

DIALECTICAL JOURNAL:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND CESAR CHAVEZ

*Each entry below was composed by a different student. As second semester freshmen, they were required to reflect on six passages from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" and six passages from Cesar Chavez's, "Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.". The number of entries students are required to submit should be adjusted to maximize student growth potential.

*Work has been lightly edited for clarity

QUOTE/PASSAGE/EXCERPT 2-5 SENTENCES	TITLE AND WRITER OF TEXT	REACTION/ RESPONSE 2 SENTENCE/QUESTION MINIMUM
(K.F.) Dr. King was also radical in his beliefs about violence. He learned how to successfully fight hatred and violence with the unstoppable power of nonviolence.	"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez	Yeah, but I know for a fact that there's people who don't care what he says and will be violent either way. I can't help but wonder what goes on in those people's heads.

<p>(M.P.) We must face the honest fact that we still have a long, long way to go before the problem of racial injustice is solved. For while we are quite successful in breaking down the legal barriers to segregation, the Negro is now confronting social and economic barriers which are very real.</p>	<p>"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>At this point, I wonder is racial injustice is ever going to stop? BLM has protested peacefully since 2013. 2020 hits, we have had enough at this point. Numbers of the police force come to abuse, throw tear gas, insult. When it comes to Donald Trump supporters breaking into the U.S capitol, the police force helps them. Like what???</p>
<p>(A.Reg.) Dr. King was a powerful figure of destiny, of courage, of sacrifice, and of vision. Few people in the long history of this nation can rival his accomplishment, his reason, or his selfless dedication to the cause of peace and social justice.</p>	<p>"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez</p>	<p>Doctor Martin Luther King was so inspiring and I feel like we need more people like this to be leaders in this world. Especially now with the government falling apart, and the leaders have no idea what they're doing. The people need a symbol, something or someone good to lead this country to do better, to get rid of the police brutality and support equal rights and solve all the problems in this world one by one</p>
<p>(A.R. Male) We must find some alternative to war and bloodshed. In a day when man-made vehicles are dashing through outer space, and guided ballistic missiles are carving highways of death in the stratosphere, no nation can win a world war. It is no longer a choice between violence and non-violence; it is either non-violence or non-existence. The alternative may well be a civilization plunged into the abyss of annihilation, our earthly habitat transformed into a tragic inferno</p>	<p>"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>This is very true...no country will truly end up winning a world war, especially in these times when nuclear warheads are so powerfully able to completely level a state/city with one move and where drones are piloted across countries. In truth, the only real solution to conflict nowadays is with words because other methods will lead to more bloodshed and death.</p>

<p>(M. G.) I'd like to suggest some of the things that we must do in order to remain awake and to achieve the proper mental attitudes and responses that the new situation demands. First, I'd like to say that we are challenged to achieve a world perspective. Anyone who feels that we can live in isolation today, anyone who feels that we can live without being concerned about other individuals and other nations is sleeping through a revolution. The world in which we live is geographically one.</p>	<p>"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>I guess a lot of people are sleeping through a revolution because it seems like nobody really cares for others unless it's someone they know. I say this because I signed a petition and I shared it on my Snapchat story because I wanted other people to sign it. But then someone commented to me and said f*** what is going on in Columbia, we should only think of ourselves or something like that. It just really made me think how much people of the world are isolated and only care about themselves.</p>
<p>(E.N.) The men who rule this country today never learned the lessons of Dr. King, they never learned that non-violence is the only way to peace and justice. Our nation continues to wage war upon its neighbors, and upon itself.</p>	<p>"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez</p>	<p>That's the realest thing I've heard. It's true because people nowadays think killing someone/themselves is the only solution to problems, but really there are so many other ways to end your problems.</p>
<p>(Y.M.) Dr. King's dedication to the rights of the workers who are so often exploited by the forces of greed has profoundly touched my life and guided my struggle.</p>	<p>"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez</p>	<p>Why was he worried about the workers? What type of struggles did workers have at that time?</p>
<p>(A.W.) The powers that be make themselves richer by exploiting the poor. Our nation continues to allow children to go hungry, and will not even house its own people. The time is now for people, of all races and backgrounds,</p>	<p>"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."</p>	<p>I don't understand why rich people do that, like exploiting the poor. If anything, rich people can help the poor people make their way up .</p>

