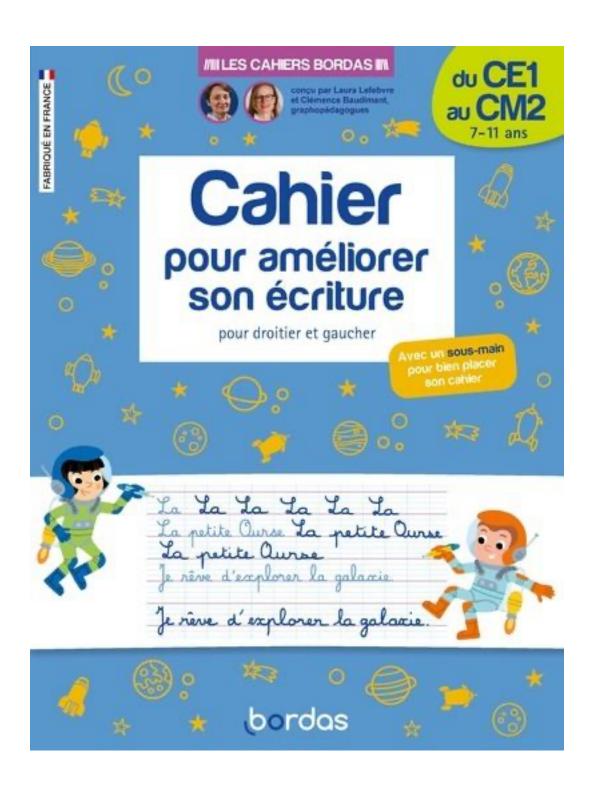
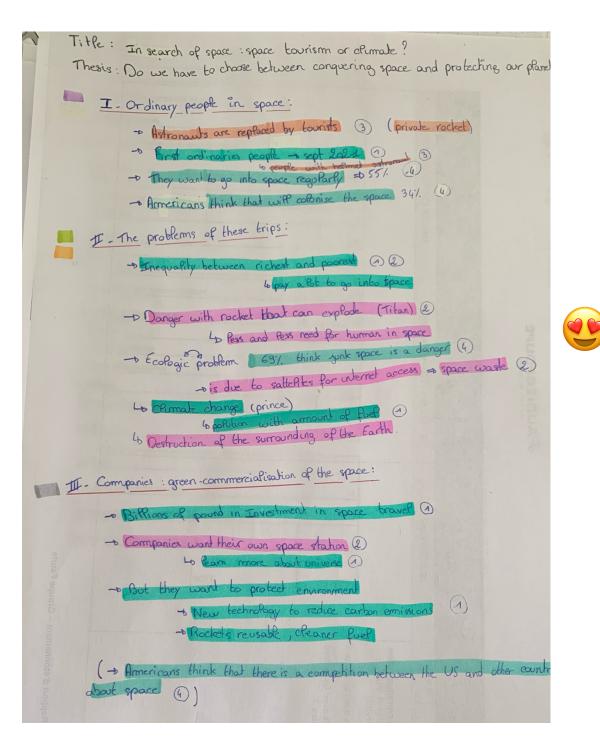
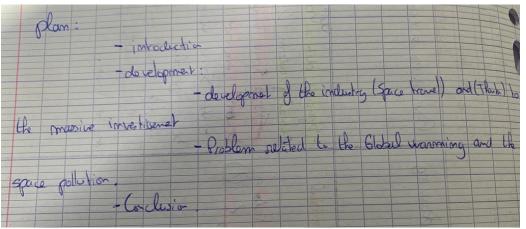
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Document 1 : Should we be travelling to space?bbc.co.uk , 18 October 2021

Should humans be travelling into space? It's a question being asked at the moment because Prince William says that we should be concentrating on the problems on Earth - like climate change - rather than focusing on space travel.

Entrepreneurs Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson are investing billions of pounds in space travel technology that will help transport themselves, and others, to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere and beyond. While many are excited about the opportunities this new technology could bring, others feel that the money could be better spent on other issues.

In September 2021, businessman Jared Isaacman paid for the opportunity able to fly to space as part of a crew of four 'amateur' astronauts. This means that none of the people on board had any formal training to become astronauts. "When this mission is complete, people are going to look at it and say, 'It was the first time everyday people could go to space'," Jared said. It's also a huge moment for climate change, with world leaders about to meet in Glasgow to try and agree solutions to climate change. This is called COP26. Speaking ahead of the conference Prince William said: "We need some of the world's greatest brains and minds fixed on trying to repair this planet, not trying to find the next place to go and live."

There has been lots of criticism of space tourism recently, where people pay money for a short ride to the edge of space. Critics argue that it is extremely wasteful, does not improve our understanding of space and damages the environment, with rockets burning huge amounts of fuel.

According to Nasa, there were only 114 orbital launches in 2020, this number is set to get much, much bigger with increased space tourism. As many as 600 people have already paid \$250,000 (roughly £183,600) each for tickets on future Virgin Galactic space flights, with thousands more waiting for the opportunity. Richard Branson has previously said his ambition is to have 400 space flights a year, which could contribute a significant amount of pollution to the Earth's atmosphere.

Supporters of space tourism say that Prince William has got the wrong idea about space travel. They argue that space tourism does have other uses like developing new technology, and that humans can do two things at once - protect the environment and travel beyond the Earth. In an interview with CNN in July, Jeff Bezos defended Blue Origin's mission saying it was about "building a road to space for the next generations to do amazing things there, and those amazing things will solve problems here on Earth".

Others say that Prince William should have made more of a difference between space tourism, where people take short trips to the edge of space, and space exploration, where humans, satellites and probes go into space to learn more about the universe, and to help our own planet. Richard Branson has suggested the technology he is developing through Virgin Galactic could potentially reduce carbon emissions for travel in the future.

