

**Assertion:**

*"While the American dream has become less accessible over time, the hope that it will one day be attainable for all still endures."*

**Response:**

The American Dream. The promise that all are able to live their own life and make something out of themselves. This is what America was founded on, to give each and every one of its citizens this promise. America was *"founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened,"* as JFK explains in his civil rights address. It has though become less accessible over time, however the hope of its attainability for all still remains enduring. Currently it sees a great divide, as if it is only attainable for some, while not for others. Langston Hughes states *"I am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart, I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars. I am the red man driven from the land, I am the immigrant clutching the hope I seek,"* highlighting the struggles faced by certain groups of people versus others. However, this dream is still attainable; as Martin Luther King Jr. states in his "I Have a Dream" speech that *"we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation,"* making clear that it is in sight, but that we need to work towards achieving this dream. So what do we do now? We need to stop and realize that we are all one; that despite our differences, we still make up one human class. We all want the same thing in life, to live life to its fullest and be able to live our own lives freely. Problems will not fix themselves; we have to step up to fix them. Once we do that, the American Dream will be attainable for all, and America will fulfill its promise to its people; that all are created equal.

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