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### MLK Essay

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legendary "I Have a Dream" speech, impacted the lives of many, countless people. Moreover, Dr. King's dream is a vision of a world of unity. A world where race does not influence a person's social status, and there is equality throughout all humankind. A society where we are all "free at last".

Dr. King shared his dream over fifty-six years ago, and although immense progress has been made for the Black community and for all minorities, his vision has not been fulfilled just yet. If Dr. Martin Luther King were to still be alive, he would be satisfied, but not exactly content with society. In his speech, he mentions, "...the winds of police brutality". Sadly, there are still many officers that commit police brutality against young, Black males, and the Black Lives Matter Movement in 2017, is only one example of the racism, division, and hate there still is today.

Just like Dr. King, I also have a dream. A dream where people are not afraid of change. I firmly believe that society is too comfortable. Once we get a routine, we don't like to break it. For instance, at my highschool, students socially segregate themselves in the cafeteria. Not to mention, the two sides have been labeled the "White Side" and the "Black Side". The "White Side" is where in its majority, is the sector where the Caucasian students sit. Meanwhile, on the "Black Side", there is a mix of Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and more races or ethnicities of students. On the "White Side" there are even more divisions on which grades sit at which tables. They say as humans, we are known for easy adaptation to our environments, but NFA students and a majority of society, evidently cannot adapt. NFA students are afraid of change. Many do not sit on the other side because they are afraid to change their and everyone's routine. My generation is the future; therefore, in other words, this is a glimpse of what the future looks like. The future looks like labels, divisions, and feuds. But we still have time. We can change this toxic cycle that has been around for ages; especially at NFA.

My dream is similar to Dr. King's through the desire of solidarity. Where race does not control social norms, and when there is a change, it is viewed positively and for the better, rather than negatively and as a threat. I, as a person; not as a Hispanic or minority, would like to see changes in the mindset of our youth, because I see history only repeating itself when we should be learning from historical figures such as Dr. King to love one another, and to keep fighting for progress, not regression.