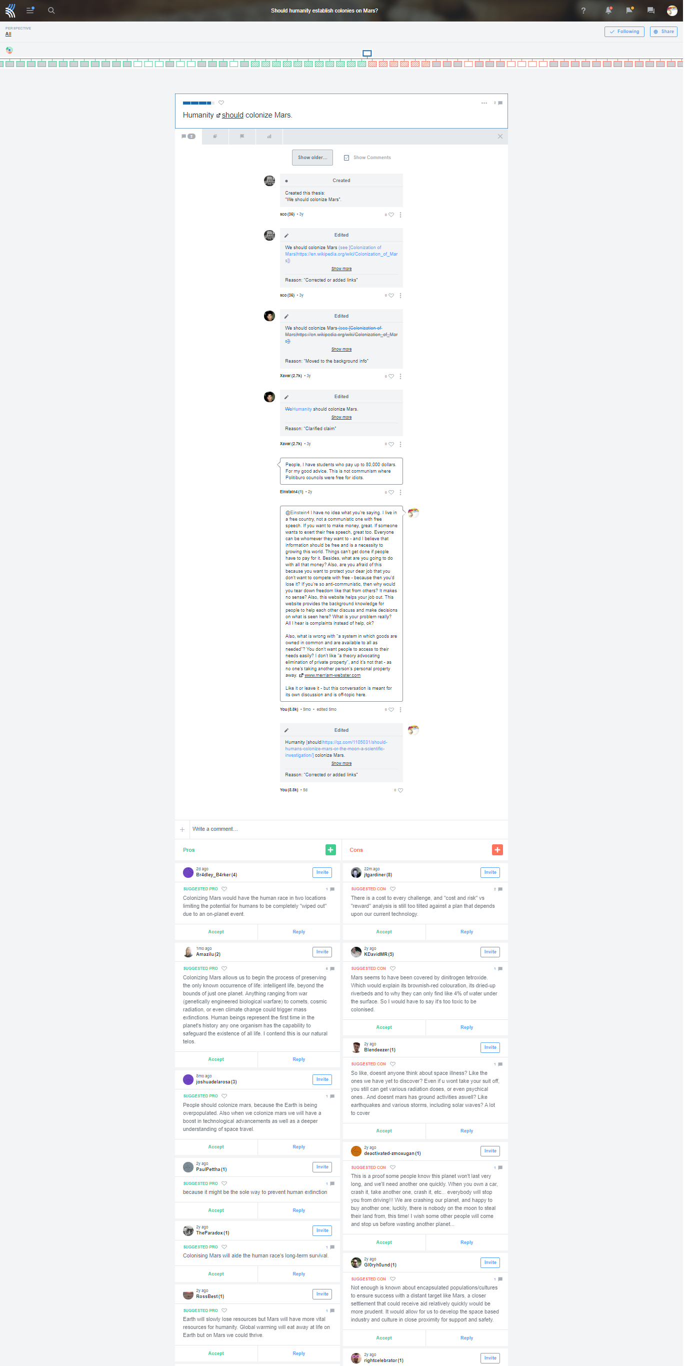

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People, I have students who pay up to 80,000 dollars. For my good advice. This is not communism where Politiburo councils were free for idiots.

Einstein4 (1) • 2y 0

@Einstein4 I have no idea what you're saying. I live in a free country, not a communistic one with free speech. If you want to make money, great. If someone wants to exert their free speech, great too. Everyone can be whomever they want to - and I believe that information should be free and is a necessity to growing this world. Things can't get done if people have to pay for it. Besides, what are you going to do with all that money? Also, are you afraid of this because you want to protect your dear job that you don't want to compete with free - because then you'd lose it? If you're so anti-communistic, then why would you tear down freedom like that from others? It makes no sense? Also, this website helps your job out. This website provides the background knowledge for people to help each other discuss and make decisions on what is seen here? What is your problem really? All I hear is complaints instead of help, ok?

Also, what is wrong with "a system in which goods are owned in common and are available to all as needed"? You don't want people to access to their needs easily? I don't like "a theory advocating elimination of private property", and it's not that - as no one's taking another person's personal property away. www.merriam-webster.com

Like it or leave it - but this conversation is meant for its own discussion and is off-topic here.

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Br4dley_B4rker (4)

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.

1mo ago
Amazilu (2)

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.

8mo ago
joshuadelarosa (3)

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.

2y ago
PaulPettha (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

because it might be the sole way to prevent human extinction

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TheParadox (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

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

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RossBest (1)

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.

Cons

22m ago
jtgardiner (8)

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.

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KDavidMR (5)

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
Blendeezer (1)

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

2y ago
deactivated-zmoxugan (1)

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
Gl0ryh0und (1)

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.

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rightcelebrator (1)

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Morganismad1 (1)
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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.

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Helvianir (3)
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SUGGESTED PRO ♡ 1

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

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Badoubis (1)
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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.

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mrguen (2)
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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.

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lkocman (1)
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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.