<p>to sound the trumpets of change. As Dr. King proclaimed "There comes a time when people get tired of being trampled over by the iron feet of oppression.</p>	<p>~Cesar Chavez</p>	
<p>(D.K.) I was profoundly moved that someone facing such a tremendous struggle himself would take the time to worry about a struggle taking place on the other side of the continent.</p>	<p>"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez</p>	<p>I can relate because even with all the problems I'm facing, I make way for others. Even when their struggles are bigger than mine.</p>
<p>(S.G.) We must get rid of violence, hatred, and war. Anyone who feels that the problems of mankind can be solved through violence is sleeping through a revolution. I've said this over and over again, and I believe it more than ever today. We know about violence. It's been the inseparable twin of Western materialism, the hallmark of its grandeur. I am convinced that violence ends up creating many more social problems than it solves. This is why I say to my people that if we succumb to the temptation of using violence in our struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness.</p>	<p>"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>I think that is dumb how people fail to realize that violence is just going to lead to more violence and create grudges for the side that takes the effects of the violence and mistreatment done by the other party/side and how at the end of the day even if people succeed at the time the event of violence and mistreatment happens it will eventually come back to hunt them and back fire or atleast create problems for the future generations.</p>
<p>(S. W.)There are all too many people who, in some great period of social change, fail to achieve the new mental outlooks that the new situation demands. There is nothing more tragic than to sleep through a revolution.</p>	<p>"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution"</p>	<p>These sentences reminded me of this video I watched recently about students demanding for a high school in Texas to be renamed, as it was named after Robert E. Lee (a slave owner). There were students and adults fighting for the name to be changed, but there were also people going against the name being changed. One</p>

	~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	lady who was against the name being changed tried to defend Robert E. Lee by saying it's black people's fault for being enslaved, as we sold ourselves to the Europeans.
(J.O.) Without this hard work, time becomes an ally of the primitive forces of social stagnation. So we must help time and realize that the time is always right to do right.	"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	He reminds me of my grandma. She always told me and my siblings that it's always the time to do something right for someone. You never know when it'll be important to do something good for one person.
(M.L.) How can one avoid being depressed when he sees with his own eyes evidence of millions of people going to bed hungry? How can one avoid being depressed when he sees with his own eyes millions of people sleeping on the sidewalks at night; no beds to sleep in; no houses to go into.	"Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	MLK is really truthful and doesn't waste his words talking about nonsense. He was a really smart figure in history and he made a big impact on the world.
(A.F.) Many people will tell you of his wonderful qualities and his many accomplishments, but what makes him special to me, the truth many people don't want you to remember, is that Dr. King was a great activist, fighting for radical social change with radical methods.	"Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." ~Cesar Chavez	Honestly, this is uplifting seeing another great activist referring to another great activist's work and how Martin Luther's speeches moved people in a positive way. People do tend to forget that he was fighting for social change and even now his speeches still play a big part in today's world. We still go through racial problems, but day by day we see people across cultures working together.

Expository Essay Exemplar and Digital Presentation

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“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” This was a quote written by Audre Lorde, a black, lesbian, poet, and mother.

Audre focuses on addressing and confronting racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. In this work, she partnered with men, women, and non-binaries from different cultural groups. Luckily, this isn't the only example of people crossing cultural divides. Throughout history and even in the present day, many cultural groups have united to fight common issues against them. Three cultural groups that have been heavily affected by common issues are Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, and African-Americans. Two of the common issues they have fought for, and are still fighting for, are slurs, brutality, and mistreatment towards and against them. They have fought for their rights through the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, the APPI movement, and the Chicano movement and will continue to fight.

