
NASA

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00:00:03,560 --> 00:00:06,860
Station this is Houston
are you ready for the event?

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00:00:09,860 --> 00:00:11,640
Yes, I'm ready for the event.

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00:00:13,580 --> 00:00:17,640
Fox and Friends this is Mission Control Houston please call station for voice check.

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00:00:20,340 --> 00:00:24,120
This year astronaut Peggy Whitson breaking

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records for the longest time spent in
outer space more than any American in

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00:00:28,619 --> 00:00:33,090
NASA history and she's still there live
from outer space joining us from the

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00:00:33,090 --> 00:00:36,239
International Space Station it's Peggy
Whitson. Peggy

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00:00:36,239 --> 00:00:41,070
is it good morning good afternoon up
there would you explain for our audience

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00:00:41,070 --> 00:00:44,250
right now what a day is like on the
International Space Station because you

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00:00:44,250 --> 00:00:48,210
keep going around the earth and I can't
imagine how many times it's light it's

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00:00:48,210 --> 00:00:51,680
dark it's light it's dark.

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00:00:53,220 --> 00:00:55,760
Actually
that's great we go around the Earth 16

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00:00:55,760 --> 00:01:03,080
times in a day so we're going 17,500
miles an hour it's an amazing sensation

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and we so we get to see a sunrise and a
sunset about every 45 minutes. We don't

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00:01:09,300 --> 00:01:14,430
have too many windows on this station so
it's not like it's too disruptive to our

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00:01:14,430 --> 00:01:21,330
work and we we get up at a 6 a.m. GMT
Greenwich Mean Time and go to bed around

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00:01:21,330 --> 00:01:26,840
9:00 at night and during the daytime we
have a lot of different scheduled activities.

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00:01:30,200 --> 00:01:33,620
Now Peggy I understand the
President called you to congratulate you

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you have the most spacewalks of any
other any woman ever to go to the

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International Space Station so we want
they congratulations what was it like to

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00:01:41,310 --> 00:01:43,480
get a phone call in space from the
President?

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00:01:46,780 --> 00:01:48,340
Well that was very special to

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00:01:48,360 --> 00:01:53,310
get that phone call it's great when NASA
gets acknowledged for some of the things

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00:01:53,310 --> 00:01:57,600
that we're doing up here and it was just
very special,

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What do you learn about yourself after
spending 500 plus days in space?

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00:02:08,440 --> 00:02:13,060
Well I think you learn you do learn a lot about yourself you learn a lot about how to

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live and work in teams and I've lived up
and worked up here with many different

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people and it's interesting how the
character of the mission changes on each

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day with each crew mix and so we have a
fantastic time figuring that out

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00:02:28,690 --> 00:02:35,750
figuring out what what means something
to you and what what we need to work to

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00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:38,860
strive to make ourselves better to
interact better to get more work done

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00:02:38,860 --> 00:02:41,940
all of that's important part of what we
do up here.

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00:02:45,500 --> 00:02:51,980
April 24th you surpassed the record for the most cumulative time in space by a u.s. astronaut which was 534

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days by the time you come down it will
be over 600 days where you've learned

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how to twirl the microphone like that.
Just out of curiosity because you

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00:03:01,430 --> 00:03:04,820
haven't been on earth for so long, Peggy what's so what's the big thing

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00:03:04,820 --> 00:03:10,420
you're really missing about life on
Earth and having your hand on terra firma,

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00:03:13,760 --> 00:03:17,680
Well obviously you know having
friends and family that you can hug we

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00:03:17,690 --> 00:03:23,739
can call them on our IP phone or send
emails but being there and being able to

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touch and be with your loved ones is
really important. I think probably though

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in general I missed the ability to cook
my own food you know we most of our

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stuff out of packages and as though as

creative as I try to be with food up

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00:03:39,680 --> 00:03:44,540
here there's limited number of supplies
that we have to make things new and

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00:03:44,540 --> 00:03:48,139
different and so I think that's probably
the biggest challenge and the thing I

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00:03:48,139 --> 00:03:53,480
miss most. I like cooking and I also like
gardening and ha being and I miss that a

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00:03:53,480 --> 00:03:57,590
little bit I did get the opportunity
however though to grow some lettuce and

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00:03:57,590 --> 00:04:00,360
some cabbage which we did get to eat
that was great.

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00:04:02,860 --> 00:04:03,660
Excellent!

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00:04:04,180 --> 00:04:06,840
Wow
well I think we can all say officially

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00:04:06,859 --> 00:04:09,590
this is the first time we've talked to
anyone in space. Peggy thank you for

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00:04:09,590 --> 00:04:13,209
doing this for our country and
and we wish you all the best. Peggy

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00:04:13,209 --> 00:04:16,090
Whitman thanks so much congratulations
on the record we appreciate it we'll

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00:04:16,090 --> 00:04:21,720
check in with you again. I find myself
doing the interview like this. Bye!

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00:04:25,700 --> 00:04:31,020
Station this is Houston ACR that concludes the Fox News Fox and Friends portion of the

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event please standby for a voice check
from Bloomberg Television.

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Commander Whitson this is Patrick in
the New York. Can you hear me okay?

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00:04:48,520 --> 00:04:50,800
Yes I have you loud and clear.
How do you hear me?

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00:04:54,280 --> 00:04:58,780
We are seeing and hearing you just fine. Thank you very much for joining us. Please stand by I'll

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00:04:58,780 --> 00:05:00,300
hand you off to the control room.

