

# THE LONG CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S LEGACY



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# THE CONVICT LEASING SYSTEM: THE CONTINUATION OF SLAVERY UNDER ANOTHER NAME



# THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY



# THE 13TH AMENDMENT

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Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



# THE JIM CROW LAWS



White women in Fort Worth, Texas, protest against their church being sold to a black congregation, 1956.  
(Photo by Getty Images)



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Klansmen march through Washington DC, 1925. By this time, the KKK had an estimated 4–5 million



# LYNCHINGS

Do not look at the Negro.

His earthly problems are ended.

Instead, look at the seven WHITE children who gaze at this gruesome spectacle.

Is it horror or gloating on the face of the neatly dressed seven-year-old girl on the right?

Is the tiny four-year-old on the left old enough, one wonders, to comprehend the barbarism her elders have perpetrated?

Rubin Stacy, the Negro, who was lynched at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on July 19, 1935, for "threatening and frightening a white woman," suffered PHYSICAL torture for a few short hours. But what psychological havoc is being wrought in the minds of the white children? Into what kinds of citizens





# LYNCHINGS

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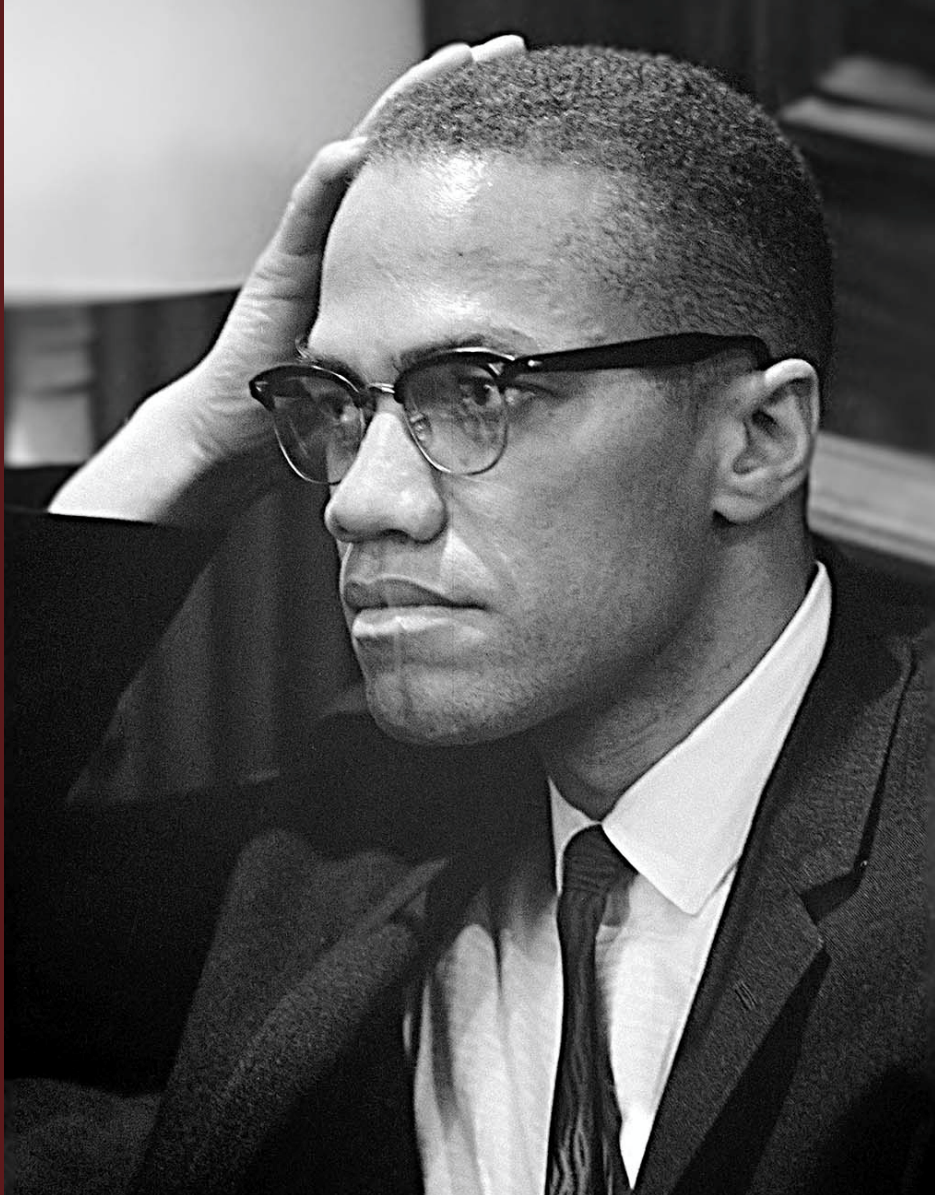