Humans have caused many problems, not only to the environment. There have been many problems in between cultures for their way of doing things or even their skin color. Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, and African-Americans all have a common issue being over-all racism. All of these cultural groups have been, and still are, victims of mistreatment. George Floyd's case, which took place May 25, 2020, is a memorable case where a white cop kept his knee on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 15 seconds. The article, "[How George Floyd Was Killed in Police Custody](#)" states, "The day after Mr. Floyd's death, the Police Department fired all four of the officers involved in the episode. On May 29, the Hennepin County attorney, Mike Freeman, announced third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter charges against Derek Chauvin, the officer seen most clearly in witness videos pinning Mr. Floyd to the ground. Mr. Chauvin, who is white, kept his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for at least eight minutes and 15 seconds, according to a Times analysis of timestamped video. Our video investigation shows that Mr. Chauvin did not remove his knee even after Mr. Floyd lost consciousness and for a full minute and 20 seconds after paramedics arrived at the scene." Adam Toldo was a 13 year old who was killed March 29, 2021 after being chased down an alley by a cop. The article, "[Video Is Released of Chicago Police Fatally Shooting 13-Year-Old](#)" mentions, "In the shooting in Chicago, which took place in the early-morning hours of March 29, officials have said that two officers were responding to reports of gunfire when they saw two people in an alley and started to chase them. Prosecutors have said that Adam was holding a gun when he ran down the alley as an officer called for him to stop and drop the weapon." "He tossed the gun," she said. "If he had a gun, he tossed it. The officer said, 'Show me your hands.' He complied. He turned around." The key events took place in a matter of one second. In an analysis, The New York Times slowed down the police video, as well as another of the 21 videos released by the authorities. As the officer, identified in police reports as Eric E. Stillman, 34, fires the single shot, Adam is raising his arms and appears to be empty-handed. In the moment before the shooting, The Times's analysis shows, Adam can be seen holding what appears to be a gun behind his back, which he drops behind a wooden fence just before he raises his hands. After firing the shot, Officer Stillman called for an ambulance, searched for the wound and began CPR with the help of another officer. "Stay with me," he said to Adam more than once." There was also a case of six asian women who were killed in a spa shooting. "[Six of the eight victims were women of Asian descent](#)" informed me that, "Six of the eight people killed in the shootings at Atlanta-area spas on Tuesday were women of Asian descent, raising fears that they could have been targeted because of their race, even as the police said it was too early to know. On Wednesday, the police named the victims of the shooting at Young's Asian

Massage in Acworth, Ga., as Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33, of Acworth; Paul Andre Michels, 54, of Atlanta; Xiaojie Tan, 49, of Kennesaw; and Daoyou Feng, 44. One person, Elcias R. Hernandez-Ortiz, 30, of Acworth, was injured. An official from the South Korean Consulate in Atlanta, citing the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, confirmed on Wednesday that four of the eight killed in the shooting spree were ethnic Koreans. But the nationalities of the four women were not immediately known, the official said” These all go back to the fact that those cultural groups have been and still are victims of mistreatment because they all show that the most possible reason for them to have gotten treated like that is because of their race. This common issue is not new, there have been cases of mistreatment towards a certain race back in the day as well.