Research into how space travel can be less damaging to the environment is also taking place, Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rockets are reusable, and are fuelled by a combination of liquid oxygen and hydrogen, a cleaner fuel which does not pollute the atmosphere as much.

But many environmentalists are not convinced by the claims of space companies. They say there is no sign that space travel will be any other than very damaging to the environment for a long time to come.

<u>Document 2</u>: Boom in space tourism threatens to boost the amounts of space junk and climate emissions

The Conversation, 7 November 2023,

Commercial companies are increasingly becoming involved in transporting astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS), as well as other activities in orbit. Some, such as Houston-based Axiom Space, eventually want to build their <u>own space stations in orbit</u>, where commercial astronauts could make extended stays.

Nasa is increasingly <u>partnering with private companies</u> to accomplish its space missions. However, initiatives such as the one with Axiom to fly multiple tourist missions to the ISS mark a new kind of commercialisation of space.

Axiom is not alone in its aims. Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin, aerospace giant Northop Grumman, and smaller companies such as Nanoracks and Sierra Space are all developing their own space station designs. These are aimed at operating in low Earth orbit within the next decade.

The scientific case for putting humans in space has historically been very weak – though not non-existent. Modern robotics and remote-control systems are now so good that the case is even weaker today than it ever was.

There are also major concerns about risks posed by the increase in the general number of space missions, particularly because space junk is already a major problem in low Earth orbit. Since 1999, the ISS has had to manoeuvre to avoid large pieces of space junk 32 times. Recently, the risk has been raised by a huge increase in the number of craft in low Earth orbit. In particular, since 2019, SpaceX and its competitors, such as OneWeb and Amazon Kuiper have embarked on programmes of launching tens of thousands of satellites into low Earth orbit to provide internet access.

The other area of great concern is the environmental effect of sending more people to space. It would increase the climate impacts of space activities by an order of magnitude. This would exacerbate the problems society is already experiencing.

At present, the richest 1% of humans are emitting about 100 times more CO₂ than the poorest 10%. Internationally, policymakers are increasingly aware of the way that certain populations around the world may be affected more harshly by climate change than others. They are also aware of the pressures and instability generated by mass migration caused by climate change. Space tourism adds to this inequality.

This is an area that is moving forward with astounding speed. At first sight, it seems that we can harness the excitement and wonder of space travel to fund new opportunities for science and develop technology that's of great benefit to humankind. However, it would be wise to take the time to think through the potential consequences carefully. The human, or crewed, element means that the financial model of commercial human spaceflight is vulnerable to just a single failure, as the recent Titan submersible implosion proved.

We must not destroy the vital resource of low Earth orbit with space junk. And we cannot just ignore the implications for the climate and environmental justice.

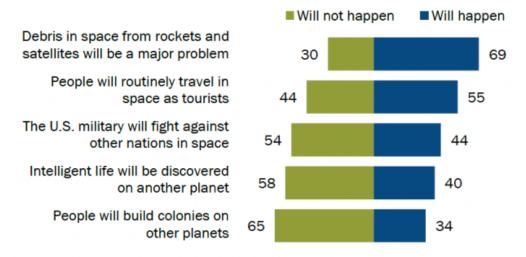




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55% of Americans think people will routinely travel in space as tourists in the next 50 years

% of U.S. adults who say each of the following $_$ by the year 2073



Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted May 30–June 4, 2023.

"Americans' Views of Space: U.S. Role, NASA Priorities and Impact of Private Companies"

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PROBLEMATIQUES

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Is space tourism a good idea? 🐨

What are the advantages and drawbacks of space tourism? ©



Why is space tourism contested?

Is space travel more important than saving the planet?

Should humans choose between space travel and saving the planet?

→ getting there!

Can man reconcile scientific discoveries and the commercialization of space? $\stackrel{\mbox{\tiny \mbox{e}}}{\mbox{\tiny \mbox{e}}}$

Is the commercialization of space the best way to spend money in spite of its growing impact on the climate ?

Behind the dream, there is a great challenge and research allows this type of travel.

To what degree is it possible to envisage space travel on a large scale while preserving the environment?

INTRO:

In 2021, Prince William declared that people must focus on earth issues before thinking about space travel. The four documents – two press articles published by the <u>BBC</u> in 2021 and <u>The Conversation</u> in 2023, a cartoon by Dave Granlund, and a 2023 chart by the Pew Research Center – show different aspects of space tourism. (54w)

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- 3. So, what's the future of space tourism (and of the planet)?

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 As Documents 1 and 2 show, firms are investing billions of dollars. That is why many Americans believe that space tourism is likely to become commonplace soon.

OR

 Many Americans believe that space tourism is likely to become commonplace soon, all the more so since firms are investing billions of dollars. We have to find a middle ground. / We have to be careful 😭



It has drawbacks but it also has advantages if it is used wisely. ©



Despite its drawbacks, it is very promising.

It will soon become common to travel to space but the consequences shouldn't be disregarded.

Space travel supporters will follow their projects despite the criticisms.

Large-scale space tourism will probably become a reality although its consequences could be catastrophic.

The issue of space tourism

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The future of space tourism

The controversial question of space tourism

Space tourism and its dire consequences

The uncertain future of space toursim

Space tourism: an opportunity or a threat?

Space travel and environmental concerns $\stackrel{\smile}{=}$



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- → Space travel **despite** environmental concerns
- → Space travel and environmental concerns: two irreconciliable issues?

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And yet, space tourism shows no signs of slowing down, as Documents 1 and 4 suggest, but its consequences both on Earth and in outer space could be dire. (330w.)

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Despite the potentially dire consequences of space tourism, it shows no sign of slowing down, as Documents 1 and 4 suggest, which should be a real cause for concern.

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