

How would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire the nation if he were alive today?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr made an impact in society during the (19)60s as he gave his world-renown speech. His speech spoke volumes for people of color who were tired of being overlooked. He said what everyone was thinking and tried to make a change. His life would go down in history as being an advocate for equal rights for all.

Although Mr. King lived many years ago, the fight against social injustice and systemic racism is still very much alive today. The names of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Ahmaud Arbery will forever remind us that we as a country have a very long way to go. Perhaps Mr. Floyd's death was the straw that broke the camel's back. Video footage showed a police officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd's neck for over 8 minutes! The social unrest in our country has spawned several social activist groups such as BLM and Until Freedom. It is said that history repeats itself and quite frankly, this statement has proven itself a couple of times. One of those events being the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020. Everything started to unravel once again when a black man by the name of George Floyd was suffocated as he was being arrested. His death was recorded and it brought attention to the corrupt police system that has been abusing its power for decades.

Thousands of people wanted justice for George, while others thought his death was a reflection of what "thugs" deserve when they meet the law. The separation between the two views divided the country. The Black Lives Matter movement raises awareness for the hundreds of black lives taken at police officers' expense, with no repercussions to the offenders. The movement fights for basic human rights. If Dr. Martin was alive today during these injustice times, I feel as if he would inspire younger generations to continue to do what's right. Nobody is taught hatred and I feel as if Dr. King was still alive, everyone would see that he made the path for world peace.

Dr. King also gave people with no ability to speak up a voice. I feel as if he would still do that today. A Lot of citizens are not heard for several reasons but he would be their gateway. Meanwhile I think my generation needs to step up. We are the future and if we don't start to speak up now, it may be one us one day. We need to go to the protest, we need to use our voices, we need to pay attention to what's going on, because we are the feature.