Across history, there have been many cases where people were fighting against something unjust and other cultural groups came in and helped. An example of this is when the Black Panther Party and the Brown Berets united to fight for what they believed they should have. The article [“How the Black Panther Party and its Ten Point program influenced the Chicano Movement and self help graphics & art”](#) said, “Widely circulated among Chicana and Chicano activists and students, the Ten Point Program stated the demands of the Black Panthers—What We Want—and identified the structural inequalities—What We Believe—that African Americans experience in housing, judicial system, health care, education and employment. During the 1970s, the Brown Berets of Los Angeles collaborated with the Black Panther Party on several occasions. Chicano artists were members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Students for a Democratic Society.” Another time where people of different cultures united is during slavery where The Underground Railroad was in use. The article [“The Underground Railroad”](#) mentioned that, “The Underground Railroad, a vast network of people who helped fugitive slaves escape to the North and to Canada, was not run by any single organization or person. Rather, it consisted of many individuals -- many whites but predominantly predominantly black -- who knew only of the local efforts to aid fugitives and not of the overall operation. Still, it effectively moved hundreds of slaves northward each year -- according to one estimate, the South lost 100,000 slaves between 1810 and 1850. An organized system to assist runaway slaves seems to have begun towards the end of the 18th century. In 1786 George Washington complained about how one of his runaway slaves was helped by a "society of Quakers, formed for such purposes." The system grew, and around 1831 it was dubbed "The Underground Railroad," after the then emerging steam railroads. The system even used terms used in railroading: the homes and businesses where fugitives would rest and eat were called "stations" and "depots" and were run by "stationmasters," those who contributed money or goods were "stockholders," and the "conductor" was responsible for moving fugitives from one station to the next.” Finally, there was also a time of unity when Blacks chose to unite with the Vietnamese people to help fight for their freedom. The collection of events [“Black and Asian Solidarity in American History: The Power of Unity Exemplified by 5 Major Events”](#) said that, “Recognizing the unjust nature of the war, African American leaders such as Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. openly denounced it. In the 1967 Harlem Peace March, African Americans underscored the contradictory nature of their involvement in the war by carrying signs that read, “Black men should fight White racism, not Vietnamese freedom fighters.” The marchers understood the experiences of the Vietnamese freedom fighters because of their own oppressive histories shaped by White supremacy, and consequently, they chose to stand in solidarity with them.” All of these moments in history show that there was unity back in the day across cultures as well. It’s not just a history thing though, it has made its way all the way into the 2000s.

As you may know, people of different cultures unite for many causes. There was a protest not long ago where people united to fight against police brutality towards black folks. There too, were Latinos that fought along with them. The informational passage, [“Blacks & Latinos Collaborate For Civil Rights, Economic Justice”](#) noted

that, “Jasmine Haywood, an Afro-Latina who has researched anti-black Latino racism, told NBC News that millennial Latinos like Sanz are looking to break cycles of internalized racism and the ways Latinos perpetuate and uphold white supremacy. “What Latinos need to realize is that our oppression is bound up and intertwined with the oppression of the black community,” Haywood said. “Until they are liberated, until they are free from injustices and oppression, we will never be liberated.” Haywood said anti-blackness sentiments are “ingrained in our cultures” in part because generations of Latinos were “taught to seek partners that have a certain European or white phenotype or lighter skin to lighten their family trees.” In the present day, black folks also unite with Latino folks. They unite in fighting against unjust immigration laws. The article “[Blacks & Latinos Collaborate For Civil Rights, Economic Justice](#)” says, “Nowadays, you will likely see a Civil Rights leader such as Rev. Al Sharpton, marching in an immigrants’ rights demonstration, as well as protesting police brutality. And in the Deep South, black leaders collaborate with Latino activists to protest harsh immigration laws. According to The Nation writer David Bacon, a black brown coalition managed to halt anti-immigration legislation in Mississippi” In the recent case in Georgia where six Asian women got shot, Latinos and Black folks united with Asian people to help them get justice. “[This is a wake-up call: Georgia’s Asian communities turn tragedy into political power](#)” said, “Young Asian activists, older voters who were once more reticent to be politically involved and Black and Latino communities have all become part of that coalition. That coalition was on display at the weekend rally, where hundreds of Black, Latino and Asian leaders and community members gathered in memory of the shooting victims.” All of this goes back to the certitude that people of different cultures come together to help each other fight for their rights because in all of these events black united with Latinos and they united with Asians. This won’t stop anytime soon, if a change requires people to unite then we will unite.

Mistreatment towards a certain race has always been a problem and will most likely continue to be a problem. There might not be a way in which we can stop it completely but we might be able to make it less likely to happen. How can we do this you may ask? BY UNITING! Uniting gives us a greater chance of causing a change even if it is small. Just as [MLK](#) said, “We sing a little song in our struggle - you've heard it - *We Shall Overcome*. And by that we do not mean that we shall overcome the white man. In the struggle for racial justice the Negro must not seek to rise from a position of disadvantage to one of advantage, to substitute one tyranny for another. A doctrine of black supremacy is as dangerous as a doctrine of white supremacy. God is not interested in the freedom of black men or brown men or yellow men. God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race, the creation of a society where every man will respect the dignity and worth of personality. So when we sing *We Shall Overcome*, we are singing a hymn of faith, a hymn of optimism, a hymn of faith in the future.” Uniting will bring changes to this world and will change the amount of mistreatment towards certain cultural groups, we just have to fight.

