

“I HAVE A DREAM” – LEARNING ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Activity Items

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- Item 1: Estimated African-American Population in the United States
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Student Learning Objectives

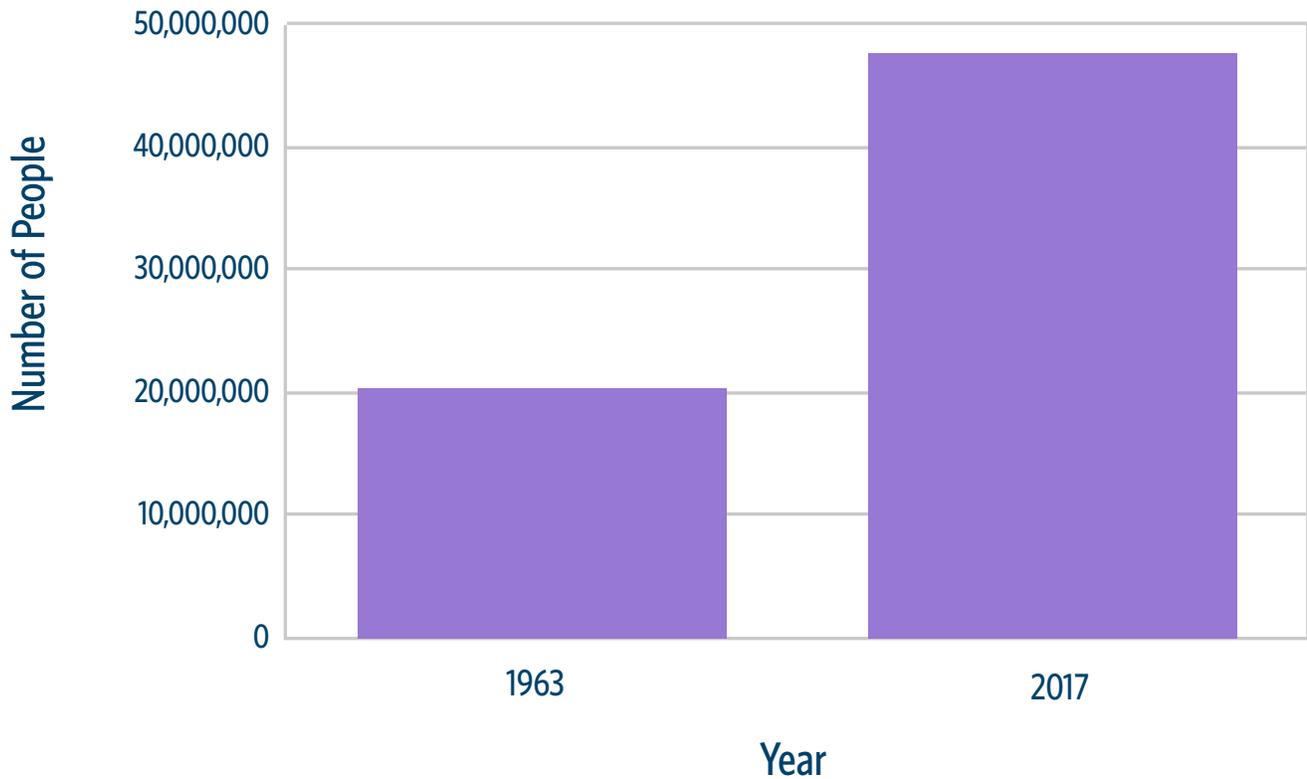
- I will be able to understand changes in population, voting rates, and education levels of African-Americans since the early 1960s, around the time Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech.
- I will be able to select facts and a photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. to display on a poster.
- I will be able to share what I learned orally with a partner or small group.

6. Look at your answers and at **Items 1-5**. Why do you think these changes happened?
What kinds of things could have caused these changes?

Part 2 - Create a Poster

Your teacher will provide you with instructions and an example for creating a poster about Martin Luther King Jr.

