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How Can My Generation Make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Dream March On?

Martin Luther King Jr. was an important part of history. He had a dream that we should all try to help come true. His dream was that all people, no matter what color, gender, religion, etc., should judge people by their actions and not their looks. Of course, there are many different kinds of prejudice. Here are some ways I can help make Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream march on.

Discrimination between police officers and other people (especially blacks) concerns me because my dad is a police officer. It is not fair if, say, four cops arrest black people but not white people, and every police officer in the whole country is convicted of bigotry. What I can do to help police officers is help spread the word that cops usually aren't bad. If I hear people talking vulgarly about police officers, I will set the record straight: Only certain cops are bad; most aren't. I know that everyone is entitled to an opinion, but that doesn't mean that you can criticize a group of people for something just one person did.

Another thing I can do is treat all races equally. The color of people's skin does not define who they are. In our school, for instance, there are people from all different races. But, all of these people are kind and their religion doesn't change that. In fact, a large fraction of my friends are from another country, or else they believe in different religions than I do. By being kind to **all** people, I am living up to Martin Luther King Jr's dream.

My final thing that I can do is not make fun of, leave out, or mistreat people with disabilities. They, again, do not change just because they have lost a limb or have a disease, such as down syndrome. They can be bullied because of their disability. Put yourself into their shoes, and imagine how it would feel to have to deal with having a disability and being bullied. Not so funny now, is it?

In conclusion, there are many different ways to help Martin Luther King Jr's dream march on. We can spread the word that cops aren't as bad as some people make them out to be, treat all races equally, and not bully people with disabilities. Together, we can change the world.

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Martin Luther King, was a strong, hardworking, fair, determine, accepting, loving, respectful, and remarkable heroic figure. Mr. King, believed in peace, hope, equality, happiness, and standing up for what's right, in order to better our world. Kings, ways and actions has motivated me to make the right decisions, choices, become successful, and lastly, continue to push myself and the million Americans in our world to put forth effort and end racism, once and for all.

Setting the right example, is one of the many thing's Mr. King, stood for. Back in time people were accustomed to keeping everyone and everything divided. African Americans in one area, Whites in one area, and Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Philippines, and Chinese in another. With Kings, movement we today, live in a world with multi-racial children, which is a beautiful thing. Setting the example of falling in love with another person of a different race shows our improvement from Mr. Kings, days to our present day. Also, we as adults and young adults should strive to teach younger children that no race is greater than another. A person's skin color, culture, weight, nor height should define them. All African Americans aren't gang members, all

Whites aren't racist, all Mexicans don't cross the border nor own law businesses, and all Muslims aren't apart of ISIS. Build, the confidence to become mature enough to get to know a person before stereotyping them.

Another, thing Mr. King, strongly believed in was becoming successful. I feel that everyone has the same opportunity to be successful as possible. Don't end your educational career after receiving a high school diploma. Strive and push yourself to do better and go to college to receive an associates, bachelors, masters, and doctorate degree if need be. Knowledge is key, and education is the key to success. Never give up even when times get rough. Keep your eye on the prize and everything will be just fine. Motivate yourself to become doctors, lawyers, accountants, scientists, firefighters, police officers, teachers, and preachers. Chose to never become a statistic, stay away from the street life and say no to drugs.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to help make a change. Let's show more actions of love, happiness, joyfulness, and encouragement, and fewer characteristics such as hatred, evilness, and jealousy. Martin Luther King fought and loss his life fighting for not only his rights, but for every human beings right. Let's not let his hard work lay in vein. Let's come together as one, love one another, and make this world a better place.

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How My Generation can Continue the Dream

Fifty years ago Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the now famous "I have a Dream" speech. This speech full of challenge and hope has been read and repeated thousands of times in the half century since. Many things Rev. King spoke of in his speech have been changed for the better. Many steps have been made forward. However, racism is an ongoing issue and the battle still rages through America's cities and towns. What can our generation do to keep this dream of peace and equality alive?

Less than one year after this speech was made, the Civil Rights Act was passed. This ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination. It was followed up by the Voting Act in 1965. Things seemed to be heading in the right direction, but there have been many bumps in the road. Old prejudice die hard and racial interactions improve on some fronts but don't seem to heal. Despite the fact enormous progress has been made, anyone who watches the news can't deny the racial tensions that still exist today.

