

Re: Reconsideration

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jsavard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (John Savard) wrote:

I think it is a reasonable reading of history, rather than an exaggerated coloring of it, to say that he was ignored.

Read David A. Clary's *_Rocket Man_*. Goddard got more US press coverage in the late 1920s and 1930s (nearly all favorable) than any other scientist except Einstein, and may have received more funding (mostly from the Guggenheim Foundation) than any other single American scientist of the period.

The "unsung genius" version (and endless re-telling of the dumb NY Times editorial) is a re-writing of history that took hold in the late 1950s, when we were embarrassed about space and badly wanted a native hero.