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Caption

July 31, 2013 ħ Hoover, Alabama, United States: A mixed crowd of white and black people enjoys the stand up show at the Comedy Club in Hoover. August 28, 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his pivotal ħI Have a Dreamħ speech calling for an end to racism from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. 250,000 people gathered on the National Mall for the civil rights event, an unprecedented number for a demonstration in the nationħs capital. A Baptist minister, King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama in 1954 when he was twenty-five years old. He then became a civil rights activist, leading the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helping found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. With the SCLC, King organized nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama, that attracted national attention following television news coverage of the brutal police response. King's legacy lives on in Alabama through his sermons, his teachings and monuments dedicated to his struggles. (Natan Dvir / Polaris Images)

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