

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine reiterated the agency's goal to land humans on Mars, suggesting it could happen as early as the mid-2030s. Accelerating the moon landing to 2024 would expedite the Mars mission, according to Bridenstine. Vice President Mike Pence affirmed NASA's commitment to space exploration, highlighting the Artemis program as a step towards Mars. While NASA targets the 2030s for a manned Mars mission, Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin believes a more realistic timeframe is around 2040.