ADVOCATES  
AGAINST  
LYNCHINGS:

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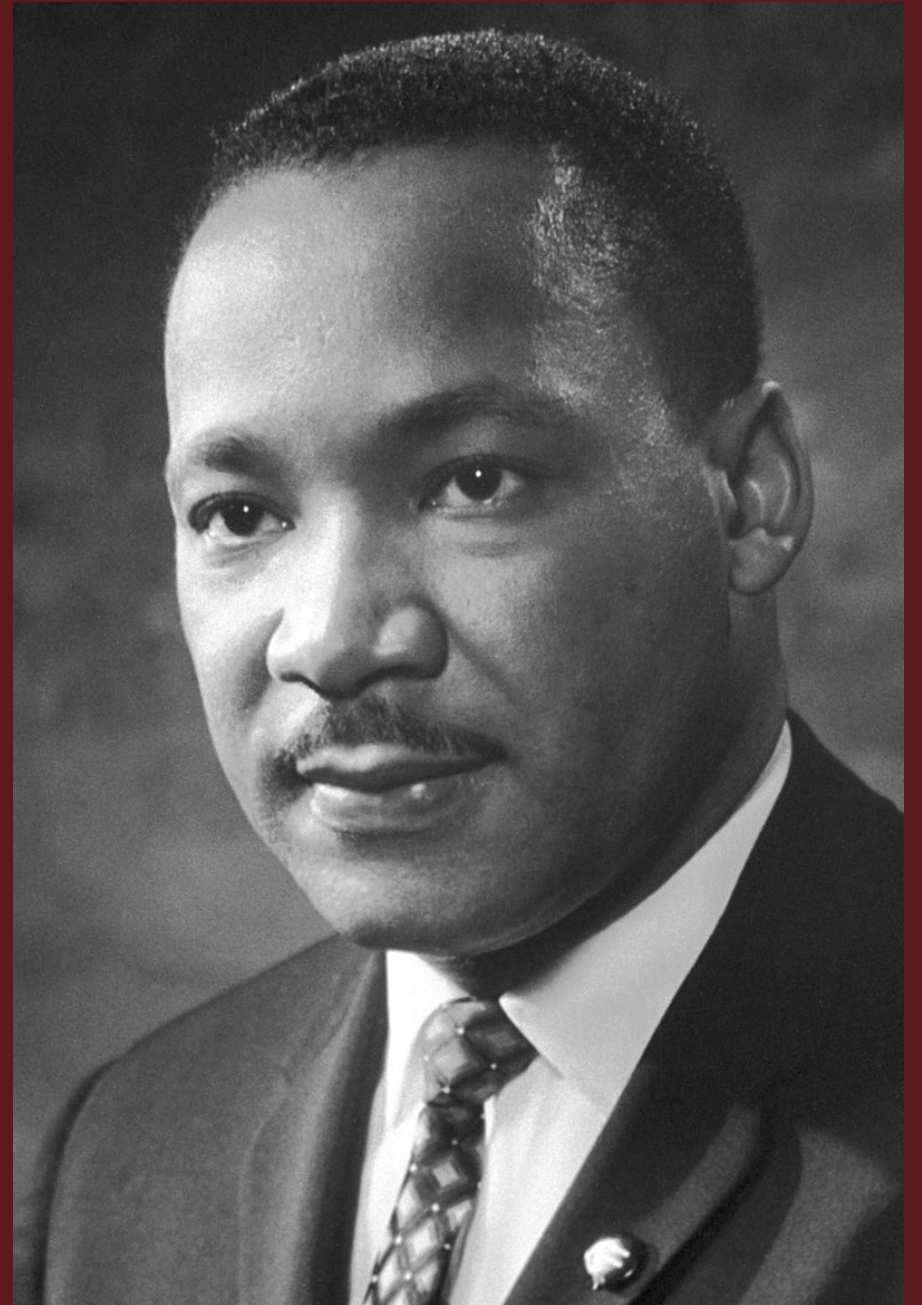
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ADVOCACY

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**THE TIME  
IS ALWAYS  
RIPE TO  
DO RIGHT.**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Seattle, November 1961





# MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HIS SPEECH « I HAVE A DREAM »



People clap and sing along to a freedom song between speeches at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

*Express Newspapers via Getty Images*

*I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*

*I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.*

*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. I have a dream today.*

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MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AND HIS SPEECH  
« BEYOND VIETNAM »

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Dr. Martin Luther King... "An unjust war"

## Dr. King Repeats Anti-Viet War Stand

By RICHARD TUCKER  
*Rocky Mountain News Writer*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace Prize-winning civil rights leader, repeated his opposition to the Vietnam war as "unjust" and "immoral" in Denver Thursday.

