RACE AND THE LEGACY OF DR. KING

AN ALTERNATE PERSPECTIVE
CAMPUS CONVERSATION GROUND RULES

1) Speak from your own experiences only
2) Discomfort is OK. It is part of the learning process.
3) If, when in identity-mixed groups discussing identity, you usually hold back, speak up.
   - If, when in identity mixed groups discussing identity you speak often, take a pause.
4) Expect and accept non-closure on identity issues; this work is on-going.
5) Don't shame, attack, or discount others, but bring it to their attention when they've said something offensive.
6) Maintain confidentiality
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Integration is not merely a romantic or aesthetic something where you merely add color to a still predominantly white power structure. Integration must be seen in political terms where there is shared power.
DEFINITIONS

▪ **Race** as a *social concept*, is a *group* of people who share similar and distinct physical characteristics - Source: Wikipedia

▪ **Legacy** - something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past. - Source: Merriam Webster dictionary

▪ **Conflict Theory** (Weberian approach) - states there to be a natural struggle between social classes, as resources will be unevenly distributed to those with higher status. In return, those with the higher status will engage in activities and develop practices to sustain the power imbalance (Sadovnik, 2011).
MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr.
MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. WAS MORE THAN YOU THINK HE IS.

- The man who gave the who gave the “I have a Dream’ speech in 1963 was not the same man who was assassinated in 1968:

- “..The White man pays Rev. MLK and subsidizes him to teach the Negros to be defenseless to the hands of the white man...the goal of Dr. MLK is to get Negros to forgive the people who have brutalized them for 400 years by lulling them to sleep and making them forget...”

- “…his methods are effective, his philosophy of love of the oppressor was psychologically burdensome…”

- “…If the Negro is to be free, he must move down into the inner resources of own soul and sign with a pen and ink of self-assertive manhood, his own Emancipation Proclamation...” -MLK Jr.
WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN LEFT OUT?

- MLK Jr. also stood for:
  - 1) Sanitation workers Rights
  - 2) Curriculum Reform
  - 3) Advancing Economic Opportunity
  - 4) Anti-War Sentiment
  - 5) Working Across Religions
  - 6) Gay Marriage rights
FROM AMERICA’S HERO TO ENEMY OF THE STATE
COINTELPRO: Counterintelligence Program
“You know, we struggled hard and long for the victories we have attained. Yet there’s something that troubles me deeply. For all the civil rights and all the things we’ve done.....I have come to believe that we are integrating into a burning house.....We have no choice but to become firemen."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Recount in Harry Belafonte's Memoir: My song
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