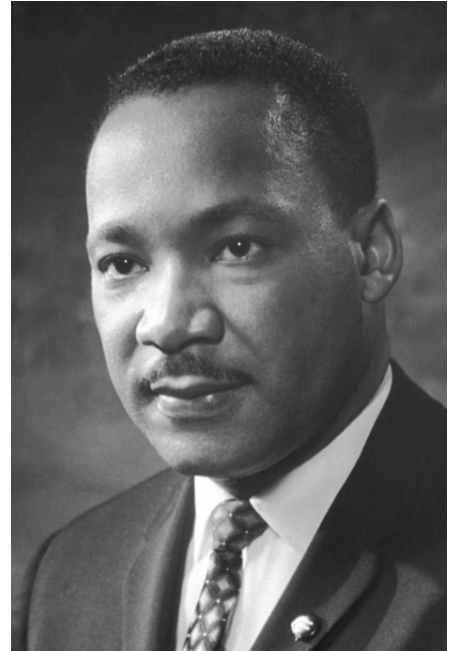


The influence of MLK Jr.

Do you know who was Martin Luther King Jr. and what he did in the Civil Rights Movement? Martin Luther King Jr., was a Baptist minister and social activist in the United States. He was the responsible for banning discrimination in the workforce and public accommodations based on race, color, religion, or national origin.



In 1954, a movement called 'Civils Rights Movement', which aim to help black people and promote equality, to get their rights as a person, was started, because, although the United States Constitution has guaranteed basic rights for all citizens since 1787, blacks still didn't have legal privileges under state laws in accordance with the principles of state rights. The movement, made up of black people from all overthe united states and other parts of the world, had many forms of protests, several people went to the fight, in an aggressive way, and many others, like Martin, followed a policy of non-violence . One of the biggest name of that movement is Martin Luther King Jr, he was a black men that was a pacifist, he called for an end to institutional discrimination and fought until he got it. He also managed to attract worldwide attention to the event in 1964, when he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

In August 1963, Martin Luther King Jr., made a speech later called "I Have a Dream" where he originally, was suposed to make a short speech to talk about how African Americans suffer from the pain of trying to achieve freedom in a society limited by discrimination. But influenced by people who shouted at the request to talk about what his dream was, he ended up making a long speech. At the speech, King talks about the enormous progress initiated by Lincoln's proclamation, and says that, even a hundred years later, black Americans are still not free from segregation, discrimination and poverty. He said things like "I have a dream that one day right there in Alabama little black boys and little black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." and "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."; to emphasize that he

dreamed of achieving equality, so that the next generations have more respect for black people.

The ideas of Martin Luther King Jr., challenged the concepts of his time, and continue to reverberate today throughout society. His concepts have been applied in models of fairer and egalitarian societies, not only in the United States, but in countries all over the world. The question that remains is, if Martin had not done everything he did, what would things be like today?



Martin Luther King in his famous speech "I have a dream". August 28, 1963

Civil Rights Act of 1964

“All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, and privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation, as defined in this section, without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin.”, that sentence is inscribed in the official document of the civil rights laws of 1964. But do you know what it represents and what the civil rights acts of 1964 was?

The Civil rights Act, was the responsible, for the end of the segregation and forbade the employment discrimination based on color of the skin, race, religion, etc.. The act was really important in the continuous process of reaching equality, because it was the first big step from the government, after the civil rights movement and later, gave rise to other acts, just like the voting right act for example.

Even with a lot of pressure and opposition from the southern members of Congress, President John F. Kennedy, was the first to address the idea. After trying hard, John succeeded. The idea was made law, by Lyndon B. Johnson, on July 2, 1964 in the USA.

In conclusion, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was a important event, which has drastically changed society, and is a major influence on today's reality. Even though some people say it was not very effective, because trying to end racism, in addition to ending some forms of racism, opened a source for the emergence of racist ideas, including one that remains one of the worst, which is to give the impression that the United States has completely overthrown racism; which is completely wrong, since racism is still around. But anyway, it really helped the American black people at the time.

