

Re: Nostalgia For Medieval Explorers Won't Make Us Space Explorers

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"Paul F. Dietz" <dietz@dls.net> wrote in message
news:b72dnR0u6NIK_WHdRVn-oQ@dls.net...

> *Mike Combs wrote:*

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> >> *Nuclear waste would have to be packaged to survive launch accidents.*

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> > *And I wouldn't even argue that they couldn't be. The problem is
convincing*

> > *people who aren't technically oriented.*

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> *Two points:*

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> *(1) You've presented no good argument to show that this would be a
problem, and*

Would the highly-vocal (even if not majority) outcry over the tiny amounts of nuclear materials in Cassini not count as possible indicators of political opposition to space-based nuclear waste disposal? If your viewpoint is that no, that experience doesn't provide any justification for concern, then let's say no, I haven't presented any arguments which met your standards.

> *(2) You don't have to convince everyone.*

True, in a democracy, one only has to convince the majority. I'm not trying to argue that space-based nuclear waste disposal will never happen, only that I foresee considerable political difficulties.

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Regards,
Mike Combs

We should ask, critically and with appeal to the numbers, whether the best site for a growing advancing industrial society is Earth, the Moon, Mars, some other planet, or somewhere else entirely. Surprisingly, the answer will be inescapable - the best site is "somewhere else entirely."

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