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If You're A Republican Lawmaker Planning To Post An MLK Quote On Monday, Just Don't.

Republicans take MLK day off or better yet, tell the truth about his history.

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Martin Luther King Jr. gives his "I Have a Dream" speech to a crowd before the Lincoln Memorial during the Freedom March in Washington, DC, on August 28, 1963. The widely quoted speech became one of his most famous. Photo: Getty Images (Getty Images)

When I was a kid, I remember the first time I learned about [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#)—you know, the Disneyland version. There were slight mentions of protests and arrests—however, my teachers gave the most significant amount of time to King's "I Have A Dream," the speech he gave in 1963 at Washington D.C. and his principles of non-violence. We constantly emphasized one quote:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

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Then, we jumped right to his assassination in 1968—the end. But we knew everything about the American Revolution, the Boston Tea Party, and how George Washington crossed the Potomac River with his powered wig intact.

It wasn't until I got older that I learned about the march in Selma, Alabama/"Bloody Sunday," the Poor People's Campaign, J. Edgar Hoover ordering surveillance of his activities with the F.B.I., or that [his house got bombed in 1956](#). Much of that research were things to do on my own.

On M.L.K. Day Monday, there will be a lot of Republican lawmakers and congressional representatives posting the same variation of quotes. It's either from the one I mentioned or from his "[Strength To Love](#)" sermon in 1963.

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Or better yet, here are a few that you can use:

From his "[Letter From Birmingham Jail](#)" in 1963:

"For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Wait" has almost always meant "Never." We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."

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During Super Bowl LII, Dodge [promoted their new Ram Truck in a commercial](#) with some excerpts from King's "Drum Major Instinct" speech in 1968—completely using them out of context. Even though, in the same address, King spoke to the evils of consumerism.

This is the climate Republicans aim for as they go through history and erase all the bad parts. Because as sunny as the "I Have A Dream" speech is made out to be, it doesn't show the many beatings, threats, arrests, and prison time that King and many civil rights leaders endured for progress. Many ultimately lost their lives for the rights which are being attacked to this very day.

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From his "[Beyond Vietnam](#)" speech in 1967:

The world now demands a maturity of America that we may not be able to achieve.

From his "[Where Do We Go From Here](#)" speech in 1967:

"We must see now that the evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism are all tied together. And you can't get rid of one without getting rid of the other."

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From his "[The Other America](#)" lecture in 1967:

"It may be true that morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. It may be true that the law cannot change the heart but it can restrain the heartless. It may be true that the law can't make a man love me, but it can restrain him from lynching me, and I think that's pretty important also."

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Truth feels like something you can twist to your likening these days, but history remembers everything. No matter how often you try to ignore it, themes from the past will come back if you don't address them. The Supreme Court made a ruling in 2013 to [strike down parts of the 1965 Civil Rights Act](#). Ironically, some of the congressional representatives who post the "feel good" MLK quotes were alive when that legislation passed and cheering as it gets broken down.

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So, I say this. The facade isn't worth it. We see right through it. You might be drafting this post as you read this, but as [Jay-Z](#) once said on "Takeover," "We don't believe you/you need more people."

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As James Baldwin said "I don't believe anything you say, because I see what you do." I mean you could also have included Joe Manchin & Forever 16's favorite customer Kristen Sinema. I mean I plan on getting suspended from Twitter for calling out all of these clowns on Monday. Oh Tim Scott, you are a black gummed ass better not say a

