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1. Introduction

"Where there is love there is life" [Bra15a]. That is only one of Gandhis many quotes which are still common used citations and are known worldwide. In a period of war and violence, Gandhi showed the world a new way of fighting, the way of love and non-violence: "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man" [Bra15b]. Becoming popular as a modest and fragile-looking man, Gandhi went down in history as someone who insisted on his dream with all his power and even life. There are not many people that have characterized the 20th century the way Gandhi did. His movement, which in the end made India independent, is known all over the world and even had impacts years after his death. Apart from others, he fascinated Mandela, Martin Luther King and the Dalai Lama, who according to their own statements overtook many of his principles. In view of the fact that this seminar paper is written for a seminar that deals with the US in the 1960, this work focuses on Martin Luther King as someone whose work took place in the 60s. Kings political action in the US was influenced by Gandhis vision of the world in many ways.

This question will be answered by first analyzing Gandhis life and dream in detail, to understand the way Gandhi lived his dream. Afterwards manifestations will be listed and explained to show how and in what extend Gandhis dream and spirit influenced Kings work, based on statements of authors that have already dealt with the issue. After that, self-developed presumptions will be explained to show more parallels between these two world-famous people life work, again to find answers to the question of what linked the two men. At the end a short résumé will be given to combine the answers to the question.

2. Gandhi's Life

3. Gandhi's Spirit and Principles

4. Gandhis Influence on Martin Luther King

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5. Résumé

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