

Reddit Discussion Summary

Title: Interstellar doesn't get enough credit for how restrained its portrayal of the future is.

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Top Comments:

- TARS is one of my favorite versions of an imagined future sci-fi robot. The way at first

- it's j

- IIRC TARS is an adapted military robot. He was built for the resource wars that are hinted

- at t

- I want to say they actually refer to TARS as a Marine at one point.

- Very first scene where TARS is introduced Cooper screams the Marines don't exist anymore so

- CAS

- I think the most interesting part of "Marines don't exist anymore" is that it implies war

- is n

- They did a good job providing enough subtle context at just how dire their situation is.

- The

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- That could only last until some mad maxed dictator decided arming his starved masses to

- take

- lirc, and as someone above mentioned; its glossed over that they literally bomb starving

- peo

- I was going to respond but you pretty much nailed all the points. It seems everyone is

- eith

- I mean, Cooper already hinted that they bombed people to ease the food burden...

- The videogame Battlefield 2142 backstory describes a similar scenario, its a new ice age

- and

- Wouldn't you technically want to reduce the amount of mouths on your side?

- TARS is also voiced by Bill Irwin, a brilliant actor, clown (really) and puppetmaster.

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- He also plays Mr. Noodle (brother of Mr. Noodle's brother, Mr. Noodle).
- Tars was fun yeah. I think my favorite AI voices will always remain from portal and portal
- "the worst British robot since 3CPO"
- Here come the test results: You are a horrible personIm serious, thats what it says. A
- SHODAN will forever be best.
- Bill Irwin is also fantastic in Legion.
- He's also Lou Lou Who (Cindy Lou's Dad) in Jim Carrey's version of How The Grinch Stole
- Watch the behind the scenes stuff he has to putting that model alot of the time and that
- "All aboard? Plenty of slaves for my robot colony."
- Ironically, it was Dr. Hugh Mann who turned on humanity.
- There is a moment-
- I love that he gets blown apart while trying to be some wise ass its very poetic
- I love the irony of getting blown apart while rationalizing his decision to maroon/murder
- "There is a moment.. *Kablamoo*
- "What happens if he blows the airlock?" "Nothing good"

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- Honesty, new setting: ninety-five percent.
- Dr Mann, there's a 50-50 chance that you're going to die. Those are the best odds I've had
- Ugh. I can't believe I didn't notice that before.
- It's not true, his name is not Hugh. He is just called Dr. Mann in the movie. (*Mann* means
- This is why I could never learn German, I mean, how am I supposed to remember that!?
- Bikini is a male noun in German
- You know that makes sense to me as a Spanish speaker because it's the same in Spanish. It's
- How did I miss that lol
- I don't think they ever give you Dr. Mann's first name. It might be in the credits, but I
- I just checked IMDb and it just says Mann against Matt Damon's name, are we getting
- Yeah, I think Mann's first name being Hugh came from when moviescirclejerk was trending on
- Figures lol, although naming him Mann is not a coincidence
- I feel dumb

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- The movie only calls him Dr. Mann It was the novel that Christened him Hugh Mann
- WAIT WHAT
- Bravo Nolan
- You're fucking kidding lmao I thought this was just a Futurama reference
- They are, there is no official source that puts Mann's name as Hugh (including either the
- scrip
- They always called him Dr. Mann, I didn't remember his first name being Hugh
- It's delightfully ironic, no less, because he's actually just an average sized man.
- A real Brian Griffin "Norm Hull" moment
- Come on TARS.... COME ON TARS!!!
- The only way I can parallel park is with "No Time for Caution" on the sound system.
- Tars kicking into high speed always makes me wonder: Why didn't they just send Tars out to
- retr
- A big theme of the movie is that human beings have "something" about them that drives them
- to t
- The movie follows the philosophical idea that humans will always be needed, that's also

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- why
- Out of character, part of the pacing of the movie is done intentionally with the
- com
- I want to say there's an inherent implication that machines/computers have no free will or
- true
- The bots didn't really seem to be set up for completely autonomous operation. If they sent
- Tars
- Dont need the AI to turn on humanity. We do that well enough ourselves.
- TARS is such a great character. Nolan clearly wanted to make his own 2001: A Space
- Ody
- Dont forget how he (it?) transformed in to a wheel and rolled!!

