
Subject: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 14:37:56 GMT

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Okay they aren't SHUTTING DOWN, but the Space Shuttle program is indeed ending in 2010, and NASA will be cutting ~8,000 jobs, and at some facilities almost 90 percent of the employees.

There is a replacement for the shuttle planned, the "Constellation", but it won't begin until 2015. I wonder why the 5 year gap? I think ending the shuttle program for 5 years will be seen as abandoning the space program.

From my experience there are 3 types of people in regards to space exploration:

1. We don't belong in space "If God wanted us to fly he would have given us wings"
2. Exploring space is absolutely necessary, both for the spirit of humanity and to expand the human civilization to other planets (Mars, etc).
3. It doesn't really matter because humans are not capable of advancing enough to escape the solar system before our sun turns into a Red Giant...we are all doomed anyway even if we colonize Mars (granted this won't happen for a long long time, but it WILL happen).

Which are you?

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080401/shuttle_job_cuts.html?.v=2

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Dreganius](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 14:39:51 GMT

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I'm

4. "What the fuck is happening? And why exactly do I care?"

Granted, I am not as interested in this as others may be, but that's my opinion, and it stands.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 15:09:01 GMT

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I am definitely #2.

It's there for the taking. Resources beyond comprehension, and worlds we couldn't even imagine adrift in beauty beyond compare.

We are destined to explore space, just as we were to explore the continents here at home.

I think commerce will be the primary driver, not the government.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 15:35:09 GMT

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Well clearly they'll need five years to build the replacement. Don't you know how big those things are?

I'm #2, by the way.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 16:42:37 GMT

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Thats smart thinkin. The US has many problems that "space money" can go towards. As in fix this plant before you try to explore others

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 17:42:13 GMT

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If the Cold War didn't end, we'de probably have colonies at Mars by now :V. And eye for an eye as they say... (In a good way..)

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 17:45:19 GMT

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Shuttles aren't very practical, are pretty dangerous and very expensive for what they do. But then again: they did work most of the time .

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 17:49:00 GMT

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Quote:3. It doesn't really matter because humans are not capable of advancing enough to escape the solar system before our sun turns into a Red Giant...we are all doomed anyway even if we colonize mars (granted this wont happen for a long long time, but it WILL happen).

I disagree with this as we got a few billion or so years left, I'm 100% sure we will have found a way to save our sun from dying.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 18:00:10 GMT

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Around 8,000 jobs?! Diaper sales are going to skyrocket...

The 5 year gap is likely for budgetary reasons - keeping costs minimal and allowing NASA to focus solely on the new space vehicle.

The United States would in NO WAY give up the Space Program, because it provides such a strategic advantage against competitors like China, Russia, and Japan.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 18:30:37 GMT

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IronWarrior wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 03:19Quote:3. It doesn't really matter because humans are not capable of advancing enough to escape the solar system before our sun turns into a Red Giant...we are all doomed anyway even if we colonize mars (granted this wont happen for a long long time, but it WILL happen).

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By pumping over 900 million tonnes of hydrogen in it, a second.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 18:39:53 GMT

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That's what Jupiter is for...

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 20:52:17 GMT

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I'm definitely in the second category- I'd go as far as to say that, were it possible, I'd be perfectly willing to relocate to Mars or wherever our first extraterrestrial colony is established. The way I see it, there are only two frontiers open to human exploration: space and the depths of the oceans. I would love nothing more than to see humans living on another world within my lifetime.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 22:08:28 GMT

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TBH I would live on mars, as long as they had internet - LOL. Seriously though I probably would, as I'm not the type of person that goes to "the mall" every week etc. I spend most of my time indoors, and most of my free time at my PC. That's probably "sad" by some standards, but ideal for living on another planet where the atmosphere is toxic. Of course Crimmy would have to want to come with me

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 22:11:08 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Wed, 02 April 2008 23:08...Of course Crimmy would have to want to come with me
Don't forget your pet fox. =^_^=

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 2008 22:25:23 GMT

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I'm all for the colonization of Mars.

It's the perfect place to rocket Al Gore, and all those other enviro-assholes, especially that nosey chick who had the testicular fortitude to give me a phony 'ticket' for owning a vehicle that had a six liter engine.

It'd also make an awesome garbage dump too.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 01:57:06 GMT

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I'd go to mars, but I don't like long trips.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 02:54:19 GMT

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I'd still go.

Bring your friends.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 09:52:24 GMT

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I'm really tempted to spam-moderate that last post, but it made me LOL so it lives for now

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [The Executor](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 15:57:25 GMT

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Blazer you lamo....I am for #3 I think.

I think that we have done all we can in space really. I mean we went into space, made a telescope, and went to the moon several times, we have also sent out probes and other things out into space including a Mars mission. So what in space is there left to do?

