is the reduced gravity. Producing Earth-like gravity on Mars would require the construction of rotating centrifugal domes. These will likely be extremely difficult to engineer, compared to simply providing radiation shielding. It might be that any other place that provides gravity closer to what we're used to might be easier to colonize.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Mars does not have a magnetic field, therefore it has no protection against solar winds and may never be able to support an atmosphere. If a colony was established on Mars it may never experience living outside of a ship, or greenhouse structures.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Just because humans might have to live underground or in domes does not mean that the planet cannot be colonized.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Running away to Mars might ironically cause the extinction humans are trying to prevent on Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

There would never be a time in the foreseeable future when all humans would simply leave the Earth and go to Mars. At most some humans would go to Mars and some (most) would stay on Earth. Thus the chance of extinction of the human race is not increased, rather it is decreased.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

Until man can figure out how to be a good steward to Earth, it shouldn't try to colonize elsewhere.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Transferring a big chunk of the heavy industry to space can relieve some of the strain that man puts on the Earth, thus helping solve some of the planet's environmental issues.

2y ago
alex-georgiou (13)

The Moon has about 1/2 the gravity of Mars (16.6% vs 38% respectively), making it unsuitable for life in the long-term.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

We do not yet know if 38% of Earth gravity is enough for humans to survive healthily. It could be that we need to develop rotating centrifugal colonies on the surface of both Moon and Mars to counter the effects of reduced gravity. In this case Mars may not provide a significant advantage.
quora.com

2y ago
deactivated-s83kerfb (86)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

We can work on colonization of many celestial bodies, Mars should be one of them.

2y ago
quikorazon (1)

Space colonization (starting with Mars) can boost the economy and the process of job creation from anywhere in the universe.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

When resources are needed urgently elsewhere, they should be spent there. Exploring Mars, not colonizing it! is an act of progress in understanding our own planet, dear Flatearthers!

2y ago
deactivated-ncg320y5 (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

Terraformación

2y ago
paulrexs (2)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

We allready have colonize it. We should focus into colonize our true history and "goverments" first...

2y ago
dwerf (1)

The amount of resources will be minuscule compared to - say - the amount humanity spends on wars, or on preserving the disposable economy and non-essential materialism (from plastic straws to elaborate motor vehicles)

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 2

This is the 'Appeal to Worse Problems' fallacy: downplaying a problem by appealing to problems that are even worse, bigger or more common.

Example: "I can kill this person, because smoking kills far more people every year. Because smoking is much worse, the murder I'm about to commit is actually kind of ok by comparison."

Also, the fact that there are other things that use more resources, doesn't mean that space exploration resource use is insignificant.

2y ago
dwerf (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 3

Before humanity can establish communities on other planets, it will have to figure out how to live there, before terraforming in self-sustaining artificial habitats.

However, none of the expensive biodome projects done so far has been successful so far. This means that a colony will probably never be self-sustaining, therefore remaining dependent on the Earth's resources.

Read more about the Biosphere 2 project on Wikipedia

2y ago
insolint (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

The 2008 bailouts were enough money to fund 91 Apollo size projects. Once the initial resources were used to start the process of Mars colonization, all other materials needed could be obtained from non-Earth sources. The colonization of Mars, the moon and the harvesting of asteroids will cause an economic boom like nothing ever seen before. Don't worry about devastating Mars. For all intents and purposes Mars is a lifeless desert. We owe it to ourselves to colonize it for our own survival.

2y ago
mrtolix (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

without a base in the moon the mars colonization would cost too much money while a base in the moon to deploy resources would make things easier

2y ago
Xallisto (6)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

The Moon IS a good choice, Venus has too much surface pressure, Titan is too far away with our current ability and you can't mine a Lagrange point to recoup resources.

2y ago
Xallisto (6)

Titan is near Enceladus, which could provide people living on Titan with a liquid water source.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Why not just colonise Enceladus.

2y ago
Uday (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Resource on earth will be gone at one point we need to find other planets to survive and explore and know the mystery of universe I don't recommend Mars but any other places where we can find Resources is good

2y ago
Xallisto (6)

Colonising Mars will take an unbelievable amount of natural resources from Earth.