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00:05:02,780 --> 00:05:05,300
Okay, we're going to go in a different

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direction here Jonathan. Back in the day
NASA was the only game in town when it

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came to us space exploration but now
there's Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff

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00:05:11,919 --> 00:05:16,599
Bezos Blue Origin. So, are they

competitors are they partners as we seek

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00:05:16,599 --> 00:05:19,930
to go beyond the bounds of Earth. Here
for a unique perspective is NASA

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00:05:19,930 --> 00:05:23,139
astronaut Peggy Whitson
the first female commander of the

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00:05:23,139 --> 00:05:26,740
International Space Station the holder
of the record for the longest time spent

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00:05:26,740 --> 00:05:30,610
in space and now on her third
long-duration spaceflight she joins us

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00:05:30,610 --> 00:05:33,920
from the International Space Station
roughly 250 miles above us.

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This is the sign on - Station this is Bloomberg television how do you hear me?

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00:05:40,860 --> 00:05:43,360
I have you loud and clear
welcome aboard.

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Okay, thanks so much it's great to be with you. So you've spent a lot of time in space over the last 15

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00:05:50,830 --> 00:05:55,570
years now Peggy. What are you doing up
there and what are you most excited

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00:05:55,570 --> 00:05:57,220
about that you're working on?

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Actuallywe're doing an incredible amount of

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science these days up here and which I'm
actually very happy about. As a

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00:06:05,669 --> 00:06:11,680
biochemist my favorite experiments I'm a
little biased toward those that are more

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00:06:11,680 --> 00:06:17,199
biochemistry oriented so I have good one
this morning genes in space another one

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00:06:17,199 --> 00:06:22,870
that I've been working on growing
cardiac stem cells and so we do a lot of

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diverse things up here
though there are many different studies

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looking at physical properties we have a
combustion rack where we do different

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burning principles with the lack of
gravity just as a variable that they can

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00:06:37,490 --> 00:06:43,630
compare to for a ground study. So there's
lots of different biophysical physics

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engineering types of investigations
going on. In fact we have around 280

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00:06:48,830 --> 00:06:53,270

investigations going on at any one point
in time. Obviously we're not doing all of

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00:06:53,270 --> 00:06:57,500
those but we do get our hands on many of
them so it's a lot of fun.

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So as a NASA astronaut Peggy you of course are involved with the government. A lot of

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the news right now about space actually
is coming from the private sector with

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Elon Musk for example. If you were doing
it all over again would Elon Musk be

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your boss or are there some things that
private can do that public can't and the

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00:07:16,820 --> 00:07:18,780
public can do that private can't.

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Well I think at the place we are right now the

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government can do more but that is for
instance we're seeding some of the money

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00:07:31,760 --> 00:07:39,200
seed money for some of the commercial
providers SpaceX and Orbital ATK are

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00:07:39,200 --> 00:07:44,000
providing cargo up here to the space
station hopefully in the next year or so

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00:07:44,000 --> 00:07:49,400
we'll be actually getting crew supplied
by SpaceX or Boeing and so I think that

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00:07:49,400 --> 00:07:54,520
the commercial the private the
government to commercialization is

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00:07:54,520 --> 00:07:59,539
transitioning right now and it's
fantastic to see the cargo coming up on

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00:07:59,539 --> 00:08:05,419
all these different vehicles and I
really do think it's the future because

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00:08:05,419 --> 00:08:14,030
just like aviation it has to expand in
order to be really prolific and having

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these these programs in place now is a
definitely a stepping stone for further

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development and that allows the
government then to spend more money on

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going and expend and exploring beyond
low-earth orbit which is what the

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00:08:28,940 --> 00:08:34,729
current limitations are planned for for
some of the commercial providers and and

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we do hope to encourage them to continue
on actually

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00:08:37,690 --> 00:08:39,820
into further deep space as well.

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So finally Peggy let's go way beyond lower

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Earth orbit a lot of talk right now
about colonizing Mars actually going to

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Mars and living there you've been living
in space a fair amount of your life now

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over the last 15 years is that a
realistic goal to set to actually have a

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colony on Mars?

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I do think it's a fantastic goal to have we should have

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00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:09,760
colonies on Mars and the moon and we
should be expanding and exploring even

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00:09:09,760 --> 00:09:15,490
further. So yes and I think it's going to
take some technology development and

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we're going to and we're using the
International Space Station here to

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00:09:19,240 --> 00:09:23,440
perfect some of those technologies. For
instance if we go on a multi-year

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mission to Mars we need to be able to
have a closed life-support system which

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00:09:29,110 --> 00:09:34,780
means we need to be able to process our
urine and make it into drinking water. We

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00:09:34,780 --> 00:09:41,740
do that here onboard the space station
and you know we're at about 85% of what

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00:09:41,740 --> 00:09:46,660
we call closing the loop of life-support
systems at least in the water balance

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00:09:46,660 --> 00:09:54,070
system and so it's very exciting to be a
part of those investigations those

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00:09:54,080 --> 00:09:57,580
testing engineering and testing that are
going on up here right now.

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00:10:00,740 --> 00:10:03,900
Thank you so much it's a real privilege
to talk to you. That's NASA astronaut

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00:10:03,910 --> 00:10:04,986
Peggy Whitson.

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00:10:04,986 --> 00:10:07,420
Johnathan I just got a
tweet from someone Gordon moon man he

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00:10:07,420 --> 00:10:08,940
said Peggy Whitson.

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Station this is
Houston ACR that concludes the event

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Thank you Fox News Fox & Friends and
Bloomberg Television. Station we are now