

America's Approach to Space



Part I

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Chapter 1



Let us imagine that I am an American

As an American I am watching an American rocket blast off to go into space. Say to go to the Moon. As an American I feel pride in the accomplishment. The rocket is a symbol of American engineering. Of a vision. Of people coming together. “*We built that!*”, I’m thinking. “*I’m proud to be an American!*”, I’m thinking.

But what if America did not design that rocket? What if technology used in that rocket was stolen? What if someone in another country came up with ideas for rocket design and offered to work with American and others, but American did not want to pay for the technology? So it targeted the inventor. It violated the sovereignty of the person’s country by hacking his computer. It targeted his business. Threatened him. Killed people around him to try to gain leverage. Killed children to try to get the most emotional impact, to give the greatest leverage.

What if the technology to build that rocket came in this way? As an American how would I now feel watching that rocket take off to go to the Moon?



*The rocket is a symbol for America. If it is going to the Moon then it **represents America** going to the Moon.*

Is it enough to simply go to the Moon and put a flag there? Or does the *way* in which this is done matter? If it was done with or without honour – does this matter? Perhaps not to some people. But what about others? And to the next generations? To the history books? That mission with stolen technology now becomes a testament, a permanent record. Perhaps to those who try to steal the technology it does not matter now how that technology is secured, so long as they get it. But what of a few years down the line when these people gain some measure of self-awareness? What then? And what of others who already have a level of self-awareness, people for whom the journey is important? For whom honour is important? How would they feel if they knew that children were killed, lives were destroyed in order to steal the technology that now carries that flag up into space?

Is the *manner* in which something is achieved important? Or is it only the end result that is important? How does this reflect on one's country? One's people?

Let me illustrate by example. Bill Goldberg had an undefeated streak of 173-0. That is 173 matches in a row where he was undefeated. His streak was brought to an end by Kevin Nash, who took the title from him after Scott Hall, disguised as a security guard, electrocuted Bill Goldberg.

Check this out.

[*Kevin Nash defeats Goldberg for the WCW Championship*](#)

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