Item 1: Estimated African-American Population in the United States

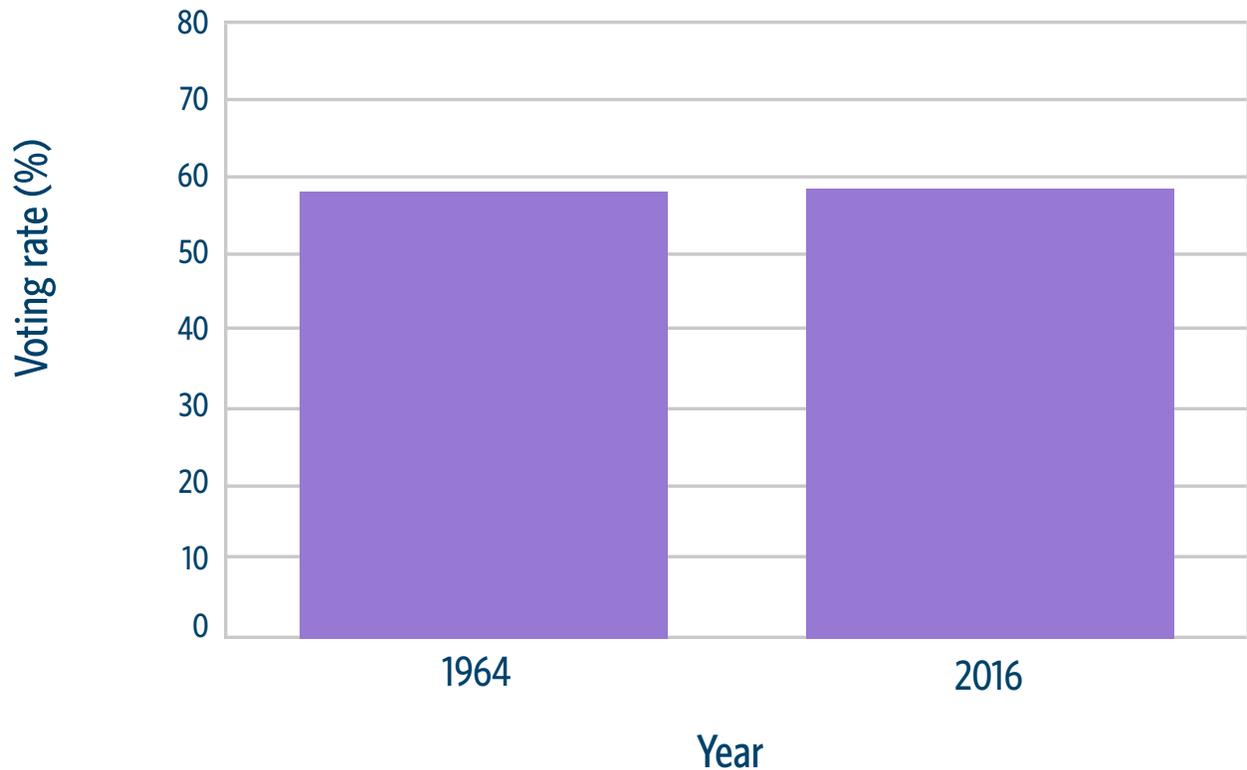


1963 Data Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, Facts for Features, The 50th Anniversary of the I Have a Dream Speech and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.*

www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2013/cb13-ff22.html

2017 Data Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex, Single Year of Age, Race Alone or in Combination, and Hispanic Origin for the United States.*

