

# Harry S Truman National Historic Site



# Overcoming Racism

Harry Truman's upbringing influenced him in good and bad ways. His parents instilled in him the virtues of self-discipline and determination. However, as a grandson of slave owners, he inherited a racism that he struggled to overcome during his adult years. Truman grew to believe that "discrimination is...utterly contrary to American ideals of democracy."

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