

MLK's "I have a dream" Speech/The Las Vegas Shootings Essay

Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech and the Las Vegas shootings seem like two completely incomparable subjects. MLK's speech addressing equal rights between black and whites. He dreamed that one day, people would be judged by their character, not by the color of their skin. In MLK's eyes, we were all brothers and sisters, daughters and sons of God. Not one to be put higher than the other. His speech sends a message of uniting as humans on this earth together regardless of race, religion, or the color of your skin.

The Las Vegas shootings is a quite different event. A devastating massacre filled with horror and controversy. Fifty-eight dead and four-hundred and eight-nine injured after a gun man opens fire from the thirty-second floor of the Mandalay Bay on to a concert in Las Vegas. Hundreds are filled with fear and confusion. Especially when main stream media reports different and abstracted events than what the concert goers actually witnessed. Tons of video from first hand victims at the concert show gunfire coming from lower levels of the Mandalay Bay than reported by main stream media, as well as a gunman on foot wearing a security uniform shooting furiously into the crowd, and shooting at The Bellagio which is on the other side of the strip from the Mandalay Bay. The Vegas shootings were a sorrowful, tragic and quite puzzling event that hasn't seemed to be completely solved today. Despite all the controversy surrounding the topic, everyone seems to agree that this was a horrible act of hate and violence upon innocent free people.

Regardless of how different these two events were, they both can be linked in a special way that fulfils MLK's dream. In the Vegas shootings, hate was not a color. Both blacks and whites, republicans and democrats, male and female, young and old, all came together to face evil. No one was targeted or discriminated against because of race, religion, or color of their skin. This was MLK's dream, he wished that all colors would join together in brotherhood. They were to work, pray, struggle, and stand up for their freedoms all together. This occurred in the Vegas shootings. They struggled together, and they will heal together. The event united all of us as humans on this planet, just as MLK motivated us to do in his 1963 speech.