

"The history of space exploration has received meager attention from historians thus far, and much of what has been written focuses on the development of science and technology and privileges nationalistic and one-sided perspectives. In grappling with the history of space exploration historians must look past those nationalistic narratives to see the complexity and undeniably transnational reality that was, while also coming to understand how nationalism determined the way space achievements were conveyed to Cold War audiences and what the broad impact both space science and its geopolitical uses had on Soviet, American, and other cultures. In this report, which will be available in 2024, I summarize some of my findings at the OSA regarding the history of space exploration, particularly in regards to Soviet and American propaganda, and make some broad suggestions for the future history of space."