Introduction Exemplars

D.K.

Although we might have different skin complexions, colors, textures of hair, or face structures, we're all the same. Our backgrounds and how we treated each other in the past as being different ethnic groups shouldn't affect our unity and how we fight our common issues/struggles today. It is not just our struggles that make us alike, it is also our similarities with our lifestyles and how we are raised in our households. All ethnic groups have their fair share of uplifting and tearing each other down or making it a competition on whose struggles were worse or just a trend of being oppressed. In the events of the killings of Adam Toledo and Elijah McClain, coming from two different backgrounds, personalities, ages, and lifestyles both have one thing in common--

they were killed by police while complying with their orders. Many people had their opinions on Adam’s case even before the video came out, but when it came to the marches and protests for him, all sides came together to support him. Elijah’s case didn’t get a lot of attention when it first happened and unfortunately, the case was closed. However, an online petition was set up to reopen the case and people from all ethnic groups shared on social media to make Elijah’s story heard. This goes to show all ethnic groups have their issues, but what we fail to realize is that we are fighting the same enemy and when we come together we are stronger. Because of this, we have faced these matters and fought together throughout history and in the present day.

A.R. (Male)

According to Oxford English Dictionary, *oppression* means “prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority”. We see oppression in our communities every day, and we see people of color being oppressed by people because of their position or feeling of power. There was a time when I saw oppression first hand; it happened back in middle school, 7th grade. I was in a majority white school, and my teachers were all white, and me being a Mexican American, I was out of place. There was an incident when my teacher accused my parents and me of being drug dealers. The reason behind it was because as an assignment, she asked us to do a skit. For that skit, it had to be about what to do if you were offered drugs. I guess I played my part so well because my teachers told me to stay after class and started interrogating me about if I had ever sold drugs or if my parents have ever brought drugs to our home; keep in mind the skit was about what to do if offered drugs and every other student had the same assignment. Still, she told the only Mexican American students to stay after class out of all the students. Throughout history, groups of all ethnicities have united to fight against a common enemy to achieve a common goal; even in the present day, we see similarities amongst different ethnicities fighting against a common issue.

Body Paragraph Exemplars

K.F.

Speaking of POC sticking together, there have been lots of stories in the past of Black and Asian solidarity. As proof, Black leaders supported Filipinos during the Philippine-American war that started in 1899. In *Advancing Justice*, “The Philippine-American War began in 1899 after the United States gained colonial rule of the Philippines following the Spanish-American War (1898). Black leaders such as Ida B. Wells and Bishop Henry M. Turner supported Philippine independence and characterized American colonialism as “an unholy war of conquest.”” Another instance is when W.E.B. Dubois traveled to China in hopes of sharing knowledge about being Black in America. Written in *Medium*, “Between 1959 and 1963, Du Bois’ travels to China — in conjunction with his political engagement with the CCP — helped to expand the depth of knowledge, as demonstrated in the Chinese newspaper the *People’s Daily*, concerning the plight of American Blacks.” Finally, Martin Luther King Jr. worked with Gandhi to preach nonviolence, although he wasn’t the first one to do it. As stated in *Black Desi Secret Story*, “Black interest in India had risen dramatically during the noncooperation and civil disobedience movements, and it peaked again in the wake of the Quit India declaration. On September 26, over eighty Black intellectuals sent President Roosevelt a joint letter encouraging him to take decisive action to resolve the crisis in India.” And just like the past, POC continue to fight for each other in the future.

D.G.