Item 2: African-American Voting Rates in Presidential Elections



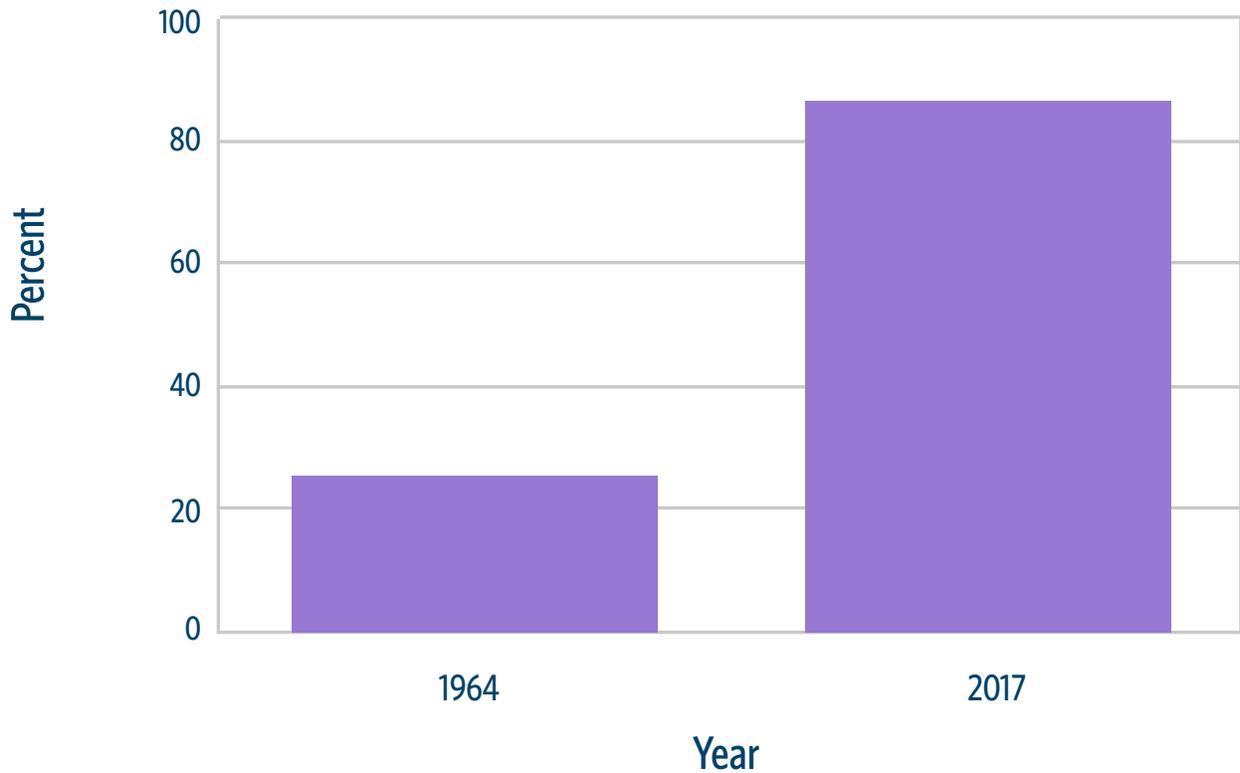
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2016 Data Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2016 (Table 2. Black alone).*

www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/voting-and-registration/p20-580.html

