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Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 20:40:51 GMT

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iih3ro wrote on Thu, 10 April 2008 04:29: Can somebody tell me why NASA is a necessary government agency?

Because when other countries besides the US started reaching outer space (i.e. Russia with Sputnik), the US feared being at a disadvantage to other countries. For example other countries using spy satellites on US soil or launching some sort of space-based weapon. The US felt they would be defenseless.

Today, however, that threat has really diminished. NASA is more or less there for expanding and exploring rather than US defense.

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