Outer space policy

Acronyms and abbreviations

SpaceX- Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

NASA- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

ISRO- Indian Space Research Organization

Roscosmos- Roscosmos Space Corporation for Space Activities

COTS- Commerical Orbital Transportation Service program

Glossary

Sputnik 1- First artificial earth satellite, launched by the USSR on October 4th 1954

Apollo Program- Third U.S. space flight that landed the first humans on the Moon from 1968 to 1972

Gallup Organization- American analytics and advisory company

Tiangong- Space station being constructed by China in low Earth orbit

Chang'e 1- Unmanned Chinese lunar-orbiting spacecraft

Silicon Valley- Region in Northern California that serves as a global center for high technology and innovation

Xichang Satellite Launch Center- Spaceport of China

Mission Shakti- Anti-satellite weapon test conducted by India on March 27th 2019

U.S. Space Force- Space service branch of the U.S. Armed Forces

International Space Station- Modular space station in low Earth orbit, multinational project involving five agencies: NASA, Roscosmos, JAXA, ESA, and CSA

Constellation Program- Crewed spaceflight program developed by NASA from 2005-2009

Artemis Program- United States-led international human spaceflight program

Jim Bridenstine- American politician who served as the 13th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration