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9/18/2018 7:02:03	2121	News report	More than once	Vietnam Memorial in DC and the Holocaust Memorial in Boston. Both	The Embrace. It's a simple design and reflects Dr. And Mrs. King's belief that love will show us the way to peace and harmony. Material used is striking and warm. The others have nice elements but feel cold.
9/18/2018 8:49:53	2151	WBUR	Many times		The Embrace. It lets the viewer be more reflective at the memorial and the sculpture itself by not being distracted by too many other elements.
9/18/2018 9:35:21	2131	I try to stay on top of public art in Boston.	Many times		The Embrace by Hank Willis Thomas with MASS Design Group. It is the only proposal that does not rely on the written word to convey MLK's legacy. Adam Pendleton's proposal is also good, but echos the Vietnam Memorial in DC and seems too somber, in comparison Hank Willis Thomas's design evokes a hopeful meaningful future.
9/18/2018 9:43:09	2114	I am a landscape architect who works in public space in Boston	Many times	Vietnam War Memorial, Washington DC	The Embrace. It is personal to MLK and CSK while still capturing his ideals, which is one of the most amazing qualities of the pair.
9/18/2018 9:48:54	1702	NPR, Liz Walker	Many times	Holocaust Museums in Berlin and Buchenwald Germany, connected me to my people's experience	The Embrace. It immediately moved me to tears. It is both a human and a deeply spiritual response, uniting to one's higher self, to others and to Gld. It touches the heart and so parts of the brain that the other designs do not reach, and that inspiration is the core of the Kings' lived experience and legacy.
9/18/2018 9:51:14	2453	Globe	More than once	All in DC - Vietnam Vets, MLK, FDR	The Embrace -- very powerful and different. Would hope that some MLK quotes also would be incorporated in the design (perhaps in stone tiles around the sculpture).
9/18/2018 9:51:44	1880	Boston Globe email	Many times	Lincoln memorial-makes me cry and gives me hope, Holocaust memorial in Boston- I make it a point to walk through or by it whenever I'm in the area, it was very difficult to walk through the first time, very difficult, and we are better people for having it to remind us to never forget.	The intertwined hands- together we can make a difference, we have to be united, it takes action, its not about loss its about life and hope and the media used makes it seems like a living thing to keep his legacy alive in our hearts and minds.
9/18/2018 9:54:47	2740	Boston Globe coverage	Many times	54th MA regiment	Crossed hands. We need to continue to hold hands and connect our communities, races, etc. to build on King's legacy.
9/18/2018 9:55:37	2465	Boston Globe	More than once	The WWII Memorial and Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC - They fit the space and cause visitors to stop and think about what they symbolize, to remember those they memorialize. I also like the MLK memorial in DC with King walking out of the unfinished stone, showing that his work was unfinished.	Hands down The Embrace. I don't like the black walls. First, anything recalling his assassination shouldn't be part of his legacy. The Embrace is what his legacy is about, love for and acceptance of all. Empty Pulpit is my least favorite - It doesn't accomplish much, doesn't inspire us to remember his legacy and work to see it fulfilled. The Embrace is bold. Its meaning is clear about what King wanted to accomplish. It inspires while adding beauty.
9/18/2018 9:56:06	2446	From a friend	Many times	The Holocaust memorial in Berlin has impacted me the most. The fact that it's in the middle of a capital city, you walk through it and the blocks of stone become higher and it gets darker, and quieter the further one walks has never left me. I know there are a lot of interpretations about it but the face that it's right in Berlin (it can't be ignored and everyone knows it's there) like many Germans knew what was going on and watched/participated as Jews and others were being round up. One could also argue that walked around it as the stones become higher, you walk lower down and it becomes darker and quieter could also reflect how victims could have felt as their lives were destroyed.	The Embrace by Hank Willis Thomas best reflects Kings' legacy because the linking of arms and holding of hands was such a powerful move during the civil rights movement. It's also so much more beautiful than the others and I feel the statement is right there "in your face." There are pictures of MLK and other activists marching, holding hands, or linked arm in arm-- women, men and children of all ages, religions and ethnicities too. MLK was about non-violent protest and it cost him his life. These hands will honor him and I will be so proud, as an African-American to have this memorial in Boston. I can't wait!
9/18/2018 10:07:44	1940	WBUR, Boston Globe	More than once	Shaw Memorial. It evokes the drama of that history.	The Embrace. It will do more than memorialize. It will enhance the Common for the future as art on its own terms.
9/18/2018 10:26:37	2445	email	Many times	most impactful: Berlin: wall of id cards of the first 1-00 victims of Hitler. They were stripped of personal identification and given a number. It's a haunting reminder of how cruel humans can be.	best is bronze embrace: you can sit under it and feel embraced. the imagery is profound and you can experience the metaphor. least favorite: black stone bridge and empty pulpit: evoke something negative rather than positive. the other two were good but not as profound as the embrace - that is profound in what it stands for as well as peace, positivity, and the visitor can experience all of that.