Throughout American history, cross-cultural solidarity has played a big role. A moment of solidarity is “In 1969, the Chicago Black Panther Party, notably led by the charismatic Fred Hampton, began to form alliances across lines of race and ethnicity. This coalition—involving the Black Panther Party, Young Lords, and Young Patriots, among other diverse organizations—demonstrated a powerful model of organizing across race for revolutionary social change, which structured self-determination in communities-of-color alongside white communities’ responsibility for ending white supremacy.” - By- [Jeb Aram Middlebrook](#). This is a moment where everyone noticed that most of the problems they were facing they were also facing. Despite not having to work together before they decided it was time to get together. They wanted to change, they wanted justice and everyone coming together makes them stronger. One of my favorite sayings is “ You don’t fight fire with fire. You fight fire with water. We’re gonna fight racism with solidarity. We’re not gonna fight capitalism with black capitalism. We’re gonna fight capitalism with socialism. Socialism is the people. If you’re afraid of socialism you’re afraid of yourself.” - Fred Hampton. When we are united we are much stronger than if we were separated from each other because how would that help if we wouldn’t be able to accomplish these types of things if we were on our own. Another example of solidarity is “ In 2016 a group of us—mostly undergraduate students, but also dozens of graduate students, faculty, and local community members—have taken the busiest intersection on campus, spreading our bodies out into a giant circle on the ground to make sure no cars can get past. A few of us stand in the center of the circle, holding signs condemning racist police violence. We wait in silence: 4.5 minutes for Michael Brown because they left his body in the street for 4.5 hours after they killed him”. - by [Santos F. Ramos](#). This is a great example of solidarity because it shows how all of them came together to support each other and didn’t let the police stop them. They wanted to be heard and they did that by standing with each other and supporting one another. This is what I mean by solidarity, everyone helping each other because we are all humans and must protect each other because at the end of the day we all depend on each other we partially make up the earth and we run it in a way. The rainbow coalition in Chicago was amazing “The strategies, sights, and sounds of the Rainbow Coalition were extraordinarily unique, if not uncanny. Their united call for “Black Power, Brown Power, White Power”³⁵ extended the Black Power philosophy into a multiracial cadre of working-class revolutionaries and put contradictions of movement politics front and center.” By- [Jeb Aram Middlebrook](#). The rainbow coalition really helped me see how powerful we can be when we work together instead of against each other. This is an important part because without solidarity it would be easier for them to tear us down. Solidarity is also a big part of our history. I wonder how the world would be if we didn’t have solidarity? Unfortunately, we continue to fight for our rights and we still continue to fight in solidarity together. We have been through ups and downs all together but the only thing we can do is move on and continue fighting.

Conclusion Exemplars

S.G.

In conclusion, over the course of history and to this day, there have been many unjust, and cruel acts committed against people of color, different religions, and social classes and along with them have come the need for people to unite and form organizations and movements like the brown berets and black lives matter in order to for a change and for an end to oppressions like police brutality, racial profiling, and minoritizing people’s value and safety as compared to others simply because they are poor, colored, or foreigners. All this shows how even to this day injustices and cruel acts against people of different beliefs and people of color being committed therefore triggering and resulting in people coming together to speak as a whole in order for their voices to be heard and so that the government feels pressure and the need to try to make things better and America a safer place for everyone in it not just the people of wealth and of the liking of others.

H.Z.

Finally, different racial groups in America face dehumanizing events. Society usually only focuses on Blacks when they talk about dehumanizing events, but that is not the case at all. If anything, statistics show that Whites use more government public aid than blacks or any other race. But this part of America is not talked about because the majority racial group seems to still want to suppress other races. Another fact a lot of people don't know is that when it comes to police brutality, blacks are not the only ones who get killed. In fact, in terms of percentages within a cultural group, African Americans are not even the most likely to be killed by police. Native Americans are killed more than any other race, but this is not talked about. Their total deaths to police brutality are underreported which means the statistics are most likely being lenient about how many of them are killed. If we want change in this world, we all need to put our differences aside and fight together as one like brothers and sisters.

S.W.

Throughout the years, from past to present many groups from different cultural backgrounds have faced the same issues, including colorism, throughout history and even now in the present; because of this, these ethnic communities continue to join in solidarity to fight systemic evils. There were other issues other than colorism that all different cultural backgrounds faced. For example, they faced stereotypes and hate crimes. These different cultural backgrounds also joined together to inform other cultures about issues going on in the POC community. Coming together in solidarity will be amazing for all cultural backgrounds who are facing inequality, discrimination, and those who want to make their voices known.



