

A close-up profile photograph of astronaut Victor Glover, looking upwards and to the right with a slight smile. He is wearing a blue flight suit with NASA patches. The background is blurred, showing other people in a similar setting.

THE COLOR OF SPACE

**Astronaut Victor Glover
Reflects on Juneteenth**

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What are the
emotions that come to you, to your mind,\h

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when you think about Juneteenth
and the role that you play today?\h

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Oh, wow.\h

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So Juneteenth is a way that we honor
the fact that right here,\h

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not far from us, after the Emancipation
Proclamation was signed,\h

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we had slaves that were still enslaved.
And it was two years\h

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after that process that they were able
to actually attain the freedom.\h

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And so Juneteenth is now received
a lot of attention, but it was something\h

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that wasn't widely celebrated.
So, one, I'm encouraged to know\h

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that it's become something
that is gaining national\h

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and maybe even global attention.
But it also is a reminder\h

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that, you know, we have come a long way,
but we have a long way to go.

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The person who started
the Journal of Negro History\h

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and then started\h

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Negro History Week, which is what we now
celebrate, is Black History Month.\h

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When he started it,
he wrote in the journal, he said,\h

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we need not celebrate
Negro history.\h

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We celebrate the Negro in history.
What we need is history,\h

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void of racial, gender and religious bias,
because it's our story,\h

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all of our stories.
And so I'm just encouraged\h