

SOMETHING NEW

BUILDING ON OUR LEGACIES

HOW BAD THINGS CAN GO RIGHT

On the 28th, in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, gives his "**I have a Dream Speech**" (6:46), this speech literally went down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in this nation's history.

Thoughts to consider:

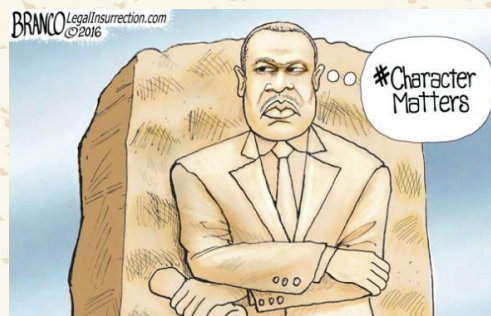
- Respect to Abraham Lincoln for beginning the process with the Emancipation Proclamation
- True meaning of the creed "**that all men are created equal**"
- One day, the sons of former slaves and slave owners will sit in brotherhood
- Judgement will not be by the color of one's skin, but the content of their character
- Children of all color will one day play together as sisters and brothers
- Out of the mountain of despair, we can have Hope
- The discords of our nation can be turned into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood
- With Faith, we can work together, pray together, struggle together, stand for freedom together
- We all can sing with greater understanding:

"My Country Tis of Thee, sweet
land of liberty, of Thee I sing

Land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrim's pride,

From every mountain side, let freedom ring"

- So let Freedom Ring
- Shouting, we are "**Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty we are Free at Last**"



LET US ALSO CONSIDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE 1760'S:

Irritated by the lack of being heard by government leaders, people take to the streets in what came to be known as the "**Hillsborough Confrontation**". A group of protestors, calling themselves Regulators, converged on Northampton to stop the county court from convening. Aka known as the Regulator Movement. The seeds of the rebellion have been activated. Next step, Revolutionary War.

These were legitimate efforts to address the issue of taxation, and what many saw as a distrust between the citizens and government leaders. Maybe you can ask, **are their similarities today?** When the Founding Fathers addressed the issue of the Right to Petition, for the people, **was this a right to be taken lightly? What can we do to restore this right today?**