SUGGESTED CON 1

With the exception of fossil fuels Mars is no less resource rich than the Earth, establishing a colony with mining facilities would be ideal the low gravity would make construction of monolitic mining facilites quite easy, this would open an entire new planets worth of resource generation that we would no longer have to take from Earth.

2y ago
Xallisto (6)

Venus is a better choice.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Venus may be a more ideal long term colony potentential, but despite its closer distance it is far less practical, the surface pressure of venus is akin to the bottom of the atlantic ocean.

In terms of colonisation getting there is the easy part, staying there is the hard part.

2y ago
Wawrowing (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Colonizing Mars can help us in a long term conserve species from Earth if something happens here like a nuclear war or asteroid colision
Svalbard Global Seed Vault

3y ago
deactivated-9enip267 (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON 1

The possibility of space colonization diverts focus, effort and resources from the foremost goal: learning how to inhabit a planet responsibly for the long run.

3y ago
Rocketmedic (5)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Mars colonization would provide humanity with experience towards deep-space missions in a way that lunar colonization/Lagrange colonization would not, and would require infrastructure to enable interplanetary flight at a large scale.

3y ago
Eeem (1)

Mars would lead to an explosion of scientific development. The results would lead to longer lives, more fulfillment, and more jobs.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Colonizing Mars offers a backup plan for humanity, and it is a challenge for humankind. "Humanity was born on Earth. Are we going to stay here?". "I suspect - I hope - the answer is no" (Ann Leckie)

3y ago
considerable_foresight (13)

People create devastation wherever they go. Martian colonization should not start or continue this process.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Healthy People create order wherever they go. Its entities like cooperations which have caused widespread destruction and disorder. Perhaps Coperations if they too learned to be healthy could return to the trend humans follow.

3y ago
considerable_foresight (13)

Mars is not suitable for habitation.

SUGGESTED CON 1

The Effort required may not be massive. The routine radio wave emissions from earth have been confirmed to manipulate the Earth's Magnetic field. A Similar effect could be used to provide solar wind protection.

3y ago
considerable_foresight (13)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Why Argue, Let colonize all of those.

3y ago
JMallard (213)

Until man can figure out how to be a good steward to Earth, it shouldn't try to colonize elsewhere.

SUGGESTED CON 1

Colonizing elsewhere, especially somewhere relatively inhospitable, may raise awareness about the ecological limitations of Earth.

3y ago
JMallard (213)

The more people explore, the likelihood of using gravitational slingshots is heightened. Too many gravitational slingshots throws planets out of orbit.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

The momentum of even a large spacecraft is insignificant compared to that of a planet. The perturbation of a planet's orbit by a gravitational slingshot manoeuvre is insignificant compared to - say - that caused by meteorite strikes, or the solar wind.

3y ago
Plonksta (3)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

Most definitely yes, in my opinion, the pinnacle of human development is interplanetary colonisation. No longer will Earth be our 'home' but instead the entire universe. However to achieve these we must first learn and practice, when why its imperative to colonise Mars. If tomorrow all human civilisation on earth was wiped out by a plague then to human race would be finished, however having a civilisation on Mars acts as a back up to keep humanity alive hence the crucial nature

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3y ago
Jefuz (15)

Other contenders are better/enough for us to not need Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

Venus might be better than Mars for settlement, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't colonize Mars, be it before or after Venus.

3y ago
Jefuz (15)

Colonising Mars will take an unbelievable amount of natural resources from Earth.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

The cost would be believable when calculated, and even justifiable if weighted against the possible benefits. Possible figures in the near future are 200.000-100.000 USD.
space.com

3y ago
ManuelPena (1)

Humanity should colonize Mars.

SUGGESTED CON ♡ ••• 1

There is no way to exit from the Earth

3y ago
AubinK_ (1)

Mars would lead to an explosion of scientific development. The results would lead to longer lives, more fulfillment, and more jobs.

SUGGESTED PRO ♡ ••• 1

I believe we should colonize Mars. The true question is :
Souldn't we try to colonize the Moon before in order to achieve faster/easier ship construction, astronauts training in low gravity,...
I think colonizing Mars could actually make us understand how to terraform planets, live in low bacteria environments, how to grow crops in extreme conditions.
However, colonizing Mars doesn't mean we should forsake Earth, based on the fact humanity will expand in the solar system.