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I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH

"...I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

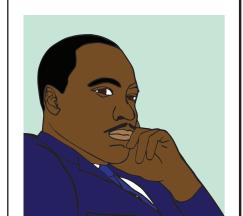
I have a dream today, I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today, I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Martin Luther King Jr.

QUOTES

I HAVE A DREAM



"We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience."

Martin Luther King



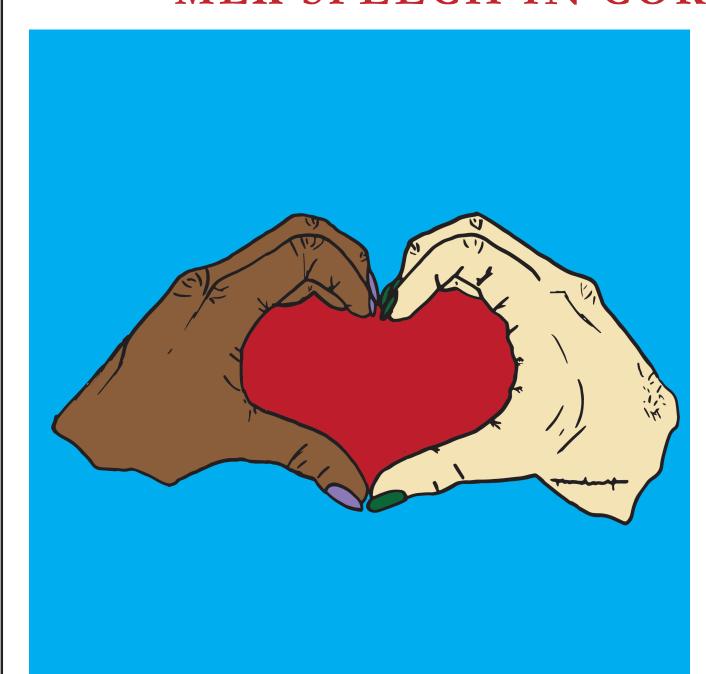
"You don't need any indictment in order to arrest someone; probable cause is sufficient to arrest civilians, so it must be enough to arrest police."

Al Sharpton



"Surrender is no guarantee that an armed police officer will not shoot you."

MLK SPEECH IN CORRELATION TO TODAY



MLK gave inspirational speeches all over the US in hopes of our nation becoming equal for all individual. He gave these speeches during a time much like today; where African Americans were the subjects of unjustified murders, police brutality, the majority of the unemployment rate. In these speeches, MLK stressed equality and motivation. Looking back on his "I have a dream" speech one can see that little has changes since the speech

was given in August of 1963. Although the odds stacked against us are not as high today, we still lack true equality; we are not equal in every aspect of life although this is the "land of the free" and we pride ourselves on equal opportunity. In a sense, we are still dreaming fore the reality has had little change.



"The country is in deep trouble. We've forgotten that a rich life consists fundamentally of serving others, trying to leave the world a little better than you found it. We need the courage to question the powers that be, the courage to be impatient with evil and patient with people, the courage to fight for social justice. In many instances we will be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something. But that's the struggle. To live is to

wrestle with despair, yet never allow despair to have the last word. To accept your country without betraying it, you must love it for that which shows what it might become. America – this monument to the genius of ordinary men and women, this place where hope becomes capacity, this long, halting turn of 'no' into the 'yes' – needs citizens who love it enough to re-imagine and re-make it."

Cornel West