*The United States is on the cusp of having an independent commercial space market. With a few smart decisions and a policy of regulatory restraint, the government can simultaneously promote innovation, growth, and national security, while proving that enterprise in space does not require the backing of a large nation state. That would be a great leap forward[[1]](#footnote-1)*

*The legalization of privatized space travel, begun in 2004,[[2]](#footnote-2) has been matched with security privatization as it affects the terrestrial aspects of procurement, assembly, and launch, as well as potential future applications of privatized security in outer space. Wackenhut, now G4S Security Solutions,[[3]](#footnote-3) was also able to skirt the previous legislative intention of the Anti-Pinkerton Act of 1893[[4]](#footnote-4) by gaining security contracts for government installations, including a 2009 10-year, $1.2B contract for NASA including private fire and security services, emergency management, as well as export control, protective services training, and protective services information assurance and information technology security.[[5]](#footnote-5) Since then, the private security industry has faced steady growth, some of which are uniformed, private security under the Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship (SPACE) Act of 2015.[[6]](#footnote-6) For that matter, current trends suggest “many of NASA’s space exploration responsibilities are being shifted towards the private sector under government contracts.”[[7]](#footnote-7) In particular, the United States may well move into its next era of exploring the cosmos through public-private partnerships.[[8]](#footnote-8) The need for securing extraterrestrial resources being brought back to earth, and the eventual requirement for security forces in outer space is moving beyond “silver screen” conceptualizations like Outland,[[9]](#footnote-9) Alien[[10]](#footnote-10)/Aliens[[11]](#footnote-11)/Alien3[[12]](#footnote-12) Alien Resurrection[[13]](#footnote-13)/Alien Covenant[[14]](#footnote-14) franchise, Total Recall[[15]](#footnote-15)l and more. This conference paper and presentation will project present and possible ethical and legal prescriptions and proscriptions on private security in future space exploration and colonization.*

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