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3 Minute Speech on Space Exploration

Curiosity is a human trait. Humanity has always been interested in its surroundings. And now that we have conquered most of what our planet has offer, don't you think it is time we took to the heavens?

My name is _____ and I will be speaking in favor of space exploration and its importance for our society.

Since time immemorial, we have been interested in the stars and the heavens, attributing to them mysterious properties in our quest to know more about them.

This universal and enduring need to know more about our universe is closer to being quenched than ever. We have discovered new worlds and pushed the limits of our scientific and technical knowledge. And while we have strived to learn more about our universe, we have managed to greatly benefit our society, our country and the world on the whole as well.

Space exploration has answered some fundamental questions about our place in the world. While trying to master space we have created new industries, created better technology and shaped mutually beneficial relations with other nations.

Inquisitiveness and investigation are essential for the human spirit and NASA's travels into deep space have given many of us, our parents and families a chance to delve into our deepest fantasies, hoping and praying that the exciting journeys succeed and continue.

The arguments against space exploration have remained the same for the past 5 decades or so. The old arguments that keep getting tossed around say that space exploration is too expensive to be beneficial to our society. They say that it is dangerous. They say it's no use going to other planets when we have so many problems on our planet!

I think there is a huge problem with these arguments. The mistaken thoughts behind these arguments forgot to take into account the unquantifiable benefits that NASA research has bestowed upon us. NASA has brought us better health care, travel, communication and all in all, a much better life.

NASA developed the digital imaging technology that makes possible the MRI machines of today. It was the NASA Reusable Solid Rocket Motor (RSRM) scrap propellant that gave our armed forces the ability to save themselves from being blown to pieces by land mines.