Dr. King, who originated the "non-violent" approach to Negro problems in the South, acknowledged there were some Negroes "disenchanted" with non-violence.

But he said "non-violence will prevail because the vast majority realize the gains we have made are a result of non-violence."

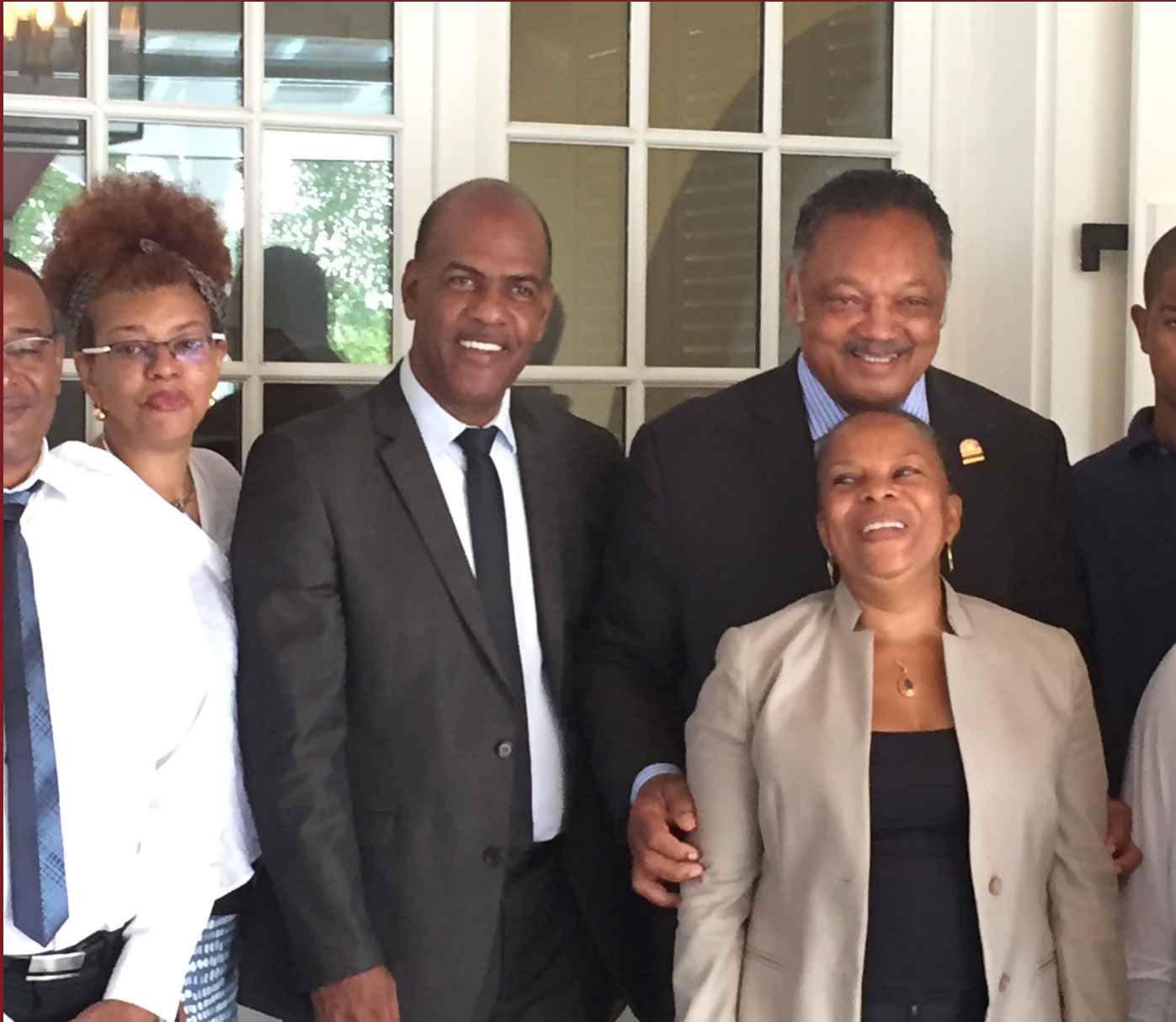
*Hasn't Seen Statement*

Dr. King, who has said he will take his civil rights troops into four northern cities this summer, said the job is "to keep the flame of hope burning" to avoid riots.

