Manned is a word not used in this December 1, 2016 NASA news article (at right). But mainstream news sources including NASA and AIAA still use the word Manned in a bad way too often. Even the acronym UAV uses the word Manned! Maybe the word Drone will be a good replacement for the acronym UAV.

Systemic and institutional harm and insults can become cultural, but they can on rare occasions be changed quickly. Diversity appears to be a vague and voluntary alternative to affirmative action to bring fairness into hiring and education, a responsible government protective policy in the presence of a history of both harmful and affirmative action in government policy. Quite a few of those harmful policies still exist in the USA.

Manned? Even for UAVs? Words matter.