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 **Martin Luther King and Malcolm X**

**Question No 1: How are these two leaders different and how are they the same?**

Answer: Half a century after their deaths, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr became the world’s most admired political activists. They both were respected leaders of the American Civil Rights movement who struggled for racial freedom and equality and fought for a difference in Black America. They had the same goal of promoting black respect and pride. Their visionary voices transformed the traditional thinking of white Americans who believed that white people are superior to Black people. In one of the speeches of Malcolm X denies the white supremacy and asks the black community to come together and fight for their rights. They both experienced the bitter reality of racism in Americain 20th century. He was successful in doing history’s largest march that involved over 20,000 people in 1963. They marched from Washington to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. But both of them had different approaches of fighting for the rights as Martin Luther King believed in the constitution of the country that says that all whites and blacks should be treated equally and believed in non-violent movements for the abolishment of racial discrimination. He believed in peaceful marches and movement but Malcolm X believed in violent ways of fighting for the rights. He used force against his opposition group and used aggression as a tool to get equal rights.

Question 2: Can their Legacy and work be labeled as Progressive?

Answer: The works of both the leaders are unforgettable as they left a legacy after him in the form of justice and equality. Martin Luther's views on defeating communism are still used as guidance for today’s ideological struggle against violent extremism. As he said in one of his speeches that, "Communism will never be defeated by the use of atomic bombs or nuclear weapons". His non-violent struggle or movement against racial injustice and inequality is still being recognized throughout the world and people protest through marches like the march against gun violence that happened recently in America. He is the reason why Black Americans got recognition in different fields of life, they got their fundamental rights and racial injustice went down after his struggle. The ideas of Malcolm X are widely discussed and respected who became an internationally known African American leader. After visiting several countries he understood the white supremacy as the number one enemy of African people in the world and struggled to change this through his organizing strategies and established Civil Rights organizations and movements. His efforts to make Black people aware of the political situation inside African and America cannot be ignored as he paved a way for the Black people in the field of politics.

Question 3: Do these readings and videos change or reinforce your perspective on race in America?

Answer: Since the colonial era, America has been experiencing Racism when white Americans were given socially and legally privileges and rights. But the same rights were denied to other minorities and races. These readings and videos show how American is affected by such evils of racism for the last many years. People have been fighting for their rights for a very long time now and leaders like Martin Luther King and Malcolm X stood against this evil throughout their lives. Racism still exists in America but not like it existed before as mentioned in the readings and videos. Things are now changing and becoming better. The last President of America “Barak Obama” is a black American who remained the president for eight years. One can also observe the behavioral changes in white people towards black people as they have accepted each other’s identities. Racism is everywhere in the world and it is also present in America but as for now it is decreasing and everyone is doing his/her best to finish it.