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- It's a civilization in decline and has regressed in a lot of ways from even today's

- stan

- It is partially outlined in 'the science of Interstellar', written by the scientific

- adv

- Also don't forget the scene at the school where his daughter gets rebuked for reading

- boo

- Pretty sure the teachers were required by law to teach anti stuff science like that so

- kids

- Didn't the NASA guy also explain it that they went underground because the rest of the

- wor

- Yeah but the young teacher actively deny the moon landing and such to Coop's face, was

- incr

- Sounds like the brain washing started at least with that teachers generation. Those who

- beli

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- Im not sure if its brain washing or the fact shes grown up struggling with so many basic

- nee

- I'm leaning towards indoctrination. If you want to change history, change history books.

- If yo

- Mmm yeah thats ringing a bell. Well sounds like its time for a re-watch!

- It's necessary

- What are you doing?watching.

- It's a statement, we choose to educate ignorance when things are in decline because it's

- lear

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- Well they didnt want kids to have big dreams because they wanted them to become laborers.

- Bec

- I love Interstellar because of stuff like this, as someone whose country's education was

- four

- But being a laborer is not a bad thing. Hell, Im considered a laborer myself, and I find

- it to

- As portrayed in the movie laborers were needed but instead of trusting people to choose

- that

- Oh I agree absolutely, but I personally think it does become a problem when it's the only

- path

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- Feels like that cypypasta "You were all brought up to dream big and be astronauts but the
- I thought it might also be an intentional rewriting of history, to deprogram humanity from
- That actually annoyed me a bit.You can't seriously tell me that they spend so many
- I found it interesting because the vibe was tech failed us and we need people to do the
- Yeah that actually sounds pretty tame compared to why real life conservatives want to
- Boy did that part of the movie age depressingly well.That could be Florida curriculum in a
- Yea I just rewatched the movie like a month ago and that scene stuck with me for precisely
- Not to get too political but I wonder if any conservatives who support all that nonsense

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- I wonder if the ones that do realize that they are the baddies feel shame about it, or if
- they
- Agreed! I just watch it again on a long flight and that moment is still haunting me. Back
- whe
- You dont believe we went to the moon?? I love that line delivery. Just instantly any
- attr
- Her dad can hotwire military drone processors into combine drivers and flew for NASA, you
- ain'
- I went to a lecture of his about this back in 2016. Absolutly brilliant.
- that sounds like one of the most interesting lectures i can think of. any juicy bits to
- sha
- Oh nice
- Wish I went into a physics direction with my studies but I sucked at math back then
- I love how the movie trusts the audience to pick up on these subtle details without over-
- exp

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- One really cool clue are the remaining crops. They don't need bees to pollenate so the
- There are plenty of foods missing that don't need to be pollinated I don't think we ever
- Okra is explicitly mentioned as dying off.
- Its explicitly burned to contain the blight, nothing to do with pollination.
- Right. It seems the world has already gone through the "fighting wars for resources" phase
- The World Famous New York Yankees are playing in a little league stadium. Who are these
- Also there are no bugs/flyes in the movie, no pets, and everyone is eating corn at the
- It is pretty heavily implied to have been some form of WW3, and we know one of the parties

- imp

- see

- and

- joke

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- was

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- It was really interesting to me when I started to notice things like this. Like I had this
 - real
- Didn't realize that .
- Cell phones barely exist in most movies. There's no signal, or it broke, or Harold and
 - Kun
- I just noticed that lol I dont know why 1974 films almost made it a mission to feature a
 - car
- I wouldn't be surprised if that was due to car manufacturers telling studios "yeah, you
 - can
- My personal favorite not so subtle nod to this is where they are watching a baseball game
 - at a
- Yeah that was the detail that really spelled out so much for me about that world without
 - actu
- Exactly how I feel about it, Nolan did such a good job of showing this new world without
 - sho
- The banner in the outfield says "Welcome The World Famous New York Yankees", implying they

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- are
- As a Brit this detail wasn't even obvious to me. It was just a farmers baseball game to me
- so u
- I felt like the Yankees would be a big enough cross cultural touchstone that just about
- any
- The scene where they take her to the game and then the dust storm ends it? That was a
- Yan
- They show a closeup up the Yankee uniform right after Lithgow's character says "Who are
- the
- 'I don't want popcorn, I want a hot dog.'
- Which is a little confusing if Lithgow is supposed to be our generation, wouldn't the
- Yan
- wouldn't the Yankees be the "real ball players" just because the team name is the same
- doe
- just because the team name is the same doesn't mean it's the same players lol, they're not
- gon
- Yes! The first ten seconds of this [clip shows it well]([link])
- Wonder what team they're playing. Hard to tell from the single back shot of the uniform.
- Looks like it's a local team. at 0:12 seconds, looks like the outfield fence says

