

2017 Poll Review

Last year's polls were dominated by future human spaceflight aspects, we had responses varying between 10 and 20 opinions per poll and the interesting results will be shared in the following synopsis. Thank you for your participation

Qutr#1: Do you think the Mars One mission will go “off the ground”?

Unfortunately the votes got lost due to software problems with the service provider, here is the latest press release from Mars One:

► Amersfoort, October 3rd, 2017 - Honda, together with Orcí Advertising, featured Mars100 Candidate Yari Golden-Castaño in their new “Greatness Is Within Reach” campaign. The new 2018 Honda Fit shares the spotlight in the national campaign with people that have fought to pave their way to greatness.

Mars100 Candidate Yari experienced various obstacles and discouragement while working towards becoming a potential Mars settler. She chose to ignore the criticism, and took the necessary steps towards becoming an engineer and a Mars One candidate in the running to join a one-way mission to Mars. The sentiment behind Honda's campaign aligns with Mars One's desire to inspire generations to go above and beyond to follow their dreams.

Qutr#2: NASA calls for a crewed mission to Mars by 2033, ESA promotes an international “Moon Village”. What will prevail, Moon or Mars?

- Moon (0%)
- Mars (0%)
- A Combination (33.3%)

Launch in 2033?

- No (44.4%)
- Yes (11.1%)
- Maybe (11.1%)

► See “Summary” below.

Qutr#3: Cubesats are planned not only for cheap and fast access to space but also for expanding into the fields of communications, satellite servicing, even being used as space telescopes, or are flying as stand-alone secondary payloads on interplanetary missions. Will the Cube-satellites become the “Apps” of space exploration?

- Yes (42.9%)
- No (28.6%)
- A Combination of Both (21,4%)
- Maybe (7%)

► An absolute majority of voters believe in the very versatile use of Cubesats, thus eventually will become available for all the enthusiasts at large..

Qutr#4: The only important question now is Moon or Mars? They'll both need us” (Arthur C. Clark: The Hammer of God, 1992)

- Yes (37.5)
- No (25%)
- A Combination of Both (18,8%)
- Moon (6.3%)
- Yes, in this order (6.3%)
- Maybe (6.3%)

Summary: It looks like the Mars-One mission is struggling with funding problems, however a couple of might-be astronauts are in training. No current schedule has been posted on the Mars-One web page yet.

► Interpreting the results of Quatr#2 and 4 polls, the majority of voters support going first to Moon **and** then to Mars, as reflected by ESA's Moon Village vision and the most recent decision by President Trump (Dec 12th, 2017) to "go back to the Moon (2020) and then "beyond" to Mars by the mid 2030's, which would be compatible with the earlier announced NASA date of 2033."

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