Item 3: Percentage of African-American Adults Who Graduated From High School



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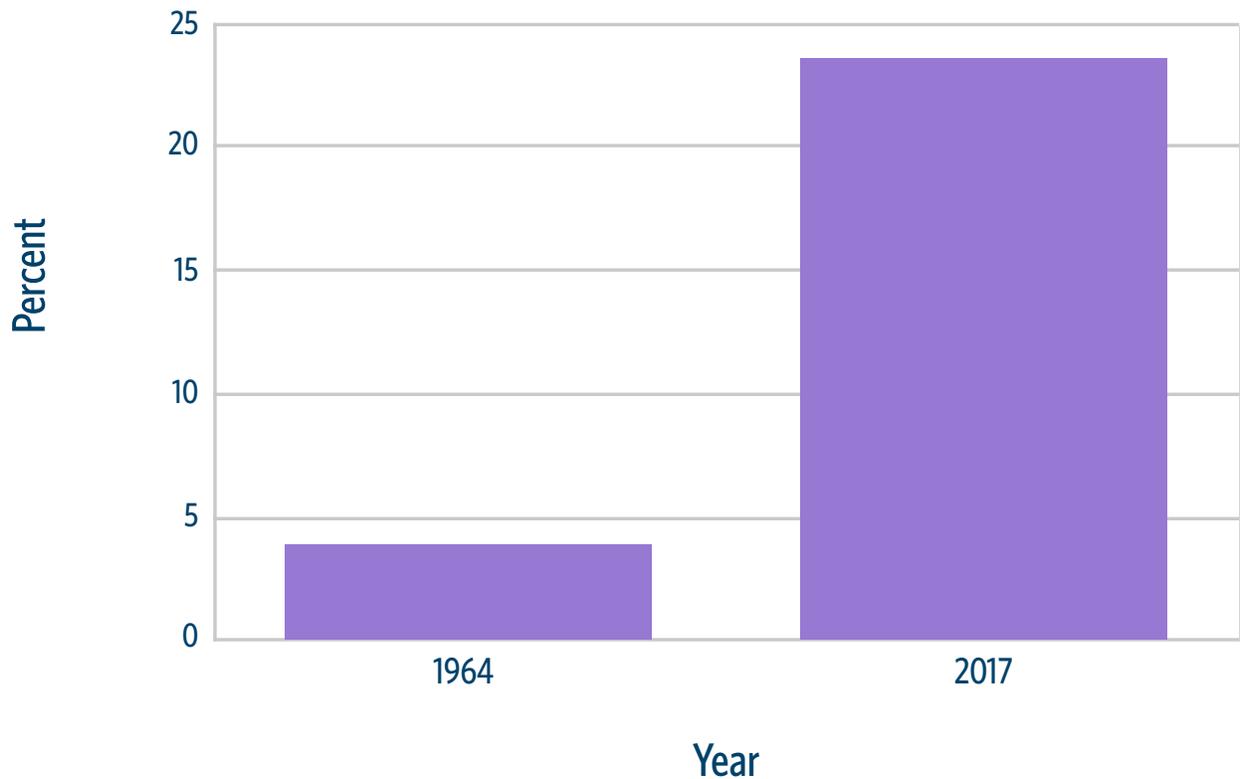
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2017 Data Source (from which percentage was calculated): *U.S. Census Bureau, Table 1. Educational Attainment of the Population 18 Years and Over, by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Black alone.*

www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/educational-attainment/cps-historical-time-series.html

This graph reflects the percentage of African-Americans 25 and older who had at least a high school diploma or equivalent education in 1964 and 2017.

Item 4: Percentage of African-American Adults Who Graduated From College



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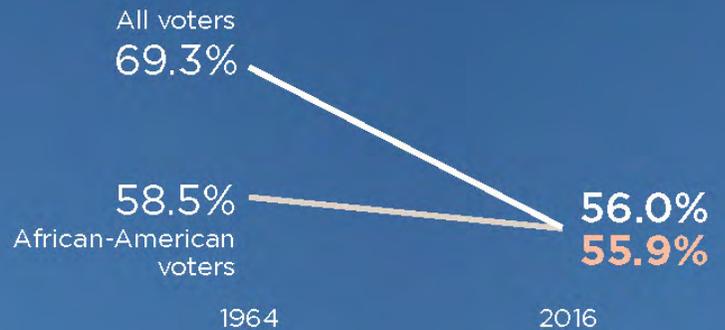
This graph reflects the percentage of African-Americans 25 and older who had a degree from a four-year institution or equivalent education in 1964 and 2017.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Some Changes in the Nation's African-American Population Since 1964



