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

The question of how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would inspire the nation if he were alive today is very pertinent to today's issues and protests. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is an inspiration to many people including myself. I have had several conversations with family and friends regarding what would be his thoughts on the small percent of violent protests and the large amount of peaceful protests going on in the country today. To stay silent about something as important as racism is to be compliant with it. With the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement recently, I feel responsible to not stay silent.

This summer I have become much more aware and conscious of what people in the Black community go through. While at the protest I saw many rightfully outraged people. People outraged about the death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others "*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere*." This quote speaks to me because as a white person I do not experience racism. However, I feel the need to stand up and help give a voice to people who don't have one. While I may not experience racism, I want to do as much as I can to help people who do experience racism. This quote in particular is one of the reasons I decided to educate myself more about the Black Lives Matter movement and show support for people who are affected by racism. I think it's very powerful that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. can inspire me even after all these years, and it makes me wonder what impact he would have on us today..

I think Martin Luther King Jr. would be helpful to have as a leader today. I think with the protests for Black Lives Matter this year, there isn't really one leader, but rather more of a group of many people coming together for justice. I believe that this makes it a bit more difficult to know how to go about protesting and such. Would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be a leader or more of a follower in this year? If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was here today I believe he would inspire us to keep pushing for justice against racism. Dr. King would inspire us today through his actions.