

# Re: Barack Obama Pits Space Explorers Against School Children

---

*Source:* <http://sci.tech--archive.net/Archive/sci.space.policy/2007-12/msg00080.html>

---

- *From:* [simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx) (Rand Simberg)
  - *Date:* Tue, 04 Dec 2007 21:11:01 GMT
- 

On Tue, 04 Dec 2007 20:51:58 GMT, in a place far, far away, [simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:simberg.interglobal@xxxxxxxxxx) (Rand Simberg) made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

On Tue, 4 Dec 2007 12:17:46 -0800 (PST), in a place far, far away, Ian Parker <[ianparker2@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ianparker2@xxxxxxxxxx)> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

If you look at space from an othodox scientific/economic perspective one or two things become clear. The first of these is that there is no magic formula to lower costs. If there were someone would now be building a cheap LEO reusable vehicle.

Yes, of course. In fact we would have had it three thousand years ago.

<rest of typical Ian stupidity snipped>

I should also point out how idiotic it is to, in the same paragraph, talk about "othodox scientific/economic perspective" [sic] and "a magic formula" for launch costs.

What a loon. Ian wouldn't know a scientific perspective if it fell on his head from an apple tree.

.