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- "ran
- Damn i need to watch this movie again.
- I never noticed it either. Just assumed it was a local farm AAA team! I love stuff like
- this
- Yup ,Yankees game at Yankees stadium, no hotdogs.
- That kind of threw me, too.The dialogue suggest that MLB is no longer played and the
- Yan
- Yeah and its also an intrinsic plot point.
- This is how most Nolan posts go.
- dont they explain that in the movie as being because all the engineers stopped focusing on
- gad
- I mean even then, if a significant part of humanity has died, theres simply not enough
- peo
- Yes. Its explained with zero ambiguity. people are so used to hollywood films over
- exp
- It's so funny to me that we can only ever imagine the future looking somewhat similar to
- toda

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- Maybe But 1750 to 1850 was an unbelievable change. 1850 to 1950 brought flight and cars.

- 195

- I love how off mid 20th century sci fi always seems to be. All of them were predicting

- thin

- My favorite thing is how sci fi novels in the 40s-60s all assumed everyone would still be

- smc

- One of the things that bugged me about the Foundation series by Asimov is that thousands

- of y

- The Foundation books never mention computers until the fourth or fifth book because they

- had

- yes but the basic idea for a computer existed in sci fi before computers where a thing...

- Right, which is where Positronic Brains came from. The same basic idea of a machine that

- cou

- And Asimov had computers, but he went toward the big computer, maybe with domestic

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- term
- He was half right, since we connect our home computers to big data centres and server
- farm
- In the future we have nice things.
- Unless you're the elevator operator.
- What are you against employment programs or something?Take it to The Expanse.
- Havent read the books, could it be a class thing rather than out of necessity?
- That would be a valid after-the-fact interpretation, yes, imo. But it also was not
- inte
- Uh, no. Things werent THAT primitive. Automatic elevators of some sort had been around

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- You should absolutely read the books, they're incredible. Second Foundation is probably my

- I love that they have hyperspace travel, but the computers still print out tape readouts

- I like that in the original Bladerunner, Harrison Ford goes over to a video screen phone

- That's because he ignored Dick Tracy from decades before.

- Honestly it's amazing that pay phones died the way they did. AT&T must have figured they

- The presence of psychic powers in so much sci fi always bugged me. Like, okay, we're still

- I think psychic powers were just in the Zeitgeist back then, like people really believed

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- Governments spent tons of money trying to train people on remote viewing, agreed that
- That goes all the way through to the 90s. Alien and Aliens both depict space truckers and
- And now it's all vapes.
- I know right? Not to mention CRT and Fortran graphics galore!
- To quote Ursula Le Guin: I write science fiction, and science fiction isn't about the
- Or how no one ever imagined things like Compact Discs. We could travel to Mars and Venus
- In Foundation, which takes place like 20,000 years into the future in a vast interstellar
- [deleted]
- I remember in Enders Game they had the internet and something equivalent to Reddit or Chat
- I don't remember the description of those exactly, but Enders Game was from 1985, so BBSs
- Fair enough. I didn't know when it was published. That makes sense though.

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- They were posting on "futuristic" versions of Usenet BBSs. Basically a digital bulletin

- boa

- BBSes and UseNet were not quite the same thing, but both had forum type functionalities.

- They used the internet to get columns jobs. They made really great content for reddit,

- spu

- The funny thing about that plot point is that at first it didn't go well because they were

- talk

- Arthur C Clarke gave [an interview in the mid 70s]([link]) (which is used in the opening of

- Dan

- Websites are just computers somewhere else. You are using a terminal right now to access a

- rem

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- You are right. And at the same time the phone I'm typing this on has more processing power

- and

- Heck, I'm still amazed that for a majority of what I normally would use a PC for I can do

- on r

- Seriously, the earliest piece of media I can even think of that shows computers doing

- com

- Max Headroom was a story world with corporate captured journalism, an internet, class

- war

- The protagonist in *The Running Man* (80s movie, not the book) was also framed of war

- crim

- It's understandable they thought we would have moon bases etc within 50 100 years. When

- they

- I totally get your point, even if I think you overstate it. From 1905 to 1965 saw

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- rem

- One thing that struck me recently is how no one seemed to have predicted the flat panel

- tou

- I read a novel from 1958 recently which was kind of fascinating, called Time And Again. It

- had

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- It's the same with movies from the early 2000's. Something like 2004's "I, Robot" has an

- inte

- My great grandma was born in 1900 and died in 1999...She went from seeing the

- norm

- My brother she also saw the invention of television, the microwave, the computer, video

- gam

- Your grandmother is a wise woman.