Percentage of people voting in the United States



Percentage of African-Americans completing high school



Number of African-American college students

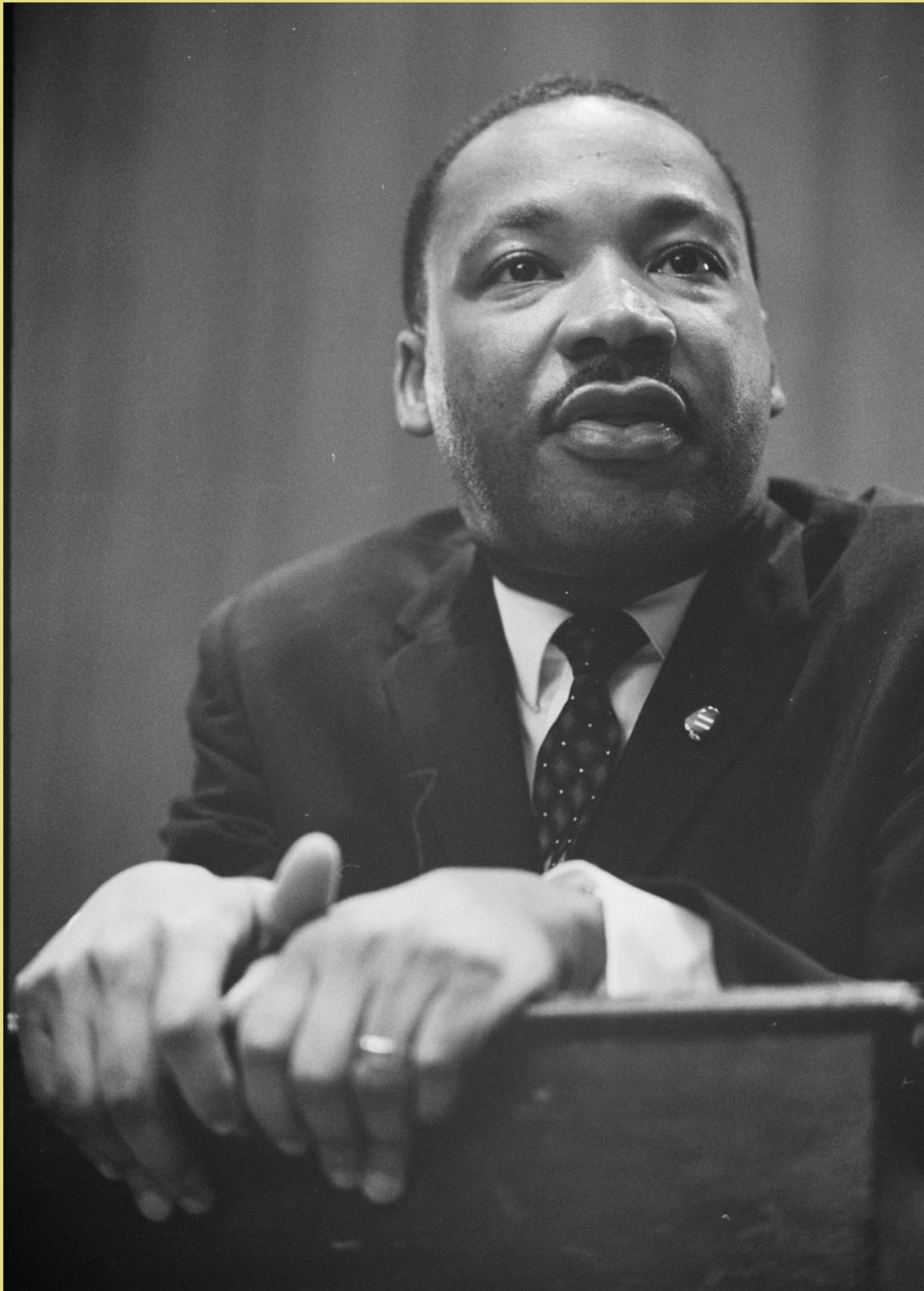


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Source: 1964 and 2016 Current Population Survey

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2018/comm/mlk-jr-day.html>

Item 6: Photos of Martin Luther King Jr.
Martin Luther King Jr. press conference. 1964.



www.loc.gov/item/2003688129

Item 6: Photos of Martin Luther King Jr. (Continued)

