

Shattering Myths and Barriers: Women Engineers and Scientists at Marshall Space Flight Center

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Overview

This project examined statistics, interviews, and studies focusing on the experiences of women working as engineers and scientists in aerospace from 1960-1975.

Key Findings

- Gender greatly influenced women's experiences as they tried to break into the male-dominated fields of engineering and science at MSFC and throughout the national aerospace industry.
- The educational system, industry, and government discouraged female scientists and engineers in the early years of space exploration.
- Working women engineers, astronauts, and scientists blazed a trail for the next generation by changing cultural attitudes in the workplace and shattering myths about femininity and work.

Impact

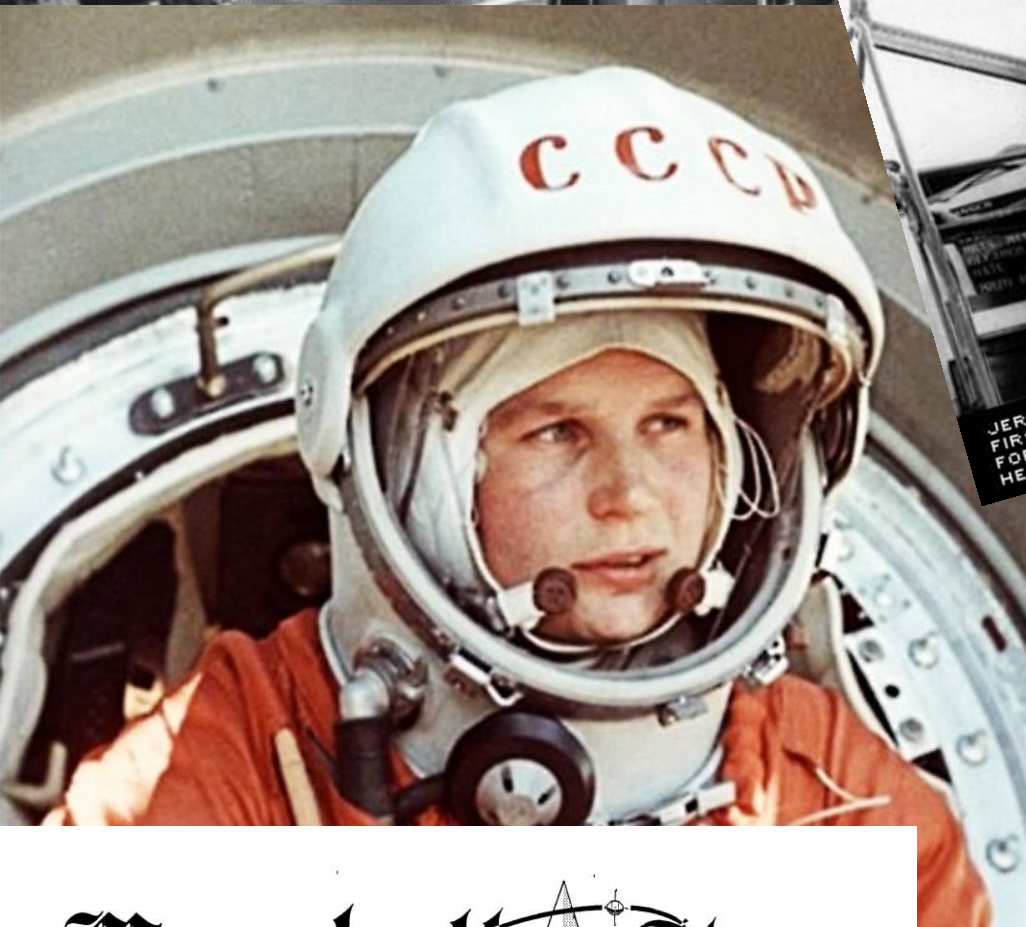
Now, NASA has a more gender-neutral workplace, but women still only make up 25-30% of the technical workforce.

Explanation

The American Astronautical Society, NASA, universities, and other organizations, parents, and teachers should mentor and encourage women to consider applying their talents to the challenges of space exploration.

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MSFC Space Queen, Linda Page, to



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