- Holy cow. Way to put things into perspective.

- She went from seeing the normalization of the car, to human flight, to us landing on the

- moc

- Born before the car, lived long enough to watch The Matrix insane.

- Whoa

- "The world went and got itself in a big damn hurry"

- [deleted]

- Not just my favorite Asimov story out of hundreds, but it was Asimov's favorite as well!

- May

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- Here's a google doc/pdf of [The Last Question]([link] hope it works for anyone who wants

- to r

- Read Last Question 40 years ago. Frankly I consider Asimov a billion light years more

- adv

- It's kinda funny how we're a couple months away from being in the same year *Her* was set

- in a

- Yeah and not because we lack the capability or money. We just lack the cultural and

- poli

- Im just glad aesthetics havent become all pastels.

- I kinda wish they were ngl, but also because I love pastels and dim lighting lol.

- Her was also a very positive description of the future. The worldbuilding was fantastic.

- LA t

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- To get a spacious apartment without roommates at a job writing greeting cards.
- Well that part is putting the "Fi" in sci-fi. Unless the political landscape shifted to
- I like *Her* because it predicts a future where being a writer is still a job.
- Oh man, yeah they really don't explore much about how the AI would just replace those
- office pen abounding correct start vanish bear thought seed handle *This post was mass
- Where is my sexy Scarlett AI?
- They made it without her permission and now she's suing them.
- At the same time, I think you're underselling how big of a difference there is between

- Yeah, the digital age isn't so much a visual as it is an experienced element of change.

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- I think you're underselling the difference between 2024 and 1985. Take someone born in

- 200

- They're gonna be bored to death. Nothing to read except books and who does that? Get your

- new

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- Count me among them on the QR code menu thing. I did not get into my mid 50s where I can

- fina

- Though they also build space ships that can: remotely travel to distant planets, fly down

- from

- And robots with personality.

- Yes, TARS is described as being old tech, but we don't see any other more advanced robots

- else

- It's a civilization in declineSo, *our* home...

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- Love the opening "interviews" about having to turn bowls upside down because of the dust,
- Like Children of Men - society withdrew and technological progress crawled and stalled for
- That's a great example. It also reminds me of Logan. Mutants are all dead, the world seems
- Beginning of Avengers Endgame a bit too with Ant-man having a wander round town after his
- One of my favorite small details about Children of Men movie came out in 2006, but
- And he never got to finish a cigarette if I remember right
- James Cameron once said : the more fantastic the subject matter , the more realistic the
- Then he scribbled it out and wrote, 'Avatar'(I kid, I kid. It's a good quote and I love
- Avatar still works for this quote: you have very sci-fi surroundings, but very basic plot,
- And also; the sci-fi setting of Avatar is grounded in reality. The shuttle is huge, they

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- For some reason the mech suits just doesn't look natural with their movement, despite all
- They move like humans. Makes sense given they're driven by motion capture both in-universe
- Yeah, I loved that every punch took a second or two to throw; it really showed how big
- The second one is okay, the bad guys are amazing. In my head a small scale show would be
- Yes the movements did not feel right, Pacific Rim absolutely did it right and you felt the
- Then again, there's less gravity on Pandora.
- I think the "skel-suits" from the second one did it a lot better.
- There's economic realities, too. They can cure spinal paralysis, unless you're a veteran
- I kid, I kid! It's just a joke riffing on his famous Aliens pitch.
- Then he scribbled it out and wrote, 'Avatar' he wrote it in **PAPYRUS!**
- It's clearly modified-**Then he didn't do ENOUGH**

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- Then after that he wrote the word "unobtainium" and patted himself on the back.
- Worst of all, they used the papyrus font for the logo!
- [You know what you ****DID!****](link]
- I see a lot of people complaining about the word "unobtainium" and not understanding that
 - it's
- The fact that it's established slang is the problem. It'd be like if it were called
 - Mac
- But naming the item that is either uncreative or unserious.Two characteristics found in
 - peo
- That's why he was able to make a sequel to *Alien* without skipping a beat. Clunky
 - utili
- it was so great to see some of that retro tech in Romulus, the aesthetics were a love
 - lette
- *Alien: Isolation* is waiting for you.
- Fantastic game, and terrifying. Need the courage to finish it
- Make things so real so you can explode them.
- Starwars did it great! Everything that doesn't belong to the empire looks old and worn out