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Interstellar travel is imperative for the future of mankind. If mankind is to survive and thrive in a universe that so far appears to be devoid of life this is the last frontier we must expand into. Mars is the logical place to start. There is a little atmosphere available, water and relative close proximity to Earth makes it the most enticing. More importantly, the temperatures are within a range that could be handled with present technology. It's not a question of if, it's a question of when.

More than one claim

Colonization would benefit Earthlings to do so.

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.

4

Mars colonization will help protect species (especially humans) against extinction level events.

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

2

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

Colonizing another planet is in line with the human spirit of exploration.

Colonizing Mars brings us one step closer to finding other life in the universe.

Mars has benefits not found on Earth.

2

Space colonization's the new space race.

Colonizing Mars provides an opportunity to test out various utopian ideals.

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

Mars can provide resources not found or scarce on Earth (such as deuterium)

3

Mars would occupy our time to the extent that we wage less war.

If we Colonize Mars we will learn to appreciate what a wonderful planet we have, currently we have no way to compare and therefore understand the excellence of our Earth.

Mars is in the most ample location to start an extra-terrestrial colony compared to other options

The US was the forefront of the space race and could be the forefront again in this new space race (a.k.a. interplanetary colonization). This could help the US regain its 'worldly status' image again

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We have a moral duty to provide humanity with a homeland in which we can thrive. Mars is one of those options.

1

Due to the effects of climate change rapidly approaching (around 2040), colonization now is a necessity to survival.

Having a colonized Mars would significantly lower the costs of newer space mission resulting in an overall science evolve

1

We can make unique technological advances, through colonizing Mars, to grow as a species.

2

The Moon is visible from the Earth, so it could get really ugly with debris and buildings (from missions and people living there). Because Mars is far enough not to see but close enough to get there, it won't face the same visual dilemma.

3

Colonizing Mars would improve the quality of life on Earth.

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.

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In space, trash (a.k.a. space junk) will only get worse with as colonization progresses.

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

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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.

More than one claim
"any admin would like to step up to fix this?"

10

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

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

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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.

2

Scientific analysis of Mars has demonstrated a few resources needed to support civilization, but not to the extent necessary to support a self-sustaining colony.

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

24

Mars is not suitable for habitation.

2

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

8

Risk analysis shows that the voyage to Mars alone is too riddled with difficulties currently that moving there might not be worth the effort.

Best place to colonize

1

La colonización de Marte solo serviria para demostrar la superioridad tecnologica del país que lo consiga. (The colonization of Mars might only serve to demonstrate the technological superiority of the country that achieves it.)

4

We won't be able to go to Mars, because our life on Earth won't last long enough to get there. There isn't enough interest in it (including governmental workers), especially because it's non-profitable in the near future to them. Due to trends in privatizing science, trips on Mars be profit-based (like acquiring materials that are running out on Earth). It's a shame on humanity if we go for these reasons. Because that's what we may end up doing, we just shouldn't start.

More than one claim

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Much of the resources (water, oxygen, etc.) while living there would need to be sourced from Earth. This would end up wasteful, inefficient, and can create more scarcity of precious resources on Earth.

2

Earthlings would financially prioritize Martian issues over Earthly ones to their own detriment.

7

It's imperative to practice a large scale trial/readiness of what we could do on Mars on Earth first, but the difficulties in producing them (pages 6-7) might not be worthwhile.

Colonization of Mars would create social disfunctionality between humans living on Earth and Mars. To begin with; nationality confusion, calender difference, time zone difference, constant delay of communication etc.

Colonizing Mars would require a lot or workforce, investment, and world-wide collaboration. While it could be done and could bring benefits to the human race, there are still various countries, for example, in Africa or South America that need tending to, because of their low life expectancy and overall quality of living. If a collaboration this huge were to be done, there are more important issues to be taken care of, here in Earth.

1

Mars colonization may benefit Martians, but at the expense of Earthlings' money and may not be profitable. Today we are able to send people on Mars with the technology but it could be an unproductive investment, making it an unworthy sacrifice,

1

Such an expense. It would take money in our economy and direct into the hands of the few. It would be like welfare but with limited benefits. Until some other propulsion system is discovered which is less expensive and more efficient, traveling great distances at those costs make these projects almost useless..

1

The amount of fuel to travel, risks involving space radiation for long periods on human bodies, furious environment on Mars, and only to some rich and chosen people to get the 'promised benefits' to survive in a desert within all those lack of resources is not worth it. Colonizing some poor explored country again, in the right way this time and bringing technologies, resources, health knowledge, qualified professionals and attention to evolve it would be a more viable new civilization than Mars.

The fact of safe humanity on Mars can allow nuclear war on Earth. Because the only reason of banning nukes is the risk of extinction.

2

We do not know how this could affect our species from a evolutionary perspective. Colonies could house generations and those could potentially be affected by living there.

1

The most inhospitable places on Earth have much more life (i.e. biodiversity) than any corner on Mars. We should use our efforts, intelligence and creativity to create technologies and especially the culture of caring for this planet that has an immensity of life.