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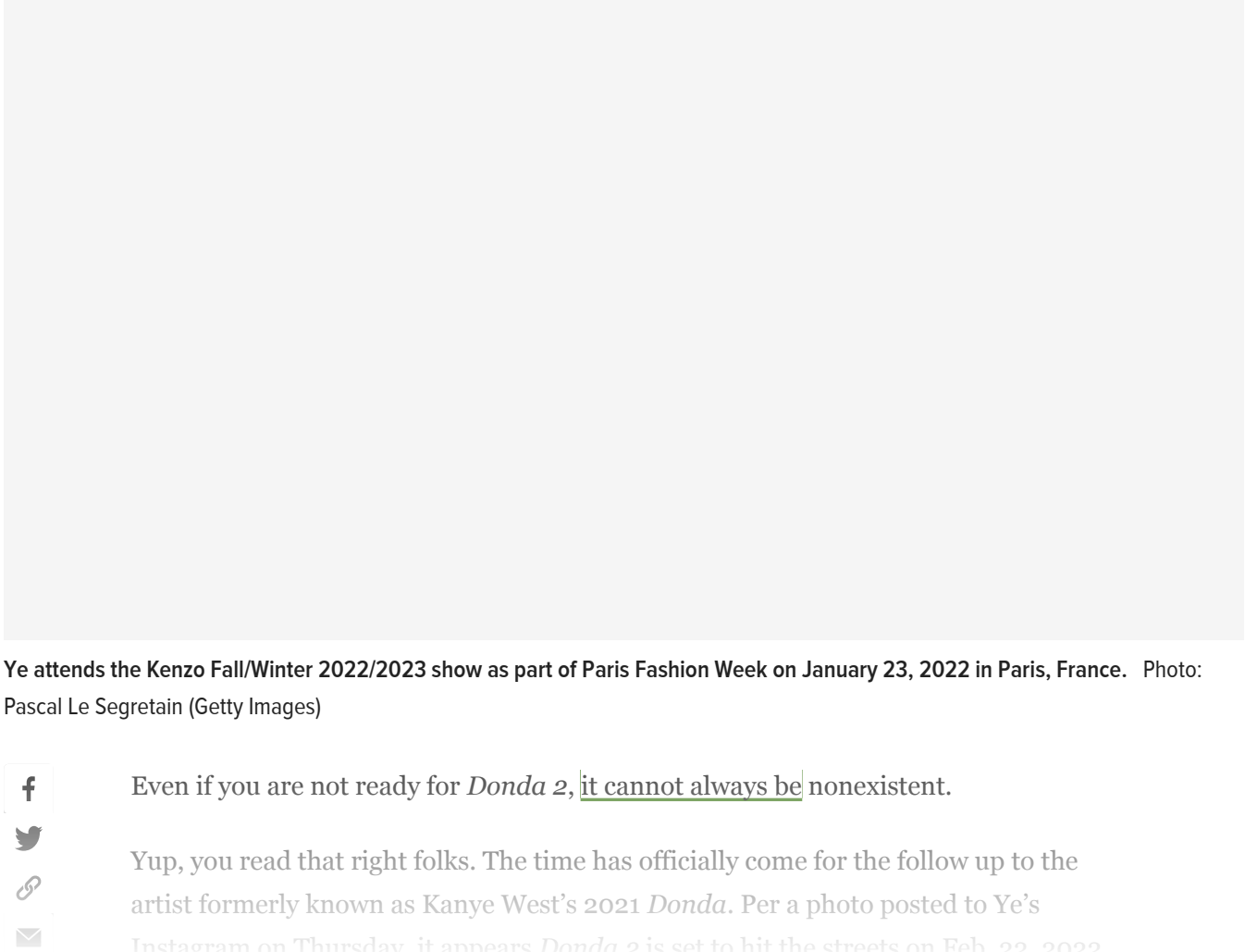
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Ye attends the Kenzo Fall/Winter 2022/2023 show as part of Paris Fashion Week on January 23, 2022 in Paris, France. Photo: Pascal Le Segretain (Getty Images)

Even if you are not ready for *Donda 2*, [it cannot always be](#) nonexistent.

Yup, you read that right folks. The time has officially come for the follow up to the artist formerly known as Kanye West's 2021 *Donda*. Per a photo posted to Ye's Instagram on Thursday, *it appears Donda 2 is set to hit the streets on Feb. 22, 2022*.

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