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Compare and contrast the ideas of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois. In your opinion, which of these two men had the better plan? Explain why.

Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois. had the same motive which was fighting for civil rights. Booker T. Washington was more of a "Ready to go to work" concept while W.E.B. Du Bois was more of a "We won't take it" concept. I would say that I lean more towards Booker T. Washington's plan because I believe in earn your rights but I also believe that African Americans did not have the same equality from the beginning that White's already had and that is very unfair. Booker T. Washington gave off the impression that he did not want more African Americans to be hurt and he did not want any more violence. In comparison to W.E.B. Du Bois, he did not believe in waiting for freedom but instead fighting for it whether it meant going to war or not. Booker T. Washington believed that by working hard and showing Whites that they are worthy and hard working it would give them the equality that they deserve. His main vision was to be patient and wait for what you deserve while showing others that you are worthy and hard working. This is why I agree with Booker T. Washington's plan to an extent but do not agree with W.E.B. Du Bois being okay with continuing the violence. Hard work does pay off and patience is key but because many whites don't believe in fairness it is not known when African Americans would receive the equality they deserve.