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9/18/2018 10:30:20	2492	NPR WGBH	Many times	Yes. Most impacted by the Vietnam Memorial with the list of the names, and the respect and silence as people viewed and visited. Also, the FDR memorial for it's timeline providing an education of his legacy.	I personally like The Embrace for its visual impact and the many ways you can apply it to Dr. King, including the meeting and falling in love with his wife in Boston and his desire for peaceful demonstrations, and the intended focus of the power of love and collective action. The love people felt for Dr. King is reflected right back at us.
9/18/2018 10:37:27	2053	Reading the Globe	Many times	Viet Nam Memorial provides visual and visceral impact -- A striking rendition of all those names, all those lives lost.	The Embrace portrays love, reaching out, unity, compassion, empathy -- all parts of MLK's message and legacy and the best way to make changes in the world.
9/18/2018 10:44:34	2144	Facing History and Ourselves	Many times	Equal Justice Initiative National Memorial to Peace and Justice. Profound in it's way to bring history to the present, to make us confront our unjust past and seek justice today.	The Embrace. It so visually represents what King was about in terms of the beloved community, working for justice, and embracing others as opposed to pushing them away.
9/18/2018 11:07:59	2115	WBZ Twitter	Many times	Holocaust Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and 9/11 Memorial are reflective and very moving.	"The Embrace" since it is interactive. The park designs are nice but I feel like they'd get lost as just being another part of the common.
9/18/2018 11:16:10	2461	Boston Globe	Many times	Several War Memorials - After serving for 10 years the impact of loss/bravery	The Embrace - Amazing image and represents what MLK stood for - Embrace and change and diversity. Together we can overcome all obstacles
9/18/2018 11:24:51	2446	Globe	Many times	Holocaust memorial is my all time favorite. The steam and the etched numbers is quietly impactful	Embrace! It's something we all should be doing more of across the races. We don't need to reflect, we need to physically act and be in touch with race! Especially in white Boston.
9/18/2018 11:37:54	2128	Boston Globe	Many times	The King Memorial in D.C. is breathtaking, and the fact that the statue of him faces Thomas Jefferson across the Tidal Basin is a brilliant artistic choice. The quotes on the memorial were perfectly chosen. That said, the Jefferson Memorial is probably my favorite in D.C. because it welcomes you into a space to reflect on the words of the man. A runner-up is the WWII Memorial, also because it draws you into it.	"The Embrace" by Hank Willis Thomas. Since the memorial is being built to reflect the Kings' connection to this city, it should evoke something about that connection. The Kings met here in Boston, and the statue depicting a loving embrace speaks to that, as well as to the love of which King preached and the fact that we have to embrace each other and love one another if we are to see his vision for a more equal society take root.
9/18/2018 11:44:47	2171	Facebook	Many times	MLK DC, Vietnam Vets DC, 911 NY,	The Embrace- we need to find compassion and understanding to move forward.
9/18/2018 11:55:38	2467		Many times	Many, including N.E. Holocaust Memorial which invoked strong emotional reaction and reflection.	Both the Embrace and the Bridge. The Embrace for its reference to the bond between Martin and Coretta, and their bond to the community and embrace of all, and for its evocation of inclusion - the embrace of all as part of a united community.
9/18/2018 11:57:55	1824	news	More than once	Yes, many. It has to be a tangible, interactive experience like the Boston Holocaust memorial to really make the impact. Not just names engraved on marble.	The Embrace. It's MLK's dream and vision. The hands are powerful making the statement move beyond a flat boring memorial and transcending into an interactive, loving, impactful, lasting experience.
9/18/2018 12:01:39	20009	I subscribe to The Boston Globe	Many times	The Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials are my favorites--the former for the quiet impact it shows about the magnitude of lives lost in a war I remember well, the latter for its artistic beauty and inspiration.	The Embrace. I find it highly original, compelling, and I do feel the message of love and togetherness and "can-do" very clear, especially in its shiny bronze finish.
9/18/2018 12:16:23	2760	Boston Globe	More than once		The Embrace. The bronze is beautiful and it's symbolic of what this country needs more of and what MLK invited people to do -- embrace each other.
9/18/2018 12:41:29	2169	News	Many times	Not yet.	The Embrace by Hank Willis. In a time where technology can drive humans apart, this instillation reminds us of humanity and the connection between humans that we sometimes take for granted. Together we are stronger and possess the power to change the world, but it all starts with connecting with others.