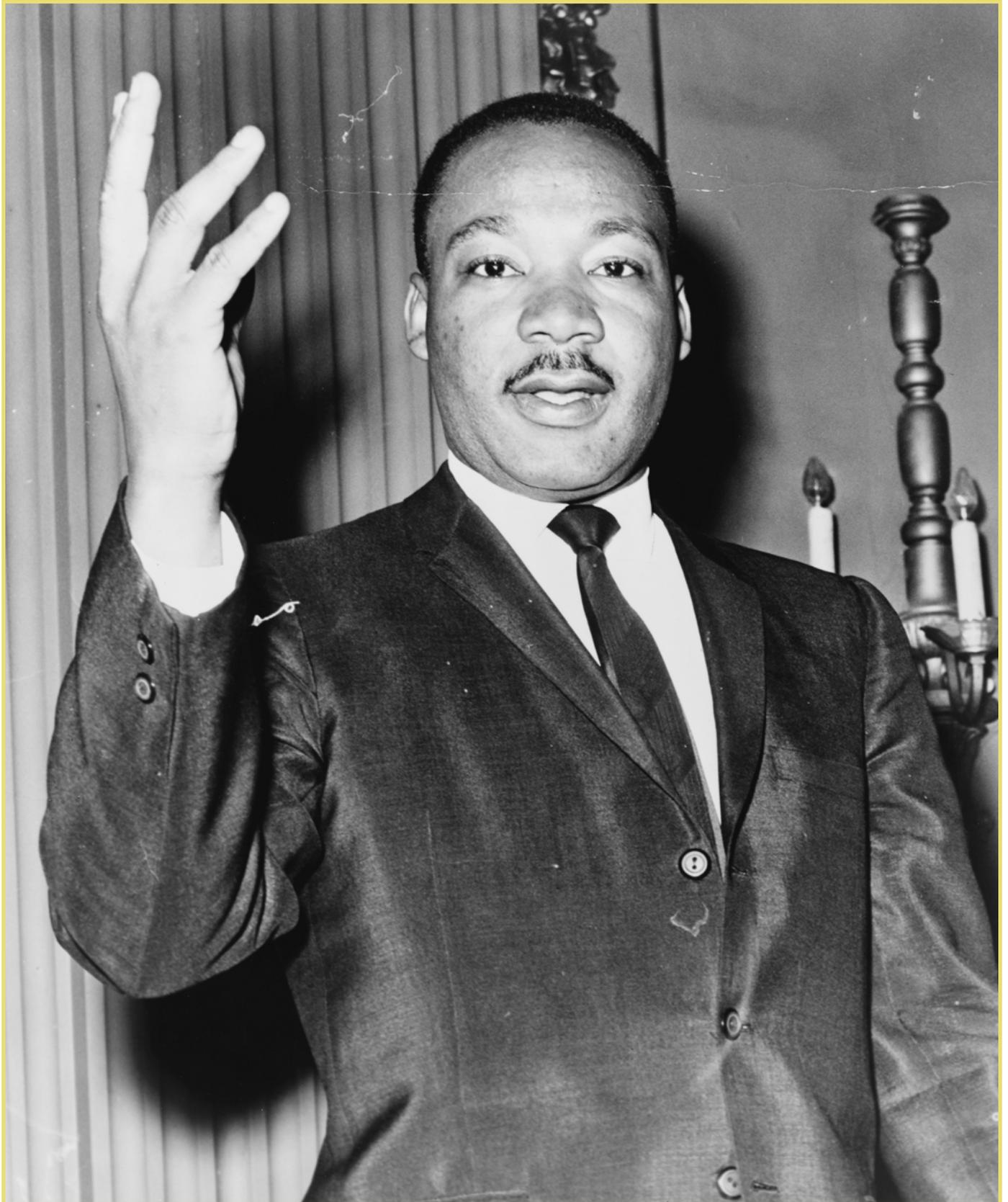
Martin Luther King Jr., 1929-1968 - in memoriam.



www.loc.gov/wiseguide/jan03/kingjr.html

Item 6: Photos of Martin Luther King Jr. (Continued)

Martin Luther King Jr., half-length portrait, facing front. 1964.



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