

Viking Mission and Evidence of Life on Mars

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I have a theory about that (well, it's not MY theory because the author of "Red Mars" depicted a future where this was a huge controversy)

IN the novel Red Mars, one of the first female scientists that goes to the planet during colonization is firmly opposed to terraformation because she wants to protect native Martian life and wants the planet to stay pristine. If the planet is BELIEVED to be completely sterile, then it will be easier to argue in favor of terraformation (which may destroy native life forms).

So if NASA knows of life there and does not divulge it, it may be that it anticipates strong resistance to future terraformation (which will be very expensive and hard to sell to tax payers, if funded publicly)

BY the way, [NASA just announced the graduation of 13 new astronauts](#) that may go to Mars.