Cross-Cultural Solidarity

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Common Issues Across Cultures

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Adam Toldo was a 13 year old who was killed March 29, 2021 after being chased down an alley by a cop. The article, “[Video Is Released of Chicago Police Fatally Shooting 13-Year-Old](#)” mentions, “In the shooting in Chicago, which took place in the early-morning hours of March 29, officials have said that two officers were responding to reports of gunfire when they saw two people in an alley and started to chase them. Prosecutors have said that Adam was holding a gun when he ran down the alley as an officer called for him to stop and drop the weapon.” “He tossed the gun,” she said. “If he had a gun, he tossed it. The officer said, ‘Show me your hands.’ He complied. He turned around.” The key events took place in a matter of one second. In an analysis, The New York Times slowed down the police video, as well as another of the 21 videos released by the authorities. As the officer, identified in police reports as Eric E. Stillman, 34, fires the single shot, Adam is raising his arms and appears to be empty-handed. In the moment before the shooting, The Times’s analysis shows, Adam can be seen holding what appears to be a gun behind his back, which he drops behind a wooden fence just before he raises his hands. After firing the shot, Officer Stillman called for an ambulance, searched for the wound and began CPR with the help of another officer. “Stay with me,” he said to Adam more than once.”



There was also a case of six asian women who were killed in a spa shooting. “[Six of the eight victims were women of Asian descent](#)” informed me that, “Six of the eight people killed in the shootings at Atlanta-area spas on Tuesday were women of Asian descent, raising fears that they could have been targeted because of their race, even as the police said it was too early to know. On Wednesday, the police named the victims of the shooting at Young’s Asian Massage in Acworth, Ga., as Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33, of Acworth; Paul Andre Michels, 54, of Atlanta; Xiaojie Tan, 49, of Kennesaw; and Daoyou Feng,

44. One person, Elcias R. Hernandez-Ortiz, 30, of Acworth, was injured. An official from the South Korean Consulate in Atlanta, citing the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, confirmed on Wednesday that four of the eight killed in the shooting spree were ethnic Koreans. But the nationalities of the four women were not immediately known, the official said”



1 - Xiaojie Tan, 49



2 - Daoyou Feng, 44



3 - Hyun Jung Grant, 51



4 - Soon Chung Park, 74



5 - Suncha Kim, 69



6 - Yong Ae Yue, 63

These all go back to the fact that those cultural groups have been and still are victims of mistreatment because they all show that the most possible reason for them to have gotten treated like that is because of their race. This common issue is not new, there have been cases of mistreatment towards a certain race back in the day as well.

Cross-Cultural Solidarity Throughout American History

Across history, there have been many cases where people were fighting against something unjust and other cultural groups came in and helped. Continuing, you will read about some moments where people of different cultures united.

The Black Panther Party and the Brown Berets united to fight for what they believed they should have. The article [*“How the Black Panther Party and its Ten Point program influenced the Chicano Movement and self help graphics & art”*](#) said, “Widely circulated among Chicana and Chicano activists and students, the Ten Point Program stated the demands of the Black Panthers—What We Want—and identified the structural inequalities—What We Believe—that African Americans experience in housing, judicial system, health care, education and employment. During the 1970s, the Brown Berets of Los Angeles collaborated with the Black Panther Party on several occasions. Chicano artists were members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Students for a Democratic Society.”



People of different cultures united is during slavery where The Underground Railroad was in use. The article "[The Underground Railroad](#)" mentioned that, "The Underground Railroad, a vast network of people who helped fugitive slaves escape to the North and to Canada, was not run by any single organization or person. Rather, it consisted of many individuals -- many whites but predominantly black -- who knew only of the local efforts to aid fugitives and not of the overall operation. Still, it effectively moved hundreds of slaves northward each year -- according to one estimate, the South lost 100,000 slaves between 1810 and 1850. An organized system to assist runaway slaves seems to have begun towards the end of the 18th century. In 1786 George Washington complained about how one of his runaway slaves was helped by a "society of Quakers, formed for such purposes." The system grew, and around 1831 it was dubbed "The Underground Railroad," after the then emerging steam railroads. The system even used terms used in railroading: the homes and businesses where fugitives would rest and eat were called "stations" and "depots" and were run by "stationmasters," those who contributed money or goods were "stockholders," and the "conductor" was responsible for moving fugitives from one station to the next."



