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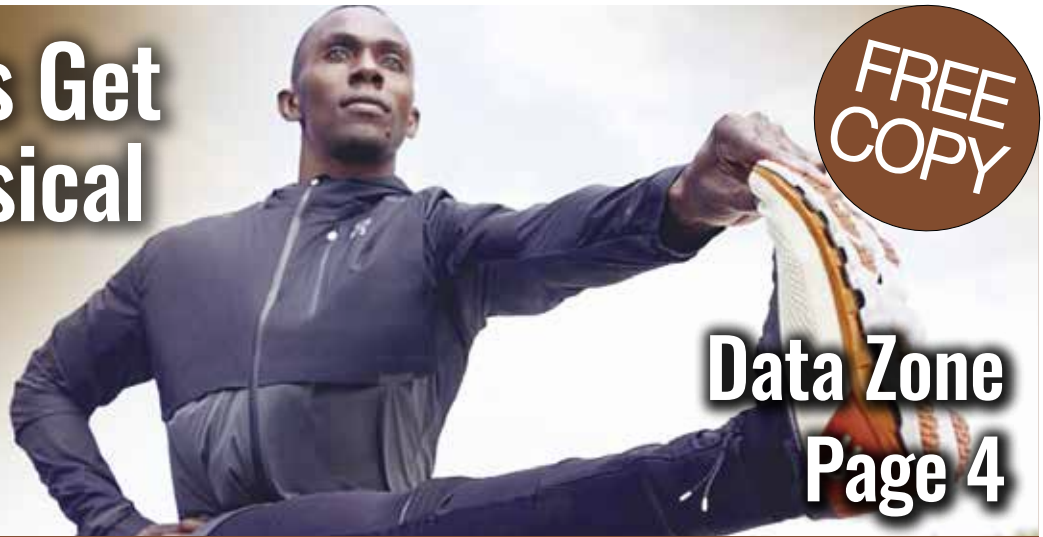
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The State of MLK’s Dream

In Search of Solutions



The Civil Rights Movement had people from many walks of life who were committed to justice for all. While the movement created change and opportunities for African Americans there is still a long way to go before the Dream of MLK becomes a reality.

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The Dream of America

In the year 2023 we continue to ask ourselves what is the State of MLK’s Dream? Where questions remain, are we closer to a day where the people of a nation founded on the proposition that all are created

equal becoming a reality? Arguably, it can be stated that we are still living in “Two Americas” where prosperity and poverty continues to divide the citizens of this country. Where race and class are both issues that define how citizens perceive the Dream of America or the lack thereof.

Two Americas

Dr. King’s life has come to be defined by many as sound bites from speeches such as “I Have A Dream”

but his life as a soldier on the frontline as one the leaders of a movement dedicated to social change is important to note. For it is instructive for those who are committed to making the world a better place for all. Yes, his life is one steeped in history, but we are walking in the trail blazed by him and so many others to continue the fight. Admittedly, we have come a long way in the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality in this country. As in 2023 continues to not be a place where some can reach their full God given potential. Moreover, the

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signs that once stood as a daily reminder of second-class citizenship no longer exist, but systemic practices continue whether it is in the criminal justice, education, housing discrimination, a two-tiered medical system and other structural impediments that impacts the most vulnerable of this nation.

The Struggle for Justice: An American Dilemma

Indeed, this country has amended its way into becoming a more just country since its founding that defined Blacks as 3/5th a human. Today, it is more important than ever for citizens to realize that we must unite around the things that unite us and not divide us. This is what Dr. King did throughout his life whether it was working to end racial discrimination, or by the end of his life launching the Poor People's Campaign.

During that time, the movement was about mobilizing and organizing people around a movement that was focused on citizens aspiring to a higher morality. Where people can see in others their mutual humanity. This was done with the technology of its time television to dramatize truth. Additionally, those committed to the cause went into communities speaking to people about their rights. Fast forward to the age we live in it is much easier via technology to disseminate information and organize people around a cause. For example, Black Lives Matter, Me Too and other contemporary movements began online and then moved to direct action. This is important to note, because just as it was yesterday during the Civil Rights Movement the fight for justice and equality must be fought on multiple fronts if it is to be successful today.

Making the Dream a Reality: It Will Take All of Us

Ultimately, it will take a holistic approach to combat the forces that are working against efforts to make this country one that is true to its founding principles for all its citizens. Today it is incumbent to truly be a nation working towards becoming a more perfect union. Moreover, one where all people are not only created equal but treated equally. Indeed, getting there this is the task of all Americans. To begin to build bridges of understanding into our common humanity regardless of our race, gender, class, creed, color, religion, and sexual orientation, and whatever divides us. If we use this as our North Star, which is defined as symbol of inspiration and hope, then we can make the Dream of not just Dr. King, but the American Dream a Reality.



Today a new generation are taking up the cause for freedom, justice and equality.