While many Americans are thriving and crossing barriers on so many levels, including our first black president, so many others seem stuck in a cycle of poverty. It seems all Americans need to work together to make ongoing racial problems get better, never worse. Our generation must be the one to push ahead, letting go of bigotry and hatred that linger from the past.

We are the new kids, the ones who will create, discover, and envision, the next phase in academics, technology, arts, and entertainment. To do this, we will need the thoughts and influences of all minds, of every color and culture. We will work together, encourage and accept one another despite our

differences. This is the only way to continue the dream, his dream, the one our generation will fulfill.

The dream of equality and peace.

A Martin Luther King Essay by Matthew Humphreys

Two score and twelve years ago a great man known as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave one of the most influential speeches about African American civil rights. He set everyone for success to all and equality and freedom to everyone. But today's generation is letting King's words become gone with the wind, will they just blow away and the mighty sands of segregation start to be carried back by the mouths full of air of our generation. We cannot let this happen so we must do some things to let one of humanity's greatest leader's legacy to be preached to the youth of my generation.

One of my generations greatest downfalls is we tend to think that the mighty waters of segregation and racism is a thing of the past and don't recognize it anymore. People think that it is gone, people think that they can forget it, people think that racism is in the past, people think that racism is now a joke and we can share a cold drink and laugh over it. But we must not take a sip of that refreshing beverage, we have to eat the apple of truth, we are enticed to forget about the things of the past but they're still present today. We must share the good fruit of truth among my generation so that the dam that Dr. King built up to stop the waters of racism to be drank by my youth and that we may still stand hand in hand no matter what colour or beliefs we have.

The problem with my generation is the polar opposite, we blame too many acts of justice on racism making it seem like it is a common way of life for everybody. But we must resent these ideals for not every act is an act against someone because of their skin colour be we are just desensitizing our self to the actual matter at hand. We can't riot because of an action we must not sip from the cup of violence that is not the way of making my generation believe to the harmony of all race. We must ride on the eagle of peace and prosperity over the deep dark waters of violence and despair so that we may crave our vengeful needs. We must rise over our human desires to want to seek vengeful acts against the people that wronged us.

So now that my generation must rise against the immorality of society, we must keep our racial sensitivity to a medium. But, at the same time we must remember the vast ocean of racism and segregation is still there and we must not let Martin Luther King Jr. die in vain. For his cause was too worthy for freedom to not ring in every corner of the Earth.

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How can my generation make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream march on?

On August 28th, 1963, a speech was given, with such passion and meaning, that it was marked in our history textbooks. This moving speech was delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who played a dominant role in the Civil Rights Movement. As an activist and a preacher's son, King had a fondness for speaking his mind on matters close to his heart, in a way that would connect with people emotionally. In King's "I Have A Dream" speech, he achieved this and encouraged people to stand up for their unalienable rights as humans. This televised declaration had an extraordinary impact on the path of the Civil Rights Movement, and helped to open the eyes of those in denial. But how has this carried out up to today? As American citizens, it is our responsibility to ensure that people feel welcome in their own country. We are, after all, the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Our current generation, some may say, is lacking in terms of defending people who feel discriminated, as it is no longer simply African Americans feeling this way. Many American citizens today are being victimized because of their religion. Jews, Christians, and Islamists that are part of our country are being hounded by people who don't agree with their beliefs. Several have lost their lives due to this. Other people are discriminated because they did not originate here. Their parents may have been refugees looking for safety in a place that could provide them with freedom. Yet, it seems our country always expects the worst from them. Two score and twelve years ago, King took a chance and stood up for his beliefs, so that one day, he could finally feel free. Shouldn't we do the same? Our generation has so much power over how we act. We are the tomorrow of our nation, and we are how change can happen. But not unless we take charge.

We have the power to make people feel welcome in their town. We have the power to end discrimination against religion. We have the power to help those in need, no matter where they are from, so that our world can be a better place to live in. We have to help King's dream for equality in America to march on, and to thrive, as the same idea is relevant in our society today. Many kids and teens think that they have no power in such a political situation as this one, but our actions and words have the ability to make a difference. So go support people being battered for their beliefs. Go tell a friend your point of view. Go and see someone, someone you may even know that is in times of need. Because anything that happens after this is up to our generation. We have to keep King's dream alive, so that one day, all may say "Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we're free at last."