He said his Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) may change its name because it no longer is involved strictly in Southern problems, but has become national in scope.

# THE BACKLASH AGAINST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

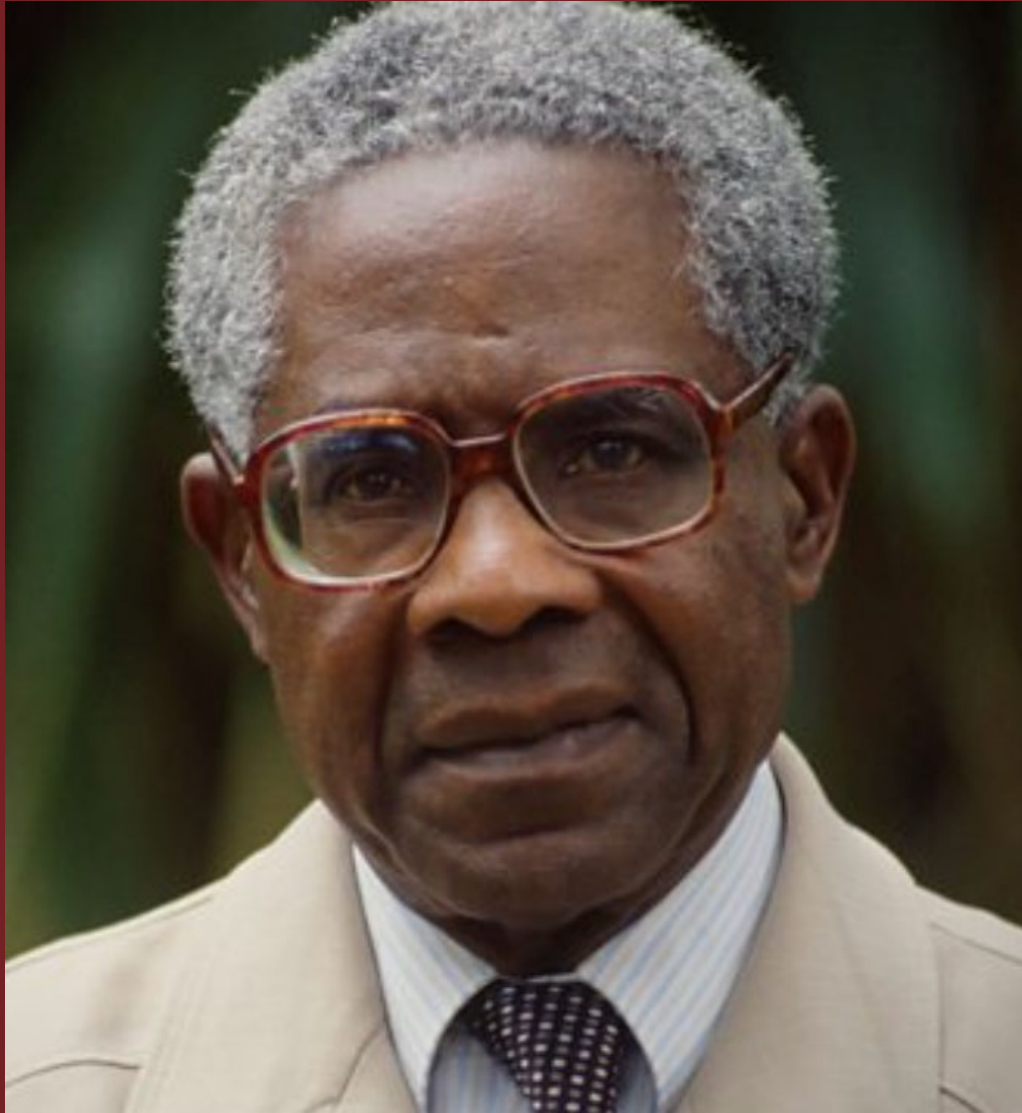




# THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF AMERICA

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From Left to right:  
Serge Letchimy - Président of Région Martinique  
Rev. Jesse Jackson  
Christiane Taubira, Garde des Sceaux



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Aimé Césaire

*Poète et Homme Politique*

*Père de la Négritude*





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Dr. Angela Davis  
Dr. Marilyn Sephogle





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Coretta Sephcole between two icons:  
Euzhan Palcy, first black woman to direct a  
film in Hollywood and Dr; Angela Davis,  
Civil Rigts Activist

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



*Mrs. Coretta Scott-King*

*Dr. Marilyn Sephogle*