New Orleans Civil Rights Icons Jerome Smith, Juila Aaron Humble, Doris Jean Castle and Rev. Avery Alexander.





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Let's Get Physical



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When it comes to working out the most important thing is getting it done. Hands down getting it done is unequivocally what it's all about. But who says you can't look good while doing it? Regardless if your workout routine is going to the gym, taking a jog in City Park, or walking along the Lakefront, you are likely to see many others getting their workout to be physically fabulous, adding to the importance of looking good while working out. There is a lot of truth to the old saying "When you look good, you feel good" and when it comes to workout it can be a great motivator in helping stick to a routine and getting that workout in.

Never mind designer name brands or the latest fashion styles. The best workout clothes are designed to be functional, comfortable and make a difference in how you feel after exercising. Here are tips to keep in mind when choosing your workout clothes.

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WORKOUT ATTIRE TIPS

- 1) Think Wicking.** There are many breathable synthetic fabrics that "wick" the sweat away from your skin, which can help it to evaporate quickly and keep your body cool.
- 2) Confident Counts.** Wear clothes that will make you feel confident and even sexy. After all that's part of the reason you are working out, right?
- 3) Brand Lapel.** Don't worry about matching brands. Your outfit does not

- have coordinate from head to toe from one lapel. Unless you are receiving an endorsement check, it's ok to mix and match.
- 4) Matching Up.** While not sweating about matching the lapel, do remember to match color tone and style for a great pull together look.
- 5) Quality First.** Stay away from "fast-fashions" that is typically made from thinner fabric and poorly crafted. Better

- quality clothes will fit better, look better and last longer.
- 6) Don't Hide Your Body.** Big and baggy isn't a style. No matter what your size is stay clear from wearing clothes that are 2 or 3 sizes larger than you are. It doesn't help to build your confidence or help you be comfortable in your own skin if you are hiding your body in the clothes you wear.
- 7) Making Moves.** Select fashions that

- you can move in and isn't restrictive, after all the purpose is to be able to exercise in what you wear. Be sure to move around in the outfit before purchasing it to make sure it meets your comfort level.
- 8) It's in the Details.** Workout fashions have come a long way from your high school gym class. Look features such as pockets, hoodies, slender cuts, and fashions that can transition from the gym to running errands.

- 9) A Shoe In.** Make sure your workout shoe is stylish, clean, and functional. What you choose needs to be appropriate and functional for your workout routine.
- 10) Build a Variety.** Be aware that others are taking notes of what you wear and your style. Don't be a one hit wonder, with only one great outfit that you wear 3X's a week. Get a few good basics that interchange with other pieces to create a variety of great looks!

A Celebration of Life Walter “Wolfman” Washington

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On December 22, 2022, the city lost a New Orleans music legend Walter “Wolfman” Washington, at the age of 79.

His homegoing was filled with many celebrations of his amazing life.

Throughout his storied career he influenced many with his innovative style. He is a true legend that left his imprint on New Orleans and the world.



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Coffee and Conversation with the Chiefs

Host: Pastor Jonathan Everett

Data News Staff Edited Report

On January 2, 2023: Coffee and Conversation with the Chiefs was held by Pastor Jonathan Everett, Rock of Ages Baptist Church to provide a platform for the chiefs to have a moment of transparency as it relates to their daily responsibilities.

The sole purpose for the conversation was to answer some of the questions the community has relating to civic arrest, social disparities, and how we really enhance our current system for a better New Orleans and surrounding areas. "Our ultimate goal is to provide a clear perspective from the chief's point of view and to provide long-term strategies for our communities," says Pastor Everett.

The conversation helped educate and motivate citizens about effective policing practices, local



Baton Rouge Police Chief Murphy Paul Jr., Interim NOPD Chief Michelle Woodfork, Pastor of Rock of Ages Baptist Church Jonathan Everett and Jefferson Parish Sheriff Joseph Lopinto III.



Louisiana State Senator Royce Duplessis takes part in meeting with the chiefs that the goal was to answer questions relating to providing long term strategies for safer communities.



government officials, police, sheriff departments, and encourage the community leaders to institute a collaborative model.

Participating Chiefs was Former Superintendent Shaun Ferguson, Superintendent Murphy Paul Jr., Chief Michelle Woodfork, Sheriff Joseph Lopinto III, Chief Dwayne Munch, Former Superintendent Warren Riley.

Queen on Thrones

Living Life for Yourself



Diva Dionne Character
Female Empowerment
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As we walk away from 2022 into a new year of splendor, leaving behind those who may have hurt us, those who did not live up to who we thought they were and how love was represented in our relationships; let us run towards change by starting to live for ourselves at this present moment; letting go of the unwanted-pressure that has been strangling us and fly free, because we need to continue to dream.

Should you need a little inspiration for change in setting goals for the New Year, perhaps you should



start working on that vision board, invest in yourself and really focus on what you would like to manifest in your life as you have a clear and clean slate for change. Tap back into that little girl who loved to sing, start drawing, decorate your office and start living as you take control of your own happiness.

