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NASA Funding: Do we need it?



In 2015 the Republicans implicated a bill that would make severe budget cuts for NASA. It would cut the funding of the space program by at least 300 million dollars. This means that some of NASA's space programs wouldn't run. Without the proper tools and NASA's cant develop new studies or use their existing information to further their studies. Many scientist are opposed

Charles Bolden talking about the 19 billion NASA budget and the amounts of cuts that they have due to the White House budget.

to the bill because then without information from NASA they can't conduct their research.

However, the Republicans believe that they are making the wise decision by saving money.

In 2016 there was a recent increase in the spending budget for specific NASA programs like Orion. They were granted a large spending budget of 19.3 billion dollars. Even though there was an increase in the Orion program many other programs received various cuts. The total costs of the cuts were 660 million dollar. Programs like the science aeronautics, space technology, and

space operations programs lost a lot of money. These program now won't be able to do their important research without the proper tools that only money



This is picture of the Apollo 11 rocket talking off.

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"Guts our earth and science program and threatens to set back generations worth of progress..."

Over these past couple of years it's had been a question wether we should continue to fund NASA. The main reason to defund it is because of the cost the amount of money that is needed to further research. But

-CHARLES BOLDEN ON THE TOPIC OF NASA BUDGET CUTS.

without this research, some scientists say that we will fall behind in the quest to

find out more about climate change. Without studying other options and and exploring other possibilities we put ourselves in a difficult decision. We either spend billions of dollars on a program that may or may not provide helpful information. Or in 50 years when all of our natural resources have run out and we haven't found an alternative yet and wishing we could have continued the research. Both sides have their pros an their cons, but it's all a matter of deciding of what we believe is our best option to sustain human life on earth as much as possible.