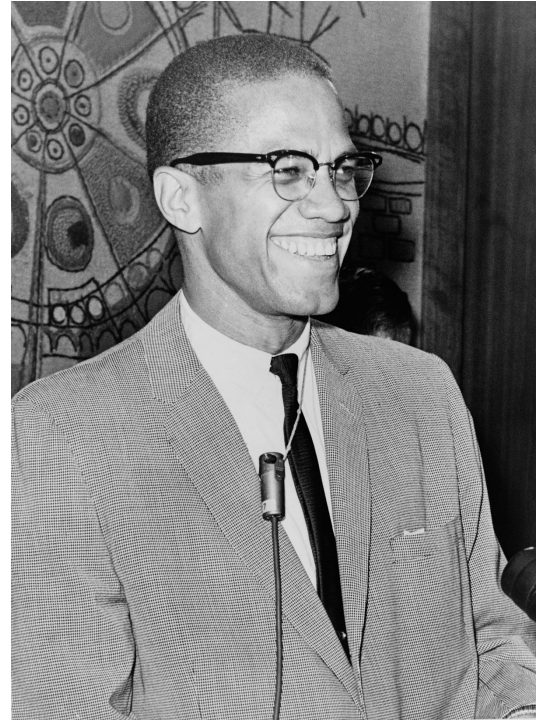


A study in Malcolm X

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today” (Malcolm X). Malcolm X, was a African-American leader and prominent figure, who clarified the concepts of racial pride and black nationalism in the early 1960s.

He was an important person in the Civil Rights Movement. Malcolm, since he was arrested and involved with people of the nation of Islam, has always fought for the rights of black people. But criticized the civil rights movement in the beginning, for his non-violence policy. For most of his ministry he did not identify with King and the civil rights movement. Although the Black Muslims and the King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference have the same general objective of defeating white racism and empowering African Americans. Malcolm and King have many differences and many different goals.

Although Malcolm was not entirely connected to the movement itself, he was of great influence at the time, and is a big name on the road to conquering freedom for black people. He was also part of a movement that influenced the civil rights movement, that was called Black Power Movement;



What do I think about it?

The civil rights movement was one of the defining moments in US history in the 20th century. The movement brought several improvements for black people, it was a big evolution at the time, and because of it, things are much better for these people today, so you can say it was successful. The repercussions were huge, and influenced countries around the world. Of course, they could have had better results, but anyway, it was of paramount importance to the way we live today.

It impacted everyone's life at the time, and continues to impact today, since if you see a black person walking the streets, getting superior positions, and others, it all started there in this movement. Even today, the fight continues, because black people still do not have all the rights they should, they are still treated differently from white people, but this fight is as good as it is, because it has been around for many years, and the civil rights movement leveraged that process a lot.

In recent years, a movement that has been growing a lot, is the black lives matter, it has the same objective of the movements of 1950 and 1960, which is the equality of rights between black and white people. Although the goal is the same, the ways to achieve it are somewhat different; today, the movement is in the topics of social networks of all kinds, twitter for example, is a great source of information about this process. The people who support the movement are not all black, several white people, and other ethnic groups, understand that it is the right thing to do, and they fight together. It's a big evolution of the way of thinking from years ago, which is very good, because that's how we progress.

A lot of people are divided on which idea was more important at the time, MLK's or Malcolm X's, but as I see it, I understand that it doesn't matter which was "most important". The two had their differences, but the goal was the same, and it was largely achieved, and isn't that what matters most? The fact that black people now have many rights that they didn't, thanks to the TWO MOVEMENTS? The "rivalry" that the two movements have should not be the first thing people think about when they hear these movements, of course, that there are people who prefer one and people who prefer the other, it varies from each other's opinion, however one does not invalidate the other, nor should it, in people's minds today, people who weren't even there then, to feel it on their skin.