Another time of unity was when Blacks chose to unite with the Vietnamese people to help fight for their freedom. The collection of events "[Black and Asian Solidarity in American History: The Power of Unity Exemplified by 5 Major Events](#)" said that, "Recognizing the unjust nature of the war, African American leaders such as Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. openly denounced it. In the 1967 Harlem Peace March, African Americans underscored the contradictory nature of their involvement in the war by carrying signs that read, "Black men should fight White racism, not Vietnamese freedom fighters." The marchers understood the experiences of the Vietnamese freedom fighters because of their own oppressive histories shaped by White supremacy, and consequently, they chose to stand in solidarity with them."



All of these moments in history show that there was unity back in the day across cultures as well. It's not just a history thing though, it has made its way all the way into the 2000s.

Cross-Cultural Solidarity in the American Present

As you may know, people of different cultures unite for many causes and they are still uniting till this day. These are some events where people of different cultures united.

There was a protest not long ago where people united to fight against police brutality towards black folks. There too, were Latinos that fought along with them. The informational passage, "[Blacks & Latinos Collaborate For Civil Rights, Economic Justice](#)" noted that, "Jasmine Haywood, an Afro-Latina who has researched anti-black Latino racism, told NBC News that millennial Latinos like Sanz are looking to break cycles of internalized racism and the ways Latinos perpetuate and uphold white supremacy. "What Latinos need to realize is that our oppression is bound up and intertwined with the oppression of the

black community," Haywood said. "Until they are liberated, until they are free from injustices and oppression, we will never be liberated." Haywood said anti-blackness sentiments are "ingrained in our cultures" in part because generations of Latinos were "taught to seek partners that have a certain European or white phenotype or lighter skin to lighten their family trees."



Black folks have also united with Latino folks. They unite in fighting against unjust immigration laws. The article "[Blacks & Latinos Collaborate For Civil Rights, Economic Justice](#)" says, "Nowadays, you will likely see a Civil Rights leader such as Rev. Al Sharpton, marching in an immigrants' rights demonstration, as well as protesting police brutality. And in the Deep South, black leaders collaborate with Latino activists to protest harsh immigration laws. According to The Nation writer David Bacon, a black brown coalition managed to halt anti-immigration legislation in Mississippi"



In the recent case in Georgia where six Asian women got shot, Latinos and Black folks united with Asian people to help them get justice. "[This is a wake-up call: Georgia's Asian communities turn tragedy into political power](#)" said, "Young Asian activists, older voters who were once more reticent to be politically involved and Black and Latino communities have all become part of that coalition. That coalition was on display at the weekend rally, where hundreds of Black, Latino and Asian leaders and community members gathered in memory of the shooting victims."



All of this goes back to the certitude that people of different cultures come together to help each other fight for their rights because in all of these events black united with Latinos and they united with Asians. This won't stop anytime soon, if a change requires people to unite then we will unite.

Conclusion

Mistreatment towards a certain race has always been a problem and will most likely continue to be a problem. There might not be a way in which we can stop it completely but we might be able to make it less likely to happen. How can we do this you may ask? BY UNITING! Uniting gives us a greater chance of causing a change even if it is small. Just as [MLK](#) said, "We sing a little song in our struggle - you've heard it - *We Shall Overcome*. And by that we do not mean that we shall overcome the white man. In the struggle for racial justice the Negro must not seek to rise from a position of disadvantage to one of advantage, to substitute one tyranny for another. A doctrine of black supremacy is as dangerous as a doctrine of white supremacy. God is not interested in the freedom of black men or brown men or yellow men. God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race, the creation of a society where every man will respect the dignity and worth of personality. So when we sing *We Shall Overcome*, we are singing a hymn of faith, a hymn of optimism, a hymn of faith in the future." Uniting will bring changes to this world and will change the amount of mistreatment towards certain cultural groups, we just have to fight.