



Dr. Martin Luther King confers with Rev. Ralph Abernathy, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

“One of the most damaging effects of past segregation on the personality of the Negro may well be that he has been victimized with the delusion that others should be more concerned than himself about his citizenship rights.”

“Even when the polls are open to all, Negroes have shown themselves too slow to exercise their voting privileges. There must be a concerted effort on the part of Negro leaders to arouse their people from their apathetic indifference . . . In the past, apathy was a moral failure. Today, it is a form of moral and political suicide.”

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