

# Re: Barack Obama Publishes His Space Policy

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Mark R. Whittington wrote:

Senator Barack Obama has published a comprehensive space policy that is conspicuous in what it does not mention as in what it does. Unfortunately it constitutes a return to the 1990s during which astronauts flew in circles in low Earth orbit and commercial space was ignored.

[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/534707/barack\\_obama\\_publishes\\_his\\_space\\_policy.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/534707/barack_obama_publishes_his_space_policy.html)

In that URL we find:

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Obama is in favor of "a bold array of robotic missions that will expand our knowledge of the solar system and lay the foundations for further manned exploration." The reader will note the verbiage concerning "further manned exploration." "Lay the foundation for." Not "do" or "accomplish" or even "pursue." For a man who aspires to be the African American John F. Kennedy, support for manned space exploration seems tepid at best, nonexistent at worse.

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Actually, this is a very good idea. Humans have no place in deep space as I have demonstrated in this forum several times. The problem of radiation shielding, tolerance for zero G, and (above all) the development of space hardware for life support that offers 100% reliability for long periods of time (3-4 years).

Until all that exists, there will be no hope of humans in space beyond what the ISS offers.

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