

## “American Dream” Martin

## “American Nightmare” Malcolm

### Goals:

- Civil/Social Rights integration, full citizenship, self-respect.

- Liberation, Black power, separation, economic independent self-love.

### Methods:

- Non-violent resistance  
“Turn the other cheek”

- Self-defense, “by any means necessary”, “don’t turn the other cheek.”

### Philosophical

#### Basis:

- Self-respect based on being an American citizen. You see a human being/a child of God first and a Negro second.

- Self-love based on affirmation of Blackness, Black culture, link with Africa. “Field Negro” vs. the “House Negro”.

See “I Have A Dream” speech. Letter from Birmingham Jail

- Judeo-Christian heritage, Western philosophy, Constitution, Declaration of Independence. Infused Ghandhi’s and Thoreau’s ideas about nonviolence with spirituality of the Black Church.

- Black Nationalism (Marcus Garvey, Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser), Black Muslim emphasis on white man as devil, Black man as superior. Pan-Africanism and socialism after Mecca. “Chickens have come home to roost.”

### Appeal

- To southern Blacks who identified with his prophetic preaching of the Gospel message and his fearless civil rights activities, to white moderates with his non-violent approach and support of American democratic institutions.

- To northern Blacks in ghettos who identified with his emphasis on Black African culture and economic freedom from poverty, anti-war message.

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- Triple evils: racism, economic exploitation, war. Civil disobedience not fighting poverty and war. touch with northern ghetto Black. Began to speak of Black pride, oppression in northern slums. Hinted that temporary segregation might be necessary in north.

- Gradually discarded Black Muslim white devil beliefs moving towards a more universal perception of humanity centered on a commitment to liberation for Blacks around world. I am not a racist - I believe in human beings.