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- Star Wars is the opposite for me. Magic, swordsmen, ghosts? They'll throw in any tropes,
- This is one of the keys to *Terminator*. Sarah was living a relatable life at the
- Nolan does this in Inception, too. It's never clear if it takes place in the present or
- Why did I never notice this?!
- because youre so immersed in a very normal and known world that nolan created that youre
- Kinda like dreaming
- full circle.
- Do you ever notice how there is nothing on a monitor or words on a page in a dream? In a
- In a dream, you just "know" what it says or shows. Personally I just completely make up
- You ever notice how you never have a cell phone in your dreams? Kinda weird considering
- I've had dreams in which I've used a phone and read text on a page and the other things
- They're repeating something someone else has said online. I've read the whole "weird we

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- nev
- I was confused as well. I've used cell phones a few times but I can always read in dreams.
- I do
- I have a hard time remembering if Ive ever been in control of any technology in any dreams
- Ive
- Technology doesn't seem to work in dreams for me. Clocks, phones, TVs, computers.... all
- non
- For me, computers, phones, and tvs are windows to other worlds. Like if I play a lot of a
- cert
- I find physical tech to be "slippery" ie, hard to make work right, but have no issue with
- usin
- I wait what?[link] Strange! Not even a tv or stove or refridgerator, stereo either. Never
- thou

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- doesn't look like anything to me

- Hard disagree. I've had many of dreams over the years involving my cellphone being lost or

- dam

- I actually do sometimes, it's a way for me to start lucid dreaming if I do. I'll see the

- scre

- I'm pretty sure the is misguided, however I don't claim to be all-knowing on the subject.

- Allo

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- There was a cell phone in the interrogation scene. And also the Japanese dude calls

- som

- Also, don't they use the phone built into the flight seat? I'm fairly certain phone calls

- from

- [deleted]

- I loved this concept! Obviously the movie is a great homage to the original Halloween,

- eve

- So many things about that movie put me on edge and you have perfectly articulated one of

- ther

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- The seasons almost seem to change based on the time of dayHonestly it isnt the SCARIEST

- mov

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- I think its because it wasnt a conventional jump scare. When I think back to scenes that

- real

- I think it's because the movie will age better. Any cell phone, computer screen will look

- out

- Tenet too, really. Though admittedly there the futuristic elements are overtly from the

- furt

- That's the influence of Blade Runner on Chris Nolan. Before Blade Runner, any future sci-

- fi m

- Blade Runner was one of the first "near future" movies that showed us it's not really

- goin

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- The 80's also experienced major crime waves and general urban decay which probably

- influ

- With even greater peaks to come in the 90's

- any future sci-fi movie looked like it was shot inside a shopping mall with everyone

- wea

- I'd say that Alien (by Ridley Scott too) was a bit like this. Though it never explicitly

- stat

- All corn! All we eat is corn! Have some corn juice!

- *Drinks a Coke*

- Lots of corn in coke anyway.

- Its basically carbonated corn juice with flavoring

- Another film that does similar is Logan. Set in the future but you wouldn't be able to

- tell

- I was looking for this comment too. I loved that so much about Logan.

- Ahh didnt see this before my comment. Totally agree

- A Major League baseball team playing at an old bleacher park, with only popcorn and candy

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- Thats the 2025 Sacramento* As, my friend.
- Fuck John Fisher.
- Yay it's affordable again
- Rockies still owned by the Monforts and still reliving that 07 World Series we were in but
- hey
- I can't believe I didn't clock this being an MLB game I really thought it was some local
- thin
- So, I'm a big baseball fan and what they show in the movie is not actually an MLB game.
- It's
- In the original script the Yankees were playing the Dodgers. Guessing they just didn't
- wan
- Wow, really? That's pretty cool.
- Yeah, there was also this whole scene where the Yankees ratty old tour bus breaks down on
- the

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- It's also an incredibly bleak future. The planet is quickly becoming uninhabitable, and

- eve

- I think its implied that most of them made it, considering that by the time Interstellar

- take

- If they were running out of food on earth, how did they have enough resources to sustain a

- soci

- Because blight was killing the crops on Earth. In the opening scene, you also see that

- NAS

- Of course if humans can build self-contained self-sustaining colonies off world, then we

- cou

- [deleted]

- If you "solve" gravity, all of a sudden many many problems can be hand-waved away. One