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9/18/2018 12:43:18	2474	Boston Globe	Many times	Holocaust Memorial in Berlin, Homo Memorial in Amsterdam, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, DC, Holocaust Memorial Boston 9/11 Memorial NYC Terezin Concentration Camp, Czech Republic. They all have deep respect for the subject matter, they all evoke silence and meditation on the cause of the memorial and they all offer a chance to feel deeply and reflect on why these memorials are necessary and important.	The Embrace - this is the most genuine and original, it offers us a chance to reflect on Dr.Kings message of non violence and love, it is open and accessible.
9/18/2018 13:26:50	2492	Boston Globe	Many times	Many across the world.... [1]	The embrace. This is the only proposal that attempts to express King's underlying humanity. He was not a man of abstraction. He never disengaged or distanced himself from the needs of individual people; instead he held their hands as the stood for themselves and moved the world forward. King loved people more than things he embraced challenges rather than taking easy paths. To represent his memory as an abstract shape or even serene landscape is to miss the point of his life.
9/18/2018 14:41:56	1821	Boston Globe	Once	Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC	The large bronze hands - it is the best of the choices and resembles King's philosophy of peaceful demonstration
9/18/2018 15:18:57	1867	Boston Globe	Many times	Holocaust Memorial, other Native Am	No. 1 it is the most provocative and has that human touch. You imagine MLK's hands. There was a time when white and blacks holding hands was persecuted. This has the most meaning and the most memorable. One looks like the twin towers, another a weird antenna, a glorified walkway and one which I've forgotten.
9/18/2018 15:26:46	2108	Boston Globe	Many times		Embrace. It sends a clear message of love and compassion.
9/18/2018 16:33:15	2169	Boston Globe	More than once	The civil rights museum at the Lorrai	I think The Embrace best reflects King's legacy because of the way he united so many different people and different groups of people across race and class lines, from education to politics to small towns and farms, in pursuit of equality. Without such a broad coalition, the movement wouldn't have achieved what it did. It also expresses kindness, love, and non-violence which were central tenets of Dr. Kings teachings.
9/18/2018 16:53:56	2131	boston.gov [2]	More than once [3]	D.C mall memorials, the Haymarket	The Embrace because it is positive, peaceful and personifies change through reaching people as human beings, touching and holding on to another while dialoguing through our differences. Its muscularity depicts the strength required for social justice. And the metallic finish radiates beauty and bloodshed. [5]
9/18/2018 16:45:12	2124	Online. At Codman Acad	More than once	MFA exhibits, Boston. Whitney Plant	"The Embrace": like the hands are helping each other to remember them, and are best friends. It shows (what we think are) black and white hands together, like how MLK didn't see color, he saw the people. We also like the color/material.
9/18/2018 17:13:47	2459	Op-ed in the Globe a few	More than once	I just went to DC and toured all of the	My favorite is The Embrace - it symbolizes love, and bringing people together
9/18/2018 17:15:35	2118	Boston Globe	More than once	Korean & Vietnam Memorials in DC,	First choice, "the Embrace" #1 speaks to togetherness, non-violence and unity - love the circular motion and emotion in this sculpture.
9/18/2018 17:21:58	2126	News	Many times	Vietnam Memorial in D.C.	The Embrace. This proposal reflects the emphasis on coming together of all ethnic groups in peace.
9/18/2018 17:22:41	2302	Fox 25 News	Many times	Holocaust memorial in Washington D	The Embrace because it is peaceful, loving, inviting, and represents MLK fully.
9/18/2018 17:50:00	2127	Boston.com article	Many times	Yes. I was most impacted by memori	Embrace. It promotes love and togetherness as well as self reflection.
9/18/2018 18:45:10	2472	Boston Globe	Many times		The Embrace: It is instantly inclusive, and generates a feeling of warmth, support and collective strength. Being able to walk under and around it invites us to interact and participate.
9/18/2018 19:51:44	2050	Globe	More than once	Vietnam Memorial, in DC. Impact: Sa	Hands... holding hands with your brother.. as one country.. not diverse factions... as a large sculpture it will have the same modernness as the Bean in Chicago
9/18/2018 23:21:32	2140	Twitter	More than once	Lincoln. Powerful, strong-suggests legac	The embracing hands - they remind us of images of Dr King and the message to love one another is well encapsulated. It's the only structure that envelops the person and makes you feel like your part of something bigger than yourself. That plus the message of love is key.
9/19/2018 6:13:35	1938	Read about it in the Boston	More than once	The sitting Lincoln, the egg in Chicago, R	The Embrace. Dr.King was unique. Dr. King did extraordinary things while he lived on this earth and they were all rooted in peaceful protest and love. Dr. King made you thing of the basic right and dignity of humankind. What better reminder of simple acts of love for your fellow human being but a rendition of an embrace? It is unique, rememberable, and simple.
9/19/2018 6:50:16	2445	Boston Globe	Many times	The Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memori	The Embrace was the superior design, among fantastic finalists, because it offers the most sculptural art, which is highly relatable for conveying emotion and humanity. Walls (such as Vietnam Memorial) convey loss, which is appropriate here too, but MLK's legacy is more about hope, love, and togetherness.
