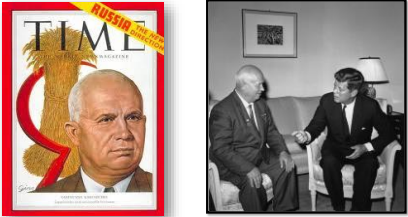


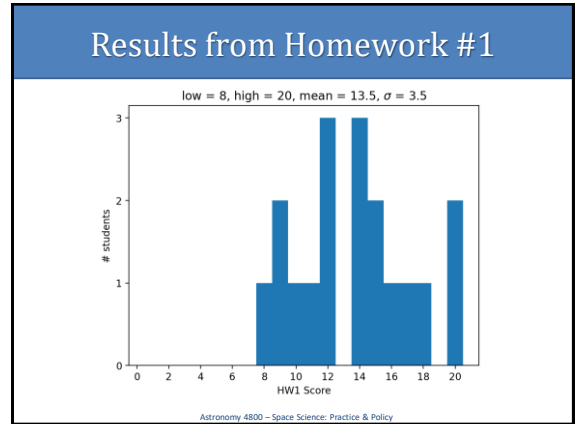
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 Today: **Khrushchev and USSR Space Policies**

- Reading for *The Kennedy vision for the U.S. Space Program*: Chapters 15 & 18 in McDougall.



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**Space in the News**  
**Polaris Dawn crew training for SpaceX mission this fall**  
 Presented by Colin Hayes

- Jared Isaacman, Inspiration4 flight
- 3 funded missions (Starship)
- SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, Falcon 9 Rocket
- Goals

In the popular media these missions have been highly criticized, do you support the private sector going to space such as this? Why?



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**Nikita Khrushchev**  
 (1894-1971)



**NIXON IN U.S.S.R.**  
 Opening U.S. Fair, Clashes With Mr. K


- A true believer in Bolshevik revolution.
- Saw himself as THE successor of Lenin.
- How did his positions & attitudes destroy him?
  - Opposition from officers on technology.
  - Delays in space technology irritated technologists.

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**Class Exercise**

What do you think were the major impacts of Sputnik in the USSR and in the US?

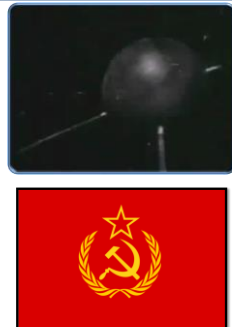


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**What was the impact of Sputnik?**

- Verified Soviet claims of working ICBMs.
- Validated "superiority of USSR technology & socialism."
- Khrushchev became main guide & proponent of Soviet space program.
- Led American panic of "missile gap". But was it real?
- Crisis in USSR policy => being ahead rather than traditional game of "catch up"!



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## Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968)



First man in space in April, 1961

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## Astronaut Alan Shepard (1923-1998)



Launch of Freedom 7 on Redstone rocket  
May 5, 1961

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## Impact of Human Space Programs

- Further prompted US to action => “awakened a sleeping giant”.
- Soviets wanted “U.S. to treat us better” according to Khrushchev.
- Why did Soviet program ultimately fail?
  - No equivalent of NASA (Soviet mostly military).
  - Soviets were really behind in space technologies (USSR press was a bluff!).
  - U.S. dramatically outspent the USSR.
  - Soviets never truly committed to a Moon program.



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