

Martin Luther King Jr. was an avid supporter of civil rights. He believed that everyone should be equal and everyone deserves rights. Love is what we should teach to others and spread through society. A quote from him is "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Current events in the world are not promoting equality, so therefore Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would not be satisfied with what is happening right now.

A big issue I believe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have a problem with is DACA, or rather the cancellation of it. DACA is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. This applies to people who were brought here, technically against their will, as children. These people are immigrants but have lived in this country for a period of time. DACA is preventing these people from being deported back to their original countries. Applicants can receive protection for 2 years if accepted. However, since Trump Administration took charge, no initial applicants are being accepted. Also, renewals are harder to get. This is causing many people to be deported. Martin Luther King Dr. would believe that these people have every right to stay in this country, and that there is nothing separating them and us. We are all Americans. Martin Luther King once said, "We may have all come from different ships, but we're on the same boat now." This applies to the deportation of immigrants because we are all from different countries or backgrounds but we are all the same trying to find our way in America. Martin Luther King would definitely try to get DACA status for anyone who needs it.

Another issue Martin Luther King would feel strongly about is the #MeToo movement. The #MeToo movement, or Time's Up, is about victims of sexual abuse or

harassment. This began as a big issue in Hollywood when famous actresses started coming forward with their stories of abuse against certain people in the industry. This encouraged other women to tell their stories, which although it's sad that they had to wait this long to come forward, was a good thing in the long run. It showed how messed up our society is and how we need to work together to end things like this. A quote that supports this is "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." This shows he would encourage us to speak up about important and powerful matters like this. It also brought up the issue of women's rights, which I believe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be a big advocate for. Since he wanted everyone to be equal, this would apply for women too. Just like he had a dream for African Americans and white people to join together, this would be the same for women and men.

A last big issue that he would be an advocate for is LGBTQ+ rights. People that fall under this category have been discriminated against for ages, but with Trump's new presidency it seems to have become even worse. Gay people are constantly targeted because they are seen as different. Examples of this are the Orlando gay night club shooting, or transgender bathroom rights. Martin Luther King said "they fear each other because they don't know each other", which applies to this situation because many people are quick to judge people who are different like LGBTQ+. Martin Luther King would want to open society's eyes to see that love is love, no matter who its with.

Although Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is not alive today, his words are still powerful enough to apply to current events. He showed us that it's okay to be different and everyone should be accepted as they are. One last important quote is "We cannot walk

alone." No one can get through this life on their own, so we all need to come together and support each other no matter the circumstances. Martin Luther King Jr. has taught us much about equality, and while he can't speak on today's matters, his words and thoughts can still apply to us today.

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