Blazer wrote on Wed, 02 April 2008 16:08TBH I would live on mars, as long as they had internet - LOL. Seriously though I probably would, as I'm not the type of person that goes to "the mall" every week etc. I spend most of my time indoors, and most of my free time at my PC. That's probably "sad" by some standards, but ideal for living on another planet where the atmosphere is toxic. Of course Crimmy would have to want to come with me

That is because you are sleeping all the time you nub.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 17:54:44 GMT

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What's left to do? How about:

- * Explore and colonize other planets
- * Mine other planets for resources
- * Learn more about our solar system and the universe
- * Meet new and interesting life forms - and kill them!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [The Executor](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 17:58:12 GMT

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I say we do all of thoes!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 18:21:56 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 11:54

- * Meet new and interesting life forms - and kill them!

Even the ones with three breasts?!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:11:12 GMT

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So, NASA is losing all these jobs, and the US government has spent how many billion dollars dicking around in Iraq this year?

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [u6795](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:14:01 GMT

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Canadacdn wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 16:11So, NASA is losing all these jobs, and the US government has spent how many billion dollars dicking around in Iraq this year?
Is there any space for me in Canada?

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:17:30 GMT

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u6795 wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 14:14
Is there any space for me in Canada?

We're on strike right now.

Ask again when you give us internet money.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:19:04 GMT

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nikki6ixx wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 14:17u6795 wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 14:14
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I'm pretty sure the strike ended on Wednesday.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:21:03 GMT

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Canadacdn wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 21:19
I'm pretty sure the strike ended on Wednesday.

You mean to tell me that the Bennigan's coupon, and the ball of bubble gum that I got in the mail was our settlement?!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 03 Apr 2008 20:27:42 GMT

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nikki6ixx wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 14:21Canadacdn wrote on Thu, 03 April 2008 21:19
I'm pretty sure the strike ended on Wednesday.

You mean to tell me that the Bennigan's coupon, and the ball of bubble gum that I got in the mail was our settlement?!

Yeah, we should go get that asshole who started the strike and set him adrift!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sat, 05 Apr 2008 02:48:34 GMT

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Dont you love it when legit posts that would lead to political arguements get deleted for no reason....Censhorship much Gozy? preeetty goog!

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 02:56:23 GMT

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trooprm02 wrote on Wed, 02 April 2008 12:42As in fix this plant before you try to explore others I actually do not agree with this statement.

I think that "fixing this planet" should take second seat to exploring new ones. Why? Because the life of Earth is only so long. Due to natural resources drying up and pollution and stuff like that, it will die eventually, it is inevitable. So why waste time spending all of the money trying to fix something that will not last in the end? Yea, it might preserve it, but it will not save it.

Finding other planets to colonize allows the human race to live on longer. Finding a planet can take years, 10 years, 50, 100, 200. A really long time.

It simply doesn't make sense to wait for Earth to die before looking towards other planets. We need to have a backup before we focus everything on Earth.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [z310](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 08:29:50 GMT

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Can somebody tell me why NASA is a necessary government agency?

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 10 Apr 2008 13:03:45 GMT

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I'd guess because in the past they were the only ones with enough money and infastructure to build something capable of reaching orbit. That is changing though with Virgin Galactic, etc.

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.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [z310](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 04:48:25 GMT

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I agree with space defense, but anything else shouldn't be put on taxpayers.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 11 Apr 2008 18:45:36 GMT

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I think in a few years or so, the private sector will be doing many of the jobs that NASA currently performs today.

It'll be way more cost-effective, and there will be less chance of a 'Challenger' or 'Columbia' style disaster.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 15 Apr 2008 17:38:16 GMT

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I am a #5... I love the physics and the technological progressions we've had through space exploration, but I certainly don't see the importance of half the shit we do.

Subject: Re: No more space shuttles after 2010, NASA cutting 80-90% of jobs.
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 05:29:10 GMT

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Do you realize that without the space program you wouldn't be sitting in front of your computer right now. Going to space forced the Government to dump Billions if not Trillions of dollars into the technology market. I'm not saying that we wouldn't have reached this far into technology at some point, I'm just saying that NASA greatly accelerated it. The primary reason for this deactivation of

the space program is to allow scientists to develop a new spacecraft. We are using Shuttles that were built in the 80's and have failing expensive technologies. Your toaster oven is more powerful than some of the equipment on the current shuttles. NASA plans to build more centralized computer systems that don't take up so much space and create so much weight. They are also experimenting with a Magnetic rail launching system so to totally remove the need for rocket fuel.

So don't say the space program has done nothing for us, and that they are fools and the money should be spent elsewhere. NASA makes up less than 1% of the Government's budget. Why don't you go bitch about your congressmen building bridges to fucking nowhere.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravina_Island_Bridge
