

# What Place for the People? The Role of the Public and NGOs in Space Governance

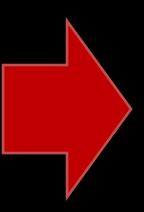
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## Who is "the public?" Who constitutes NGOs?

### "Consumer-product" public engagement model

**Decision makers** 

- National space agencies
- International governing bodies (UN)
- Aerospace firms
- Scientific advisory committees



Beneficiaries/recipients of information









### Challenges to the space program

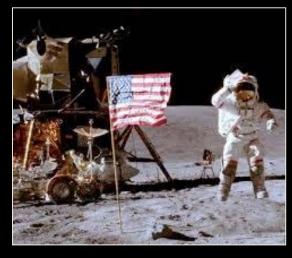
Reflective of social diversity?





Do scientific experts have all the answers?





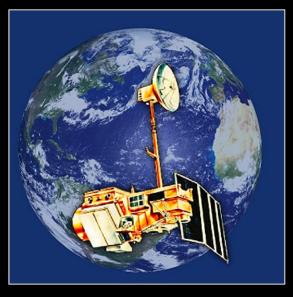
What to do after reaching the Moon?

What benefits for society?

#### Responding to public values

#### ~ A new take on societal relevance ~

Emphasis on Earth observations





Space Shuttle as "space truck"

Focus on space "spinoffs"





New roles for astronauts

### Responding to public values ~ New participants ~



- Demographic diversity
- International partners
- Corporate payload specialists
- Student researchers
- New media and education partnerships
- "Ordinary" citizens flying in space and launching payloads

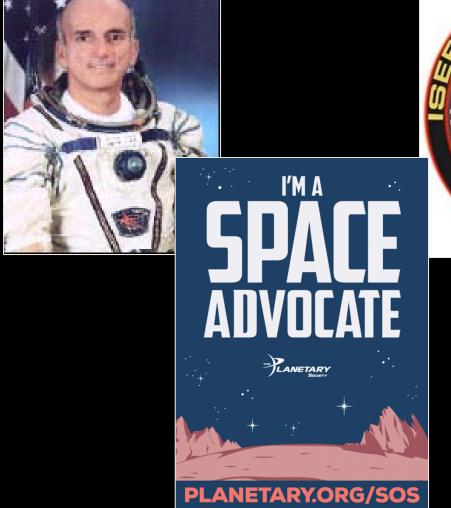
### An increasing participatory ethos ...in the world at large...







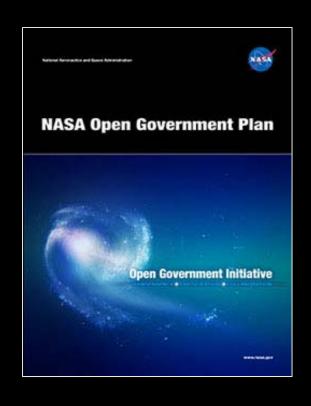
### ...and among space enthusiasts







### Participatory engagement at NASA



"From the Centennial Challenges Program, to the NASA Open Innovation Pavilion, to the NASA Tournament Lab, NASA leads the public sector in the breadth and depth of experience and experimentation with prizes and challenges."

-- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Report to Congress on Government Prize Use, 2012

### Promoting interaction and awareness

















#### Engaging the worldwide public in solving tough problems

**International Space Apps Challenge Mars Student Imaging Project** 

**Sample Return Robot Challenge** 

**Cubesat Projects** 

### Shaping the future of space programmatics and policy...

