

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X: A Common Solution? Quotes Handout

Martin Luther King, Jr. Quotes

"I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today – my own government."

—King, 1967

"I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values."

—King, 1967

"There is a magnificent new militancy within the Negro community all across this nation. And I welcome this as a marvelous development. The Negro of America is saying he's determined to be free and he is militant enough to stand up."

—King, 1963

"[D]on't let anybody frighten you. We are not afraid of what we are doing... We, the disinherited of this land, we who have been oppressed so long, are tired of going through the long night of captivity."

—King, 1955

"Black men have slammed the door shut on a past of deadening passivity."

—King, 1968

Malcolm X quotes

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."

—Malcolm X, 1965

"We can never get civil rights in America until our human rights are first restored. We will never be recognized as citizens until we are first recognized as humans."

—Malcolm X, 1964

"I believe in human beings, and that all human beings should be respected as such, regardless of their color."

—Malcolm X, 1965

"It is a disgrace for Negro leaders not to be able to submerge our "minor" differences in order to seek a common solution to a common problem posed by a common enemy."

—Malcolm X, 1963

"I have been convinced that some American whites do want to help cure the rampant racism which is on the path to destroying this country."

—Malcolm X, 1964