If travel to Mars took say one day or even better one hour, then let's visit Mars. But until we develop a quick method of travel in space we should use those resources to make sure we don't windup destroying our current habitat.

Mars holds different types of materials in its soil (according to NASA Insight) and is good for planting (provided it's prepared a little).

Technological advances (solar panels, heart rate monitors and athletic shoes) occurred from minimal space exploration, such as on NASA's Apollo missions. For larger projects like space colonization, the magnitude of technological breakthroughs will be exponentially explosive.

Humanity has a habit of saying "Watch me." when God/The Nature/Your Deity says "You can't go there. It's impossible." I doubt Mars will be any different. Exploring and inhabiting is a goal in itself.

Colonizing Mars will require building a habitable environment (whether in form of biospheres, terraformation or other). Succesfully accomplishing this means we will no longer have to rely on pre-existing ecosystems as we will be capable of creating our own.

As long as there are artificial life-support systems available for the early years of Martian colonisation, it is likely that humans living on Mars would, over time, be able to develop self-sustaining technology that would work with the natural conditions of Mars to make it more organically inhabitable.

Unclear
"this claim is incomplete in addressing the difference between resources from a civilization to a self-supporting colony in space (ju...

Colonization of Mars could lead to a whole branch of new research opportunities and scientific discoveries.

To be a multiplanetar species is a positive next step of evolution

Everyone talks about terraforming dead planets, but logically it is much easier and feasible to fix a planet (earth) that already supports life as we know it.

Colonizing Mars may be inevitable as Earth becomes uninhabitable due to all of its resources becoming consumed

It is too late to stop global warming, as there is no way to banish all cars, or get rid of fossil fuel energy. Our only hope is to colonize Mars, so that our children's children's children don't have to know what it's like to live on a polluted, ever hotter world with not enough food and potable water running out.

The process of trial and error will eventually improve resource management the sooner we start.

Humans could save and backup current species of living things on Earth to Mars. Even just humans going will take thousands of species of bacteria etc. in our guts.

Colonizing Mars is beneficial to society.

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.

More than one claim

The means to get to Mars will lead to creating more innovative technologies that uses reusable magnetic propulsion as opposed to the highly consumptive rocket fuel that we use. This would made Mars very affordable.

Colonizing Mars will bring us new challenges that we will get to solve peacefully (like health competition) through science.

Humanity should over time colonise Mars, but not primarily with humans. Rather we should develop an interplanetary Internet of Things, including autonomous and semi-autonomous machinery.

The scientific journey involves using space analogs on Earth, which leads to technological and medical spin offs improving remote medical care. oewf.org

It is possible that we are the only civilization out there. Thus, Mars' emptiness from past failures at life makes the planet a prime opportunity for humans.

The concepts that inspired the United States constitution were developed in Europe but could only be put in practice in a new land free from existing power structures. Mars presents the same opportunity for adopting new economic models and ways of life free of the baggage of history.

A Mars colony would allow humanity a Collective "us" which would refer to everyone on earth, a strong tool to craft world peace.

If the US doesn't colonise Mars, our enemies may do it first.

Mars could benefit Earth.

Mars allows humans to have many firsts for human (such as live entire lifetimes outside of Earth and personally communicate from another planet).

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

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

Humans are incapable of terraforming Mars because they are destroying Earth: polluting the air, water and soil, as well as depleting animal and plant life. Until we can be self-sustainable on a planet, then it would not make sense to live on another planet unsustainably.

Humanity is not mature enough to colonize another planet, as we still have war. Until world peace is achieved on Earth, we should not go into space and possibly continue it there.

A moon launch / factory site should be prioritized with guided drones harpooning & towing small asteroids to the moon for base materials...

We barely manage the friendly Earth resources and we claim that on a hostile Mars we can manage things better. Illogical, irational.

Humans and all biological beings emerged from Earth due to thousands of factors that all have to be aligned for these to be created and survive. No other place in the universe will ever be hospitable for humans to survive and form a colony.

Humanity is not ready politically. Politicians would be expected to be responsible for colonization of celestial bodies that they may have little knowledge of. This would be disastrous, as some of their decisions might be in the billions or even trillions of dollars with lives at stake.

If we do not know how to prevent extinction on Earth, then going to Mars will not make being able to prevent our extinction any better. So we'll likely not survive either way in the long-term.

In time, yes, however, colonization should not be the priority of any single government or entity as yet. There's little value now to warrant the cost of the trip.

There is no purpose, as the past people searched for unexplored lands (such as the first explorers of the New World, such as Magellan). However, the universe outside of Earth is currently known/mapped.

The elite and their resources would leave to Mars, leaving behind the impoverished on Earth without them.

It would be wasteful to not use what time/resources we currently have to colonize another solar system first. This heightens the human races' survivability more than putting all the eggs into one solar system basket.

People on Earth lived here so long that they are used to it and are not willing to move anywhere else.

The stakes are so high that if going to Mars is not possible, it would be a great letdown. The tensions created could influence war creation.

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