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- exa
- Are you supposed to vacuum up entire water systems from another planet? What about getting
- rid o
- so, i assume even with the "solved" gravity, we're not exactly getting rid of things like
- pipe
- You still need to go travel there. Why? You can literally just stay on Earth and have
- _tho
- So the difference is, live in shelters or colonies on Earth, or move to a new planet that
- is fr
- [deleted]
- At the very end of the movie the woman is on a new planet and Cooper is heading there to
- kee
- Yeah, in a fucking deserted hell. They literally have green fields, infrastructure, and a
- hell
- That's not the point.Moving to a new planet WOULD require you to live in shelters (cause

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- Agreed, the Earth after a nuclear holocaust is still 100x more habitable than any other
- then we could do the same here If you've ever grown mushrooms, you'll know just how easy
- I never really thought about it, but how would they get the entire earth's population onto
- Same way we have clean rooms today. Strip down and scrub like crazy.
- Was it a blight? Or just the soil running out of nutrients? That happened a lot in the
- It was blight. A type that doesn't exist in real life, which had spread to nearly all
- Ah, okay! thought the corn thing was about how the US government pushed E85, which used
- The in-movie documentary interviews about blight were with actual Kansas dustbowl

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- Because Nolan really wanted to cram Grapes of Wrath in there with Heart of Darkness,
- In the future shots of the Station in orbit, you can see a futuristic city and farming in
- Massive seed vaults wasn't there? There was food ready to grow but they couldn't on earth.
- They took crops not infected by the blight, with no blight to spread they were able to
- If you can create a station orbiting Saturn (with low light levels that will be an issue
- I thought the plan wasn't to stay on Saturn but to be ready to go in the direction of
- They had fields in the spaceship where they were growing crops.
- Aliens drop off seed
- ()
- Murph at the end was being transferred from another station. I took that to mean that as
- Note that they were building space stations in secret already. The NASA base Cooper and

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- Mur
- "All public funds" couldn't even feed everyone, let alone bootstrap a high tech economy
- self
- Well sure, but they did some really good physics and that just fixed everything. Like when
- Eins
- I don't disagree with that it probably wouldn't be that easy, but the food issue wasn't
- abo

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- There are multiple stations, as they mention Murph being transferred from one to the other

- and

- I'm not sure there were billions of people left on Earth when the movie takes place. It

- sou

- Think its been confirmed that the global population by the time the movie starts is a

- little

- I always think that *The End* has already happened and what we're seeing in Interstellar

- is TI

- They already implied the population had dropped significantly also

- I mean... you can't start thinking about stuff like that. The entire movie falls apart

- onc

- Its a dumb movie. Its Transformers with speeches instead of explosions. And some

- exp

- Yet another reason why going to this movie completely blind to the plot was the best

- dec

- Same here! I was blown away.

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- I always thought the father-in-law was probably born in the very near future, eg the

- 203

- If the movie takes place in 2067 and he's in his 70s, that would make him born in the 90s.

- We

- him mentioning there was something new invented everyday when he was young makes it seem

- like

- Its just that the way he says 6 billion people makes it sound as if that was the most

- ther

- In that scene, and during that dialog, he's reminiscing about when he was a kid though.

- The

- It's also an alternate future, so in their world, it's possible that 6 billion was the

- pea

- Collapse of food supplies could definitely mean 6 billion by 2030.

- Good point. And if it happened somewhere like India first, then a kid could still get a

- hot

- also just a general lowering of the birthrate it many countries - USA, China, and I think

- Indi

Reddit Discussion Summary

- When I was a kid, it seemed like they made something new every day. Some, gadget or idea,

- like

- Should be 8 billion if hes born roughly today.

- Apparently the movie starts in the year 2067, so Donald would have been born around the

- yea

- I always assumed it was because a few billion already died.

- The hot dog line I think is a reference to Lithgows character talking with Roy Scheider

- abo

- He was born in 1997. TvTropes has a timelineEdit: [Literally]([link](#)) first thing on the

- time

- Isn't this one of the main reasons why that movie is so fantastic? Because you can almost

- gra

- Yes, the movie has a bunch of themes and topics that support each other, and they're all

- mai

Reddit Discussion Summary

- I think modern Sci-Fi authors have realized that despite new, ground-breaking technologies

- ente

- Most successful, widely utilized technologies are adapted because they fit a demand, AND

- THE

- The only fault I can find is using so much concrete in a space station.

- Why bring steel to space when you can make concrete out of water ice and moon dirt.