9/19/2018 7:40:51	1742	Boston globe	Many times	911 Memorial in NYC , very moving	The Embrace. It reflects his time in Boston and meeting his wife. It also speaks of his compassion
9/19/2018 8:16:09	2492	Boston Globe column.	More than once	I have viewed the Robert Gould Shaw an	Embrace. It's the only one that conveys emotion and it's the only one (to me) that is intrinsically beautiful.
9/19/2018 8:33:33	2122	News media	More than once	I have visited the monuments in Washing	The Embrace very readily conveys King's commitment to collaborative action and love and evokes memories of the marches, arm in arm.
9/19/2018 8:46:16	2171	Facebook	More than once	Shaw and Holocaust memorials, thought	The embrace is beautiful and will become location where many will celebrate love. I can't imagine a better tribute to MLK by showcasing what humanity is all about- connecting to others.
9/19/2018 8:51:32	2421	Boston Globe	Many times	My favorite is the Lincoln Memorial. It is	The Embrace. It immediately conveys the power of human contact. MLK's legacy involved bringing people together to make social change. I hope, that like the Lincoln Memorial, there is an inscription describing why this memorial was chosen to reflect MLK.
9/19/2018 14:44:25	2114 [6]	At work	Many times	Humanity weeping over her newly freed	Embrace- Has the Love of humanity component throughout it and it is inclusive of Coretta
9/19/2018 9:58:20	2118	Boston Globe	Many times	Vietnam War Memorial in DC, Holocaust	The Embrace - It speaks to what Dr. King preached; love, tolerance, unity. It is the only design in which is message is visually intuitive
9/19/2018 10:30:09	2135	multiple sources, Twitter fir	Many times	Korean War Memorial, DC; Garden of Re	The Embrace. It is the most accessible and simplest and clearest memorial.
9/19/2018 10:36:19	2445	Universal Hub	Many times	MLK national historical park in Atlanta	The Embrace represents many elements of the Kings: love, worship, education, and working together. It's fitting for Boston as this was their meeting place.
9/19/2018 10:44:44	2144	News, twitter, boston globe	Many times	Vietnam Veterans Memorial	The Embrace. The sculpture demonstrates the message of togetherness, equality, and love to advance rights for all.
9/19/2018 11:15:35	2122	online	More than once		The Embrace. It's visually stunning and impacts you when you see it. Also, good scale (one of the other proposals takes up wayyy too much space)
9/19/2018 11:35:37	2114	Universal Hub	Many times	Many memorials - notably the 9/11 mem	The Embrace, without a doubt. Clear, beautiful concept. Minimizes the impact on the Common.
9/19/2018 11:40:30	2130	Universal Hub	Many times	Several time a year. They bring me peac	The Embrace. It imparts sadness, warmth, love, compassion, and makes me feel reflective and contemplative.

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9/19/2018 12:14:32	2130	Universalhub.com	Many times	The classical Washington DC memorials	The Embrace b/c it simplifies his life down to being about love and ignores both his radicalism and his problematic aspects like spousal abuse - exactly like his legacy. I don't think the others reflect much of any aspect of him.
9/19/2018 12:27:53	2155	when the fanlist were announced	Once	Vietnam Veteran's and WW2 in DC	Hands sculpture because it is the one that would stop me and make me think.
9/19/2018 12:53:11	2026	universalhub	Many times		the Embrace. I think it's the most visually pleasing and also the most impactful
9/19/2018 13:11:17	2130	Universal Hub	More than once	Holocaust Memorial	The Embrace- I like the size and message
9/19/2018 15:08:56	1803	WBZ	Many times		The Embrace. It's beautifully simple in expressing MLK and CSK's message.
9/19/2018 16:11:01	2109	Event planner AJ Williams	More than once	Sept 11th monument	The embrace. It's peaceful and reassuring. Shows unity.
9/19/2018 18:21:23	2135	Boston Globe	Many times	Holocaust Memorial in Berlin	The Embrace - there is a symbolic meaning that is easy to see. He would have wanted to be remembered for not just his name but the sense of inclusion that he fostered. The others are just more generic and could be commemorating anything.
9/19/2018 19:16:39	2143	Boston Globe online	Many times		The Embrace because it carries a simple yet powerful message. The stand-alone sculpture is interactive and exciting and still allows for gathering and leisure space around it.
9/20/2018 9:41:56	2126		More than once	EJL, and the impact was intense; very th	The Embrace because it is true that the Kings embodied and promoted love and acceptance.
9/20/2018 10:19:30	2130	Jha D Williams	Many times		Embrace. Because it accurately reflects my history and culture and does so in an uplifting way.
