



50 YEARS AFTER

THE LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

IMPACT ON THE NATION AND NASA

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At first I was sort of a curiosity -- people would invite me to parties, 'look we have

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one.'

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That sort of thing.

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But there were people who were genuinely sure that I didn't belong there, that I didn't

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deserve to be there.

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So I had a few strokes against me here, I was too young to be a principal investigator,

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I was too brown to be a principal investigator and I was way too female to be a principal

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investigator.

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So I kind of made it my duty to prove that I did deserve to be there by doing good work.

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I knew what I could contribute to NASA but nobody else knew that.

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Hans Mark had faith.

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He actually had faith.

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He evaluated me on whatever basis he has for evaluating you and helped me -- he mentored

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me.

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I could never have achieved what I have achieved without his help and support.

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NASA was where I wanted to be.