

Selected Articles: Martin Luther King's Struggle: 50 Years Later

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We should carefully reflect on Martin Luther King's message to the World.

MLK understood the relationship between America's war agenda and social justice and civil rights in America. "No one who has any concern for the integrity and life of America today can ignore the present war [Vietnam]".

One cannot be a civil rights leader without taking a stance against U.S. led wars.

In the words of Martin Luther King: "Silence is Betrayal".

Today with war hawks in the White House and the U.S. State department, America is leading a military adventure which in the real sense of the word threatens the future of humanity.

But this is not a talking point on network TV. Nor is it a concern of the "antiwar" movement. Meanwhile, the media is "killing the truth" either through distortion or omission.

Today we commemorate the passing of **Martin Luther King** who was assassinated in a high level conspiracy on the orders of key agencies of the US government (see text of Judgment).

Very few Americans are aware of the historical 1999 civil law suit of the King Family against the US Government. (Shelby County Court), Tennessee.

["After four weeks of testimony and over 70 witnesses in a civil trial in Memphis, Tennessee, twelve jurors reached a unanimous verdict on December 8, 1999 after about an hour of deliberations that **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated as a result of a conspiracy.** In a press statement held the following day in Atlanta, Mrs. Coretta Scott King welcomed the verdict, saying, "There is abundant evidence of a major high level conspiracy in the assassination of my husband, Martin Luther King, Jr. And the civil court's unanimous verdict has validated our belief."](#)

"Making Money on War" is what motivated the killing of Martin Luther King on April 4, 1968. In the words of [William Pepper](#) (King Family Press Conference):

Because he took on those forces, powerful economic forces that dominated politics in this land, they killed him. He was killed because he could not be stopped. He was killed because they feared that half a million people would rise in revolution in the capitol of this country, and do what Mr. Jefferson said needed to be done every 20 years, to cleanse this land. This land has not been cleansed. This nation has not faced the problems that Martin Luther King, Jr. died trying to face and confront. **They still exist**

today, the forces of evil, the powerful economic forces that dominate the government of this land and make money on war and deprive the poor of what is their right, their birthright. They still abound and they rule.

Decision of the Jury

“Do you also find that others, **including governmental agencies, were parties to this conspiracy** as alleged by the defendant? **Your answer to that one is also yes.**”

Here is the [full transcript of the Court Hearings](#)

Below is a selection of articles on **Martin Luther King Jr**, commemorating his passing on April 4, 1968, assassinated on the orders of agencies of the US government. His important legacy will live forever in our minds and our hearts.

Michel Chossudovsky, Global Research, April 4, 2018

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[Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 50 Years Later: The Struggle Against Racism, War & Poverty Continues](#)

By [Abayomi Azikiwe](#), April 04, 2018

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his life for the elimination of national oppression, the war policy of the Pentagon and the necessity for the lifting the masses of people out of poverty. His assassination was a by-product of a system built on forced removals of the Indigenous people, the enslavement of Africans and the super-exploitation of workers in general.



[Martin Luther King, Lesson for Today: Militarism and Economic Exploitation, Blatant Racism at Home and Imperialism Abroad](#)

By [Peter Ford](#), April 03, 2018

Martin Luther King was not deceived: American militarism and ‘the evils that are rooted deeply in the whole structure of our society’ are closely connected. That is why he came out bravely to express his opposition to the war in Vietnam. It is not fanciful to imagine that were he alive today he would be expressing similar opposition to America’s war against Syria.



[**Martin Luther King was Killed 50 Years Ago, April 4, 1968, Memphis, Tenn. Court Decision, U.S. “Government Agencies” Found Guilty in Martin Luther King’s Assassination**](#)

By [Carl Herman](#), April 03, 2018

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[**Nonviolence or Nonexistence? The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.**](#)

By [Robert J. Burrowes](#), April 02, 2018

Despite the vastly more perilous state of our planet, many people and organizations around the world are following in the footsteps of Gandhi, King and other nonviolent luminaries like Silo, and are engaged in what is effectively a last ditch stand to end the violence and put humanity on a path to peace, justice and sustainability.



[**“Beyond Vietnam”, Silence is Betrayal: Martin Luther King’s Historic 1967 Speech**](#)

By [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), April 04, 2018

Martin Luther King Jr. 4 April 1967 Speech at Riverside Church, Upper Manhattan, New York. The speech was delivered on the same day (April 4, 1967) one year before MLK was killed on April 4, 1968.



[**We Need a Martin Luther King Day of Truth**](#)

By [Edward Curtin](#), January 15, 2018

As **Martin Luther King**’s birthday is celebrated with a national holiday, his death day

disappears down the memory hole. Across the country – in response to the King Holiday and Service Act passed by Congress and signed by **Bill Clinton** in 1994 – people will be encouraged to make the day one of service. Such service does not include King’s commitment to protest a decadent system of racial and economic injustice or non-violently resist the U.S. warfare state that he called “the greatest purveyor of violence on earth.”

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