



## 50 YEARS AFTER

THE LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

IMPACT ON THE NATION AND NASA

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People discriminate against others because of their lack of knowledge about the individual

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-- either culture, religion, skin color, race and age.

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I think education -- that will be one of the elements that will break the barrier of discrimination.

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I always call myself, like a "double wham(my)" kind of thing because, first you're a female

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in a technical area, two -- you're a lady wearing a scarf.

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So, if you can get over the female, okay -- oh, 'why is she wearing a scarf?'

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Oh, she's that part of the world.'

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But when people get to know you on a personal level, you're no different than the mom that

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you know, the sister that you know or the aunt that you have.

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To a certain degree I think NASA's culture has reflected society's changes.

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From my perspective you see a lot of different diverse backgrounds, individuals working for

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the agency.

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NASA is a small portion of the big melting pot as in the United States we all are.

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And too the global changes make us all connect closer.

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We work a great deal with the international partners on every continent.

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We're reaching outside NASA with people who have the right skill set to be able to meet

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our missions.

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The landing of MSL -- the Curiosity.

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I think this is just an engineering wonder.

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And as we all -- our heart was beating very hard in the seven minutes of terror and when

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it landed I just - I felt the pride to be a NASA employee, I felt the pride to be a

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part of such a wonderful mission.

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That's why we work so hard in here.

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The knowledge about space and space technology  
is not just for us -- it's for everyone.