9/20/2018 10:28:28	2155	Ad	Many times		Embrace touches the soul immediately
9/20/2018 10:52:08	1843	The Boston Globe	Many times	Yes. I went to the EJL	The Embrace because it shows unity, togetherness, peace, and love in my opinion.
9/20/2018 12:23:03	2121	Friend	Many times	No	Embrace. Love the design and what it represents
9/20/2018 14:45:03	1770	Facebook	More than once		The embrace. The vulnerability and interactive aspect of it
9/20/2018 16:42:53	2131	My daughter.	Many times	Vietnam Memorial; Lincoln Memorial	The Embrace. I believe it shows the humanity of King. And humanity is what enables us to show compassion and empathy. Especially to those that feel marginalized in our society- people of color, women, LGBTQ and those with disabilities. It allows interaction of touch and sight. Children, adults, the elderly and those with disabilities can enjoy it. It is beautiful and will encourage people to learn about King.
9/20/2018 16:50:01	2131	We discussed the project in	Many times	Yes. The Vietnam Memorial in Washing	"The Embrace" by Hank Willis Thomas. I think that this best reflects the Kings' legacy because they advocated for unity and kindness, and the design of hands embracing very clearly signals that message. Also, it's large and attractive enough that people will interact with it, and maybe their curiosity will make them learn more about MLK and his work.
9/20/2018 16:59:01	2129	A friend	Many times	The Holocaust Memorial is something I n	Art is meant to touch you and bring you to a different place outside yourself to understand something or reflect on it in a way you never could. I believe that "The Embrace" will have the greatest impact on those in it's presence and observing it. I believe it will encourage love and evoke of feeling of community and closeness. As an example shows, I believe people will treat is as a landmark where they go with loved ones and peers to practice the act of an embrace and hopefully find a deeper connection in those small moments. Of course, they will take pictures and share these moments with others and thus extend MLK's legacy of love and empathy each time they do. This statue will not only impact but it will encourage an act. Small simple acts have a profound impact on community and I believe the impact of "The Embrace" will be significant to many and to Boston itself. I felt deeply connected to the piece in the first moment I saw it. It immediately calls to you and exudes love, just as MLK preached his whole life. I believe if MLK was here today, he too would hope that whichever was chosen would strengthen its community and have an immediate impact of love to those observing it.
9/20/2018 18:35:42	2119	friend	More than once		The Embrace. It represents a simple, universal, palpable sign of love and peace.
9/20/2018 18:43:38	2119	Boston Curbed	Many times	The Berlin Holocaust memorial... it is poe	Embrace - it's so beautiful. I love the way you can feel love and struggle at the same time when you look at it. I can imagine how impactful it would feel in the community and that it would quickly become a must see on any trip to Boston for visitors.
9/20/2018 19:25:23	2148	Facebook & Boston Globe	Many times	Yes, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in	"The Embrace" because it focuses on the importance of collective action and the power of love in fighting injustice. I also can imagine the feeling of being inside of the monument/sculpture and think it would be incredibly powerful.
9/20/2018 19:36:53	2138	Facebook	Many times	Yes, Normandy, Brittany, Washington m	The embrace - it is simple and powerful and striking in the way mlk was
9/21/2018 0:29:17	2139	universalhub.com	More than once	Museum of Memory and Human Rights,	The Embrace--it's about bringing people together, symbolized by shaking and touching hands
9/21/2018 5:50:06	3060	Embrace	Many times		Embrace, represents community, a future of compassion, support
9/21/2018 11:57:39	1232	Facebook	Many times		Embrace. It is absolutely beautiful! It is also a statement beyond the man and woman that encourages us to continue to engage in and build upon their legacies. Its more than a monument, its a call to action to carry on the legacy of love in the pursuit of justice, equality, and freedom. No matter what happens, or what trouble comes our way, we must always embrace our collective humanity and do what is right and just for us all.
9/21/2018 14:21:33	2125	I read about on facebook	Many times	I have visited a few but the impact was a	After looking through all of them I feel The Embrace stands out. The way it was designed shows universal love. The design of the joining of hands looks amazing; but the best part of this is how they have three openings for people to enter in and embrace each other as was evident of the three couples being intimate with each other.
9/22/2018 14:02:20	2151	metro Boston paper	More than once	Boston Holocaust Memorial: the design,	The Embrace, because it evoked a visceral response and best expresses MLK's ideals
9/21/2018 17:37:16	10021	The newspaper	Many times	The Lynching Memorial in Alabama... tru	The Embrace to transcend racial and cultural barriers. I believe the concept will be experiential. Each time I visit it will be different. It helps heal and engages the audience...I can't imagine not having it there now ...please make this a reality. America needs The Embrace.
9/21/2018 17:48:04	11238	A friend	More than once		The Embrace, while being sculptural, its concept and meaning behind the shape holds a strong significant meaning.
