



50 YEARS AFTER

THE LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

IMPACT ON THE NATION AND NASA

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To me discrimination is a deliberate act to restrict one's, either growth, or limit one's

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potential based on any particular feature, if you will, of that individual.

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Whether it be race, whether it be gender, whether it be cultural background.

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Having grown up in Mississippi and understanding the history of that and the history of the

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south, mine is different than most others.

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I went to a high school that was probably ninety-five percent white and but I was academically,

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socially, athletically successful there, so if I experienced discrimination, I wasn't

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aware and it's only been as I've gotten older that I've become able to appreciate what some

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of those instances might have been.

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NASA has always, to me been a beacon for how folks are to be treated, at least I my experience,

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in that if you're capable of doing the job,
if you demonstrate that you're capable of

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doing the job, you will be given an opportunity
to do that job.

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So, it's an example of what a society could
be if it didn't have, or without the problem

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of racism and discrimination.

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Now we're in the position of influencing and
growing this agency to accomplish a vision

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of possibly putting people on Mars.

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And so, my desire with that is to accomplish
putting people on Mars, to be one of the people

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that -- even if it's just one of ten thousand
names, to just have my name associated with,

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we were able to accomplish this.

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I think that's the mark that I would like
to leave -- that you can, if you put in the

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hard work.

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If you educate yourself, if you find your
place and work in that place and do all you

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can to make that part successful -- you make
the whole even better and, of course, make