

Should King's birthday be a holiday?

This week's Oral Quarrel asked readers to list the advantages and disadvantages of making Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday. Following are the answers:

There would be no advantages whatsoever. The blacks have too many holidays as it is.

The disadvantages are that this nation would be honoring a man who belonged to over 10 Communist front organizations. That's why he was opposed by J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the FBI, at the time of Hoover's time in office.

Yes, I think you should have it. If it were a white man, he'd have it, it's because he's black and I am a black woman speaking it.

Two disadvantages would be that it is the third Monday and it comes up the 19th of January or the 21st of January, there are going to be 11 states that are going to be ticked about it because that is General Lee's birthday.

I believe that there are more great people that should have a holiday named after them. George Washington Carver for one, Mother Waddles for another,

and Father Flannigan of Boy's Town.

I don't think we should have Martin Luther King Jr. birthday a federal holiday. It's absolutely unequal. If individual states want to do that, that's fine but it should not be a federal holiday.

I don't see any advantages. The disadvantages are mainly that you are setting a precedent of honoring people other than the two presidents of the United States who share a holiday and Christopher Columbus who allegedly discovered our country. I think there are so many people, and Martin Luther King is one of them, who are worthy of recognition. But I think the recognition that we give them can be done in a much different way.

The advantages are that the blacks will have a hero to honor. The disadvantage is that we are adding a tenth holiday. I suggest we combine this with one of the holidays we already have and keep the number to nine.

Just check his friends out at St. Fabian's, from the boss on down.

The disadvantage is that he is not an elected national leader recognized by all the people. This could lead to any

oral quarrel

Tom, Dick or Harry that the federal people feel be recognized and put an extra burden on the taxpayers by making it a federal holiday and give federal employees a day off. A lot of people disagree with this philosophy.

What did Martin Luther King ever do for America? What did Martin Luther King ever do for me? Why should his birthday be a national holiday?

I do not feel his birthday should be a holiday. There has been nothing like this before and I do not feel it is a national type of thing.

I can't see the reason why it should be a holiday. I just can't understand the whole situation as to why. That's my opinion about the whole thing. I know he did a lot of work and everything else but it still don't make any sense to me. He was not that great, he was not president or anything else.

The advantage of having a Martin Luther King federal holiday declared is zero. Why not have one for Eisenhower and one for MacArthur, one for Harry

Truman and everybody else and let all the workers that work for the federal government just stay home. On a strictly monetary basis, it's ridiculous. Now if you want to know the advantages, there is none.

There are no advantages of making Martin Luther King's birthday a legal holiday. The disadvantages, I don't think it is right to inconvenience millions of American people by closing banks and other government businesses. To make Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday would be a great in-

justice to so many good Americans that gave their lives for the good of America. He would make Benedict Arnold look like a Sunday school teacher.

I disagree. I don't think any of these holidays should be at the taxpayer's expense and I think if they want a holiday, they should have the Fourth of July for everybody's birthday including Washington, Lincoln and all those type birthday's on a national holiday. No other day should be allowed because of the tremendous expense involved.

We have too many holidays. If we wish to have Martin Luther King to be a holiday, why don't we have John Kennedy holiday and Robert Kennedy holiday too.

I certainly do not think Martin Luther King's birthday should be made a holiday. I think the only reason they are trying to do this is because he was black. We could make so many holidays of other people that are just as well known and this would be ridiculous.

It's fine to commemorate his birthday but do not give government workers another day off. Take a cue from the banks and cut down on paid holidays.

Our national holidays are in honor of former presidents. Martin Luther King


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