- Would provide excellent radiation shielding

- NASA's SP-413 (the Stanford Torus design study) has an immense lunar regolith slag shell

- arou

- In the movie, it's implied that Murph used the quantum data attained from the black hole to

- solv

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Right but they had built a lot of ships before that ever happened. When Michael Caine's

- cha

- Because Professor Brand (Caine's character) knows that the plan is use his gravity

- equ

- Considering this, he later on revealed that it was all a lie and he knew the problem of

- grav

- It's the latter. The whole thing is built as if he's going to do it someday, because no

- one

- He had them build it to manipulate them into finding his colony ship plan. Giving them hope

- was

Reddit Discussion Summary

- I love how the ending is love. I was reading the 6th Dune book and it sort of ends with a

- pow

- Right? The happy ending is what makes it so re-watchable. Compare it to Aniara. Its good,

- but

- Maybe its a light weight future material that looks like concrete?

- There is a fair bit of world-building in Interstellar, but you just have to pay attention

- and

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Murphs principalmy dumbass was reading this and was like 'Wait no, it's Murphy's law they

- kee

- The Murph Principle

- but you just have to pay attention and watch out for it. Over the course of the first

- 10-1

- It's a *subtle nod*

- Yeah, this thread is a little...silly.In the conversation Coop has with the teacher and

- prin

- A lot of people miss this because its really subtle, but !the movie actually takes place

- larg

- The movie takes place in 2067. Not exactly the distant future.

- There is no way it's easier to reach wormhole and build a sustainable colony than solve

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Makes me wonder why they didn't create sealed greenhouses. That's essentially what the

- biol

- spa

- That is mentioned at the farm during Murph's fight with the adult brother. What Murph, do

- you

- Here's my headcannon: Let's say you create a greenhouse on earth, you have to bring people

- in a

- The biological issue on earth was unsolvable, the scene at NASA showing them experimenting

- with

- They said something too about blight breathing N₂. If blight was disrupting the atmosphere

- they

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Indeed it was, Prof. Brand's character mentioned that the population will suffocate.
- Problem is that it's solvable... Humans have no problem changing the composition of the
- It requires less people being involved is the crux of the issue. Conserving the Earth
- You could even build a sealed environment on earth itself it it cost a fraction of the
- You could even build a sealed environment on earth itself it it cost a fraction of the
- But the actual premise was never about saving people. From the get go it was about

- atm

- req

- effo

- effo

- rep

- I tried to understand the reasoning for it, but as I said, it is a weak one. "Earth is

Reddit Discussion Summary

- doo

- "Earth is doomed we need to leave for another planet" The premise was that the earth was

- doo

- [deleted]

- Humans would still probably prefer to become underground mole people instead of abandoning

- Earth

- Do we all get a vote? What kind of future for humanity are we talking about in this

- 'aba

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Do we all get a vote?Hmmm, depends. How much money do you have?
- Elysium? If I get to be one of the elite, so long suckers.If you're regularly posting on
 - Red
- If it weren't for bugs and erosion, I would happily live in a hobbit hole right now.
- No matter what we do to Earth, there's no where else in the universe we currently know of
 - that
- Is it really though? The earth is barely using 10% of its arable area for food, and the
 - pop
- And the amount of emissions produced by just farming that 10% is actively harming our
 - plan
- And the ugly truth no one wants to admit: animal products are terrible for the
 - env
- I'm assuming they're trying both
- Part of the twist is that the idea of sending large numbers of people through the wormhole
 - and
- It's incredibly easier to terraform hostile environments on Earth than it is to terrafrom

Reddit Discussion Summary

- it's a mooovie
- Always found it odd that they can grow food in space, but they can't use the same method
- I believe the major issues on Earth were the blight and climate change. In space it was
- [deleted]
- Yeah that's fair I think. On the other hand it gets way too much credit for "scientific
- They got a scientist to do some numbers on a chalk board for them. So science!
- Yeah...Kip Thorne was an advisor I think? Problem was I suspect they completely ignored his
- Honestly though, it makes the scenes where he does the "flying cars" tech even more out of
- Corny movie
- Puns!
- Except for the robots that have crazy movement capabilities

Reddit Discussion Summary

- You're saying that Interstellar doesn't get enough credit, on Reddit?
- The only part that irks me about Interstellar's opening is him seeing a military drone and
 - with
- Do people on r/movies just post the most cold takes?
- NASA Employee 1: This is the most important mission NASA has ever done. We thought about
 - even
- Cooper is a trained astronaut with flight experience, the other candidates only ever used
 - the
- I may be remembering it wrong as it's been years since I've seen it, Cooper showing up to
 - the

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Cooper led himself to the NASA base. He's the one encoding the coordinates in gravity and

- the

- So if thats the case, why didnt NASA seek him out years before for this mission?