9/22/2018 9:48:19	2111	WBUR	Many times	The 9/11 Memorial deeply impacted me	The Embrace best reflects the Kings' legacy. The Kings not only fought against racial inequality, but also fought against poverty and war. The causes for which they fought and the nonviolent means they chose were for the sake of their fellow human. The second you see the Embrace sculpture, you are reminded of humanity, and the design is such that you can walk up to the sculpture to almost become part of it. You can touch it, stand within it and beneath it. On one hand I don't like how shiny and flashy the metal looks, but on the other hand, I like that the mirror-like quality of it requires us to look at ourselves.
9/22/2018 14:20:19	2130	a friend	Many times	Yes, I've visited the Crispus Attucks and	The other proposals seem quite generic and could be used as a memorial for literally anything. The larger ones just seem like a place everybody will pass through without a much thought, as opposed to the Embrace which immediately engages the viewer on a human level. The Empty Pulpit is nice in that it stands out and explicitly quotes the Kings, but it's a bit brutal and slightly depressing in my opinion.
9/22/2018 20:05:56	2445	Boston Globe	Many times	Yad vashem in Israel, Hiroshima in Japa	"The Embrace" is the most compelling design because it's supersedes the merely representational and actually presents a call for those who encounter it to engage with each other in an authentic way. For surely no one would date give anything less than a fully realize embrace standing beneath those hands. Everything about Dr. King's activism and legacy suggest he would want something that asks more of us than just observation. "The Embrace" would make a space for people to demonstrate their empathy and connection.
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					It feels intimate and hopeful

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9/23/2018 10:34:42	4102	facebook	More than once	I have visited many but the one that first	The Embrace. I find the design to be an attractive and inclusive way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King. I like that the design allows visitors an interactive experience that I think speaks directly to Dr. King's legacy. I think that visitors will find it hard not to be impacted by this sculpture, it is both on the nose in point, it depicts an actual embrace, and then draws you into the deeper nuances of Dr. King's work.
9/24/2018 10:22:47	2119	A friend	More than once		I believe that MASS' proposal best reflects Kings' legacy because embrace and collective action are two concepts that I feel are closely related to his breadth of work.
9/24/2018 13:37:27	2332	Art Liaisons Group at work	Once	All of the Washington DC memorials.	The Embrace. I believe it give off many messages, such as unity, and it is a gorgeous piece.
9/24/2018 13:46:46	2445	Mass Design	Many times	911 memorial, memorial to the murdered	The embrace. Because the act of embracing is a universal notice of peace and love.
9/25/2018 23:56:59	2114	friend	Many times		The Embrace - the message of inclusion and compassion could not be more timely. We need this constant reminder to embrace one another and this memorial beautifully encapsulates the message.
9/26/2018 21:27:31	10014	A friend in Boston	Many times	The Vietnam Memorial and the 911 Mem	The Embrace - The idea of a single universal gesture common throughout all of humanity to commemorate the love MLK had for his wife, his people, all people, and his cause is at once unique, memorable, healing, and timeless as a hug itself.
9/28/2018 20:42:51	2467	Liz Walker	More than once	I am not a visitor of memorials, but the bi	"Embrace", by Hank Willis Thomas and Mass Design was the most powerful because it reflects the importance of the human touch. In a world of technology, there is still no substitute for a hug or a human embrace. "Embrace" also is more unique than the other submissions and will attract more visitors to the Boston Common just to see the memorial, to embrace under it or to just take a pic. The other submissions look more traditional (towers, walkways) and less bold. It would be great if the "Embrace" used the hands of the Kings as a model. I was disappointed that none of the submissions actually included their image.
9/29/2018 0:30:34	2025	MLK Boston meeting	Many times	I have visited many memorials to take in	I also think the partnership of Hank Willis Thomas, a Black artist, and Mass Design, a nonprofit, reflects the spirit of the Kings.
9/30/2018 15:50:06	2115	A friend	More than once	9/11	The "Embrace" best reflects my memory of Martin and Coretta King. My thoughts of the two of them in photos is marching holding each other's hands, and in another image, Coretta embracing Martin returning home from travels.
10/2/2018 16:14:47	2806	Read in Boston Globe	More than once	Hiroshima Peace memorial: Shocked by	The Embrace, because it's about love.
10/2/2018 21:17:49	2127	LinkedIn	More than once	Yes, Vietnam Veteran's in DC. Powerfu	The Embrace. I believe "The unconditional love" is the heart of Dr. King's message. This memorial stood out to appeal this message straight into the people's heart.
10/3/2018 17:09:18	1740	WGBH/NPR	More than once	Holocaust Memorial invited you in.	The Embrace. It is the most powerful expression of human connection among all of the proposals.
10/4/2018 9:26:10	2116	Boston Globe	Once	Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.;	The Embrace! It's a very simple and powerful, iconic image that everyone can relate to and truly represents what the Kings stood for: LOVE and humanity. I also think that the Kings would very much appreciate - and maybe even insist - that their memorial design/construction comes from the mind/hands of a black artist, as opposed to a architectural team/firm.