The key here is to forgive those who poured grease on your Lilies. Those who made promises and commitments too big for them to fulfill. Girl, let go of the small things and trust that you have the power to create and invent a new you because you are tough.

You are all that you need to make a difference. Take all the love you pour into others and start loving you. Be there for you, appreciate you and realize that you are strong and wise enough to turn your own life around by living life for yourself.

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Amid the Chaotic Speakership Debate in the House, A Star is Born

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It's possible that after the bitter campaign for House Speaker ended on January 7th, Americans – especially Black Americans – felt a strong sense of déjà vu.

New York Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries provided a master-class on leadership and served up a clear reminder of what an up-and-coming senator from Illinois named Barack Obama once did during a divided America.

"Progress asserted itself tonight, manifested in [Hakeem] Jeffries, even amidst a hostile takeover of the House by neo-fascists," Jason Randolph of Vote.org commented.

Randolph said Jeffries delivered "what's likely the best political speech not given by Obama in generations."

On July 27, 2004, during the Democratic National Convention in Boston, a 42-year-old Barack Obama, who a few months earlier won a Senate primary in Illinois, spoke eloquently and inspiringly about the divide facing America.

"Now even as we speak, there are those who are preparing to divide us, the spin masters, the negative ad peddlers who embrace the politics of 'anything goes,'" Obama asserted.

"Well, I say to them tonight, there is not a liberal America and a conservative America; there is the United States of America. There is not a Black America and a White America and Latino America and Asian America; there's the United States of America."

Nineteen years later, in 2023 where many say politics are as divisive and dangerous as ever, Jeffries, 52, channeled Obama by providing a masterclass on leadership.

He called for "maturity over Mar-a-Lago," a direct shot at new House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's praise of Trump.

Throughout Jeffries' speech, Trump supporting Republicans jeered while Democrats rose to applaud the Brooklyn born congressman.



Hakeem Jeffries is making history as the first African American to lead a major political party in the United States House of Representatives.

Jeffries smoothly went through the alphabet to capture all the ails America, and what's needed to repair the divided nation.

"House Democrats will always put American values over autocracy, benevolence over bigotry, the Constitution over the cult, democracy over demagogues," Jeffries asserted.

"Freedom over fascism, governing over gaslighting, hopefulness over hatred quality of life issues over Q'Anon, reason over racism, substance over slander, triumph over tyranny, understanding over ugliness, and voting rights over voter suppression."

Earlier, the Republican Party did, in fact, select a speaker, albeit grudgingly; however, given the 15 rounds it took for McCarthy to secure the necessary votes, it's possible that his tenure as speaker won't last.

Whether or not McCarthy re-

mains speaker, his ascension to the top post in the chamber is unlikely to be remembered as the 118th Congress' defining moment.

McCarthy, despite multiple defeats before winning the speakership race and his previous condemnation of former President Trump's role in the 2021 insurrection, still praised Trump.

The person elected to lead Congress and look out for America's best interests praised an alleged would-be over thrower of the U.S. government just two years and one day after the Trump-inspired insurrection in which several lives were lost.

Although a congressional committee recommended criminal charges and numerous members of Trump's inner circle testified to the committee about the former president's guilt.

McCarthy, upon being presented with the speaker's gavel, remarked,

"I do want to especially thank President Trump."

"Do not doubt, in my opinion; in fact, no one should doubt his influence. He was with me from the beginning. So, thank you, President Trump.

However, two years earlier, McCarthy held that "the President bears responsibility for Wednesday's attack on Congress by mob rioters. He should have immediately denounced the mob when he saw what was unfolding."

McCarthy's moments aside, many people who watched the inauguration of the 118th Congress said that Jeffries, the first African American to lead a major political party in Congress, demonstrated true leadership.

"McCarthy's speech should have contained some of the words Jeffries spoke," Dean Obeidallah, a lawyer and host of a self-titled SiriusXM show, opined.

"[McCarthy] should have made it clear he denounces autocracy, fascism and the grave threats facing our democracy by Trump and the MAGA wing of the Republican Party," Obeidallah insisted.

The radio host wasn't alone.

"Rep. Hakeem Jeffries speaks truth to power," declared attorney Ben Crump.

"Politicians must remember that they represent U.S. All of us. Let's encourage our lawmakers to work together and pass policy that helps all American people and that preserves our democratic form of government," Crump said.

"This is what leadership looks like, sounds like and does," podcaster Chris Hahn tweeted.

Strategist Steve Schmidt added, "The early morning hours of January 7 marked the rise of a new American leader: Hakeem Jeffries. The thunderclap was the magnificence of his voice rising in defense of the American creed and his taking his place in a long line of liberty's defenders."

Actor Rob Reiner simplified the outpouring of accolades resulting from Jeffries' speech.

"A star is born," Reiner declared.

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