

## Debate for Ganymede's First Presidential Election

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*The two candidates for this debate will be Blair Legrand, leader of the Ganymede First party, and Ingaliil Abboud, leader of the Colonists' Coalition party. Ganymede's favorite streamer, Evie Kubota, will host the debate.*

**EVIE, HOST:** Welcome everyone to Ganymede's first presidential debate. Tonight we are making history. For the first time we will choose a president for a newly terraformed world here on Jupiter's moon. Voting will begin at the end of the debate. I hope you all have your votepasses ready to cast your ballot. Remember all registered citizens of Ganymede aged 12 Earth-years and over are eligible to vote. Let's begin. Blair, can you please share your plan for Ganymede?

**BLAIR, GANYMEDE FIRST:** My dream for Ganymede is simple. I want it to be the best society it can be. Ganymede's scientists have worked hard to create the successful settlements in which we live. We have plenty of oxygen thanks to our photosynthesis hubs. We have a healthy atmosphere, thanks to our wonderful engineers.

With new safer-than-ever nuclear power, we have energy transferred through our underground ocean and enough heat to keep us all warm. We have delicious food from our hydro-farms, fast hoverpods to travel among settlements, and the best education modules in the solar system. To maintain this quality of life, we must be sure everyone on Ganymede works hard. In a carefully structured society like this, we can't afford to have people here who aren't doing their fair share.

**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** We have an incredible opportunity here on Ganymede. This is the first time in history that we have created a new planet, so we have the chance to create a civilization based on the principles of justice, kindness, and honesty.

I know that some citizens don't have the physical fitness needed to work long hours. Many have suffered vision loss and other effects of low gravity. Others experience psychological distress as they grieve the loss of family and friends who died when the GanyShuttle flew too close to Jupiter. We are all here together, and we need to care for each other. A base of empathy can lead to exciting, creative, and fulfilling lives for everyone on Ganymede.

**EVIE, HOST:** We will now be taking questions from citizens. Anyone watching this debate can submit a question and upvote or downvote the questions of others. Okay, the top question is: "What do you see as the greatest challenge for Ganymede in the future?"

**BLAIR, GANYMEDE FIRST:** We need to make the best use of all the terraforming advantages we have available. So far, we've got six settlements, but we could have more. My business is about to launch a brand new line of hoverpods that use magnets with Ganymede's iron core. This will allow us to travel among settlements faster than ever before.

**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** For me, the biggest concern is health. There are still risks with using nuclear energy. Electrical transmission is a concern when there are still parts of Ganymede where the crust depth hasn't been determined. There are also many people concerned about staying safe from radiation. Of course, we all wear our protective patches, but with the exposure more than 100 times the rate of Earth's, parents are worried about the long-term effects on children. Already we're seeing new illnesses arising that seem to be related to radiation.

**BLAIR, GANYMEDE FIRST:** I couldn't agree with you more, Ingaliil. We need to begin putting up UV shields to cut radiation rates.

**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** That's one possibility. However, we do need to be aware of how it may change sunlight access, especially given the challenges of getting the solar mirrors rotating in a way that mimics Earth's day/night cycles.

**EVIE, HOST:** Let's move to the next question: How do you feel about rotation engineering?

**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** Rotation engineering could be a disaster, as it was on Europa.

**BLAIR, GANYMEDE FIRST:** It's our biggest opportunity yet. By speeding Ganymede's rotation, we can generate more power, making it easier than ever to maintain our atmosphere at the perfect temperature.

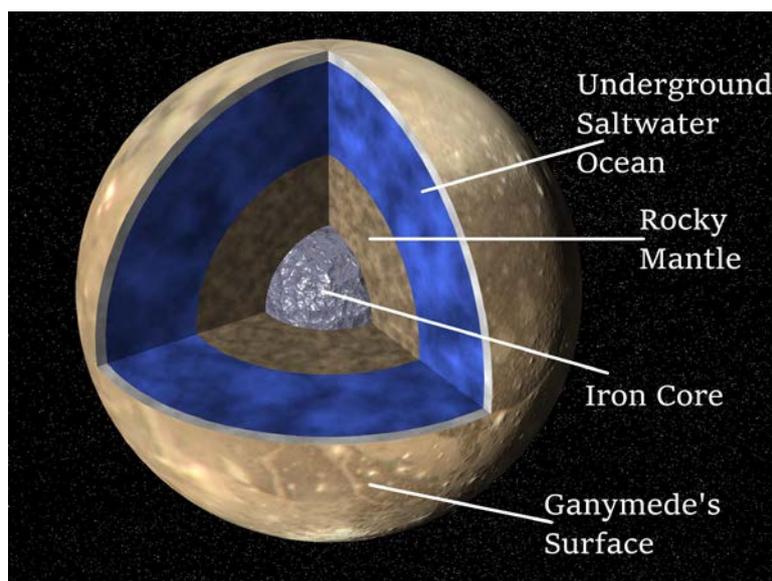
**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** We can discuss what temperature is preferred with the latest polling data if you would like.

**BLAIR, GANYMEDE FIRST:** No one wants to talk about statistics right now, do you, folks? You care about Ganymede. And if you care about Ganymede, vote for the Ganymede First party.

**INGALIL, COLONISTS' COALITION:** It's the people of Ganymede who make this new world such a wonderful place to live, so if you care about people, vote Colonists' Coalition.

**EVIE, HOST:** It's a big decision to make, Ganymeders! Who will get your vote?

*Terraforming Ganymede has not been without its struggles, but the colonists have proven themselves up to the task. As they start a new chapter in the colony's story, they are asking for your assistance to examine the Challenges and identify an Underlying Problem addressing an important situation that terraforming Ganymede has created.*



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