10/5/2018 5:04:06	2128	Paul English	Many times		The Embrace. It encourages the joining together of all people in peace and love.
10/5/2018 10:25:40	85048	Internet	More than once		In addition, I believe, The Embrace will fit in better with the Common and it's proposed location is good. It is something people can relate to in human terms and, I think, has a chance at being something people seek out. The other proposals are too large and too impersonal. The Bridge is a nice idea, but the drawing neglects to add the fence at the State House and the fact that the entrance it is designed to lead the visitor to is closed. There is only one entrance open on Beacon Street and that is by the statue of Gen. Hooker. So it could be "the bridge" to nowhere which is not how the legacy of MLK should be celebrated.
10/5/2018 10:35:07	7920	MASS	More than once	EJI Peace & Justice	The Embrace by Hank Willis Thomas with MASS Design Group best reflects the Kings's legacy. This memorial is clearly both an artwork and a memorial. It's aesthetically pleasing and experiential and it's a very visible, physical representation of love, which I think is one of the most beautiful and heartwarming parts of the Kings' legacy here in Boston - that they met and fell in love here.
10/5/2018 10:50:49	2136	Boston globe	Once		The embrace. He led with love and his non-violence approach will forever be an inspiration.
10/5/2018 11:15:15	2140	A friend	More than once	I think I believe the 9/11 Memorial in NYC	The Embrace! Compelling, reflective, warm
10/5/2018 11:24:38	12601	Boston Globe	Many times	National Memorial to Peace and Justice	The embrace because it feels like that is what we need to be doing now. It's relevant to today
10/5/2018 13:38:24	2170		Many times	Equal Justice Initiative Memorial in Mont	1. The Embrace - The shape and gesture represented by the piece reminds us to be kind to one another and come together. Representing a world where we can all live peacefully together.
10/5/2018 15:28:09	13205	Friend	Once		Embrace. Encourages immediate-live interactive healing responses.
10/5/2018 16:17:39	2101	social media, Boston Globe	Many times	The Holocaust memorial in Berlin	The Embrace. I think the way it's positioned, the scale to weight over you - to embrace you - the history behind MLK and Coretta offers such a loving and real touch. I think the notion of a hug is beautiful. It represents love and care and understanding of the person you are with, even if it's two people coming together to embrace/
10/5/2018 21:04:03	85048	My son	Once	Memorials in DC.	The Embrace. Beautiful and timeless
10/5/2018 22:01:32	84606	My cousin	More than once		The Embrace by Hank Willis Thomas, because it shares a simply message of love, acceptance and affection for all of humankind. This is inline with the Kings' mission of non-violence.
10/6/2018 0:17:57	85283	Friend	More than once		The Embrace. It's what King promoted.
10/8/2018 8:52:00	2052	Professional networks	Many times	Dachau concentration camp. Seeing the	The Embrace. It brings a call to action to the individual looking at it... Embrace someone you love, someone you haven't seen in a while, someone who is hurting, someone who is different from you. King encouraged unity among those who are alike and different.
10/8/2018 9:17:36	70118	Site visit	More than once	Yad Vashem, Jerusalem	The Embrace- very moving
10/8/2018 11:27:32	1983	The Boston Globe	More than once	The 911 memorial in NYC and the Memc	Hank Williams Thomas/ MASS Design Group. It not only memorializes, but promotes a direction of community, partnership, love, support that can apply to any part of someone's day, as well as larger social issues.
10/8/2018 23:52:43	2215	Boston Globe	Many times	Holocaust Memorial in Boston, because i	The Embrace - something bigger than us which we should always look up to.
10/10/2018 23:41:59	1741	Facebook - Common Cani	Many times	MLK memorial in DC - quotes were so p	The Embrace I think best symbolizes what Martin represented.
10/11/2018 14:46:52	2140	Emails	Many times	I very much like the MLK memorial in DC	The Embrace, because it stands out more so than the other proposals, and it is commanding and compassionate, just like King.
					The Embrace - stunning visual impact
					The Embrace. Because Boston is focused on his time with Coretta Scott King, and this honors that so well. Because it's warm and welcoming, and in this age of selfies I think it will lead to many excited tourists with photo ops. Because it was very thoughtfully placed in reference to other important MLK Boston history sites.

Timestamp	What is your zip code?	How did you find out about the MLK Boston project?	How often will you visit the MLK Boston Common memorial?	Have you visited other memorials that deeply impacted you? If so, which ones, and how did they impact you?	Which of the five MLK Boston design proposals do you believe best reflects the Kings' legacy? Why?
