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Prompt: Martin Luther King had a dream that one day all children would "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Based on the readings, has Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream come true in today's society?

Step 1: Choose your claim:

a. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of all children being judged by the content of their character instead of the color of their skin has come true in today's society.

b. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of all children being judged by the content of their character instead of the color of their skin has not come true in today's society.

Step 2: Identify Evidence:

Once you have chosen your claim, provide evidence from the text to support your argument. You may choose to paraphrase or use short quotes from the reading(s).

"Blacks and whites generally agree that the two races get along well, but about 7 in 10 blacks and more than 1 in 4 whites also concur that blacks are treated unequally by the criminal justice system."

"In 3 blacks, 1 in 5 Hispanic Americans and 1 in 10 whites said they were treated unfairly within the last year because of perceptions of their race."
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"Blacks and whites generally agree that the two races get along well, but about 7 in 10 blacks and more than 1 in 4 whites also occur that blacks are treated unequally by the criminal justice system. A majority of blacks also say that they are treated less fairly than the whites and public schools and in the workplace. Fully 1 in 3 blacks, 1 in 5 Hispanic Americans and 1 in 10 whites said they were treated unfairly within the last year, because the perceptions of their race."

Rich Morin, an author of the Pew report, said he was struck by the disparity in perceptions of progress by race and political affiliation. Whites and blacks see their communities very differently in terms of how blacks are treated. He said, “We’re clearly going to the right direction.”

Heather Herman, Minnesota Literacy Council, 2012
Updated by Lindsey Cermak, Minnesota Literacy Council, 2014
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"Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of all children being judged by the content of their character instead of the color of their skin has not come true in today's society. According to the reading, "Not so much, though, that nearly half of all Americans - 49 percent in all - or 44 percent of whites, 48 percent of Hispanics and 49 percent of blacks - said a lot more progress needed to be made to achieve Dr. King's vision of a colorblind society. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to believe there has been racial progress. Fully 90 percent of all Americans say at least some more needs to be done."

However "Both blacks and whites were much less likely this year to say black people were better off than five years earlier than they did in a 2009 Pew survey after Mr. Obama's first election."
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b. has not Come true. majority of blacks are still being treated less fairly then whites. Compared with five decades ago, imbalances in household income and wealth, marriage and incarceration rates have widened, whites households is 14 times that of blacks are nearly three time as likely to be living below the federal poverty threshold. black men were five times as likely as white men to be local, state or federal prison. Fifty years later, black men are six times as likely as white men to be incarcerated and Hispanic men three times as likely.

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Earlier than they did in the latest Nationwide Survey of 2,200 adults was conducted this month after the Supreme Court in June effectively gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965, freeing the states to change their election laws without advance federal approval.

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A. Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream of all children being judged by the content of their character instead of color of their skin has come true in today’s society but not 100%.

Evidence: 7 in 10 black and more than 1 in 4 white concur that black are treated unequally by the criminal justice system.
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The Progress of MLK Speech has not improved. The article states that Blacks and Whites generally agree that the two races get along well, but about 7 in 10 blacks and more than 1 in 10 whites also concur that blacks are treated unequally by the criminal justice system.

The writer also stated that, "A majority of blacks also say they are treated less fairly than whites in public schools and in the workplace. Fully 1 in 3 blacks, 1 in 5 Hispanic Americans, and 1 in 10 whites said they were treated unfairly within the last year because of perceptions of their race."

The Progressive Tense has not changed.