- They didnt know he was alive. They are also hiding as an organization, so it makes sense

- they

- Because he was retired and there was no reason to go to him, the fact the gravitational

- ano

- It's explained in the film they didn't know he was alive.

- He was out. If it hadn't been for the anomaly, it wouldn't have occurred to them.The

- ano

- I think this situation is explained pretty well in the movie?

- Until we get a dude flying into a black hole and interacting with his own past sure. Very

- rest

- Sure, but it also doesn't get enough critique for taking what was generally a

- scie

- I like the fan theory that everything that happens after Cooper detaches is just Coopers

Reddit Discussion Summary

- dying
- What's nonsensical about Interstellar is how advanced the rocketry is. Rocket building is
- a hu
- Matthew McConaughey: ("Murph! Murph! I'm a bookcase! Murph! I'm a bookcase!") Great movie
- He turned himself into a bookcase. Funniest shit I've ever seen.
- This thread is bizarre. Are we talking about the same movie?Sure, the first 10 minutes of
- Inte

Reddit Discussion Summary

- And NASA, which is so decrepit and irrelevant It's admittedly been a while, but I thought

- the

- A normal family receiving temporal communications from their future selves in binary;

- haro

- The truly amazing piece of world building is the Indian Air Force drone Cooper hacks at

- the

- "Interstellar doesn't get enough credit".You lost me, everything you said is why it's a

- grea

- Interstellar is a terrible movie.

- I think you make great points but it still annoys me that in this movie interstellar

- trav

- Well you see crop disease was incurable because the movie said so.Whereas space travel was

- figu

Reddit Discussion Summary

- CinemaSins is cancer.
- Yeah that Interstellar movie sure gets no credit...
- Interstellar doesn't get enough hate for how fuckin stupid the ending is.
- As a reader of sf the science and basic plot seemed so fundamentally stupid to me. There's

- a fo

- Sand is a must to conquer the time.
- Its a fantasy movie with magic so that tracks.
- Most people commend the movie until it unravels in the final hour with the bookshelf

- stuff

- Just a totally normal farm family, running four 1400 HP tractors, which theyve fully

- auto

- I feel this way about Babylon 5, but in regards to how they didn't set it 10,000 years in

- the

- Somewhat related - my biggest pet peeve with movies set in the future is when they have

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Wait til you see *2001*.
- Combine harvesters are already pretty much able to self drive. Farming tech is pretty out
- They built a fucking Dyson tube within a single human lifetime, how is this restrained?!
- *****SPOILERS*****Im surprised the man who was isolated for decades (on the spacecraft,
- In my opinion one of Nolan's strengths as a director is that his scenes are both visually

Reddit Discussion Summary

- The earth scenes in the beginning were fantastic. The baseball scene and the parent

- teach

- I love Interstellar. I have only two issues with it:1) Stumbling upon NASA is a little

- weird

Reddit Discussion Summary

- It's too long. It could have just ended with Matthew McConaughey in the tesseract forever.

- We

- Interstellar gets more than enough credit in general

- Restrained? It has a magic ship that can land and take off from a planet without refueling

- and

- If anything, it gets too much credit. It was the first Nolan movie that left me

- disa

- Interstellar gets too much credit for every aspect of it

- I kinda feel like its overly rustic and lazy when they make futures kinda bland. Like yeah

- I ge

- I think it's a stroke of genius that the Nolans restrained themselves from putting flying

- cars

Reddit Discussion Summary

- restrained? It's a bog standard dystopia
- Interstellar gets way too much credit for essentially just being Gunbuster with all the
- It's not genius. It's Nolan not wanting to use computer special effects. Holograms would
- Children of Men. Watch it. It is the zeitgeist of our time. A world in which women
- This movie gets **way too much credit** for everything in it. It's one of the most
- Yes, it does get enough credit.

Reddit Discussion Summary

- Wasnt everything and everyone dying of hunger
- Myself, I found the egregious plotheoles and bizarre decision making took me out of the
- One thing I dont get is the farmers economic and social position and yet restricted
- My main gripe is that they could have resolved most of the plot in the middle of the film
- Interstellar has some amazing first 30 minutes. The rest is complete pseudoscience and
- Nah, economically, socially and biologically the first 30 minutes are also trash
- I also like the detail of the drone being from the Indian Air Force, in the near future