10/14/2018 16:04:19	2118		Many times		<p>Dr. King was killed on my 17th birthday. I treasure the memory of visiting his birthplace, the King Center, and Ebenezer Baptist Church years later. I also worked on the Edgar Allan Poe public art project that resulted in a statue across Boylston Street from Boston Common in 2014. So I understand some of what #MLKBoston is trying to do, want to thank the sponsors and all the artists involved, and welcome this opportunity to provide my two cents. The final design that speaks to me most movingly -- of both the Kings and of Boston Common -- is "The Embrace" by Hank Willis Thomas with MASS Design Group. I love the simplicity of its 22-foot high, golden bronze abstraction of the arms of Coretta and Martin holding one another closely, symbolizing two senses of the word: embracing love and affection where they first found it in each other; and 2) embracing in the sense of taking to one's heart an acceptance of, and support for, a belief, or a change, collectively. I also like the way the artwork would be immersive in the sense that visitors could move under, through and around the arms and hands made of reflective material. I love the location of "The Embrace" near-exactly in the flat [more democratic] middle of the Common (near the intersection of the "Long Walk" and the "Mayor's Walk) -- not involving its steep northeast quadrant in front of the State House where I was surprised to see the other final designs more concentrated (since they speak to me more of the State House than the Common from so close to its gated shadow). I think the scale of "The Embrace" project is most proportionate to the humility Boston should bring to any commemoration of its national role in the modern American civil rights movement.</p> <p>In any case, the two most basic personal preferences I have had since before the finalists were named are: 1) that I would not be in favor the construction of anything that intrudes on the iconic view of the State House and the lawns including the Liberty Mall in front of it from Tremont St, between Park Street and at least the Brewer Fountain; and 2) that any design that abuts Beacon St. near the since-9/11-imprisoned JFK Statue outside the west wing of the State House will not be fulfilling without address the problem of public access to it.</p> <p>... Good luck, moving forward. -Dan Currie, South End</p>
10/14/2018 18:33:07	2121	The Banner	Many times		Hank Willis Thomas Again I felt a historical connection to the examples of his work. I believe he is capable of creating a piece that is immediately recognized as an epitome of what Dr King stood for.
10/15/2018 6:53:45	2136	WGBH	Many times		Korean War Memorial & Vietnam Wall in The Embrace. It brings togetherness & inclusion to the forefront.
10/15/2018 12:30:59	2143	Facebook	Many times		Holocaust memorial The Embrace by Hank Willis Thomas because it promotes a message of love and nonviolence and unity as a couple, a community and a nation.
10/15/2018 17:48:36	1960	News	Many times		Embrace. I think it shows how if we extend a hand then we can overcome anything.
10/16/2018 7:02:37	2043	TV	Many times		American cemetery in Normandy, Vietnam The Embrace. Stunning, unique, highlights the message of love and peace.
10/16/2018 10:19:01	2124	From a talk at the BPL	Many times		Our Holocaust Memorial is the one I've v The Embrace, because it reminds us that none of us strives alone.
10/16/2018 19:06:31	90720	Through family.	More than once		The Embrace. It is the simplest, and therefore the most memorable and public, of all of the submissions. This sculptural embrace can be interpreted so many ways relevant to Dr. and Mrs. Kings teachings: empathy, love between people, a sheltering safe space. The shiny surface attracts and reflects. The bronze is polished, timelessly marking it's place in our future... Not tarnished like a hopeless artifact of our past. Finally, I find it compelling that this object unapologetically springs from the Earth, blocks your diagonal path through the park and appears to be immovable. A strong statement.
10/16/2018 21:30:27	2130	Through a friend on facebook	Many times		Another point that should not be overlooked is the lead designer on this project seems to have been the Black sculptor. I really appreciate this. Too often, stories on Black heroes (especially MLK) are re-interpreted by those not from the Black community to be more poetic and palatable for a general (White) audience. I think a greater effort needs to be made to let us tell our own stories and then to listen. The Kings were Black people. Their message was addressed to everyone, but the inspiration came from being Black people living in a cruel America. Please let this memorial have the same voice. My three cents. BTW, thank you for supporting this memorial effort.) Embrace. It is simple yet powerful, like their messages and actions. It is larger than life, just like their impact on our nation. It is glorious and brilliant in form, just like their legacy.
10/16/2018 21:55:04	2143	I work in arts & culture	Many times		Hank Willis Thomas: I appreciate the figurative and symbolic elements and its simplicity. I feel King would have chosen this work. It's not ostentatious or too abstract.
10/17/2018 10:46:50	2119	Facebook	Many times		Yes, Maya Lin's Vietnam Memorial The Embrace; its infinite, futuristic and accessible to all
10/18/2018 10:36:23	2115	Via co-worker	Once		"The Embrace" because it highlights the important themes of acceptance and love that MLK always spoke about. People who don't know each other can have a shared feeling of acceptance and being "embraced" within the sculpture.

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