



Caught in the Camelot: how Kennedy's assassination preserved his legacy

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The Assassination

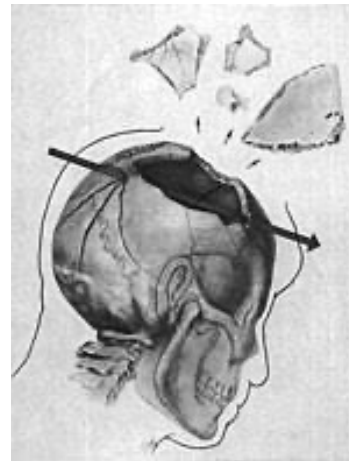
- Rife with conspiracy theories
- He was campaigning in Dallas
- Shot in the throat and head
- He was rushed to the hospital
- Pronounced dead at 1:00 p.m.
- One of the most significant events in American history.



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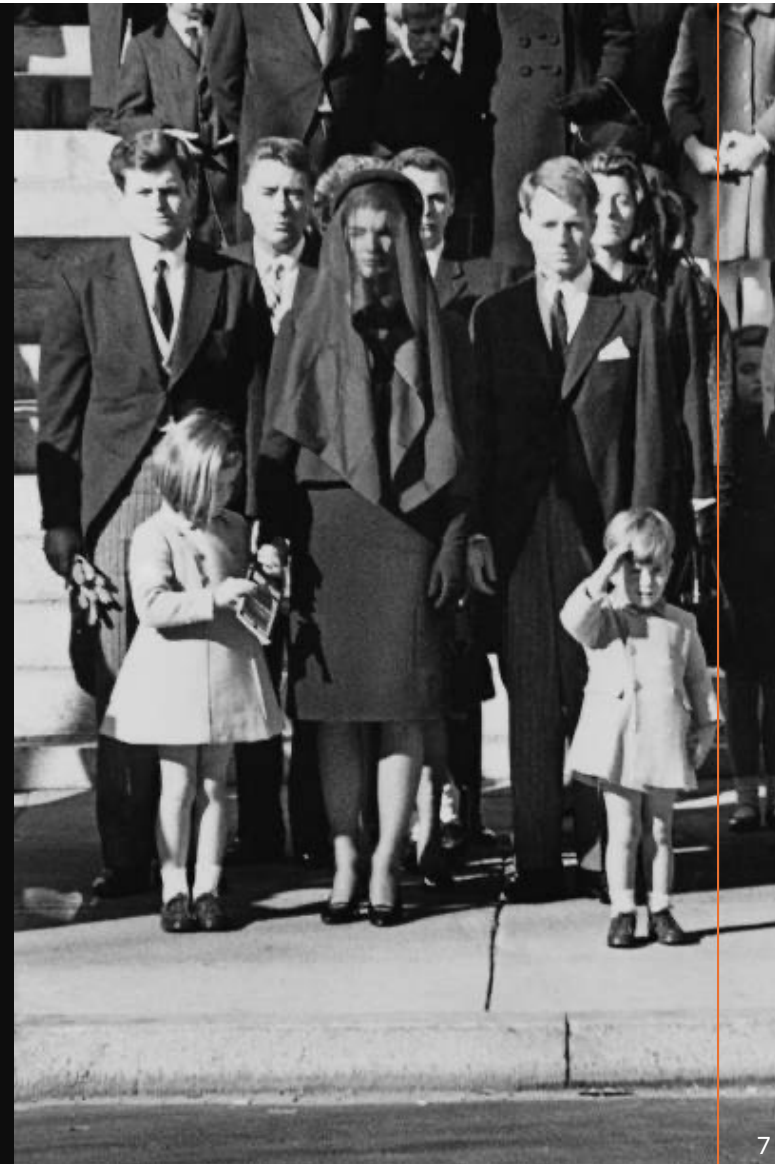
The Mourning

- The shock was immediate
 - People ran to radios and televisions
 - People openly weeping
 - Both enemies and allies mourned
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The Funeral

- 300,000 mourners
- Traffic backed up for 30 miles
- 250,000 people filed past the casket
- 1 million people came to the funeral.⁶





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The Camelot

- A concept created after Kennedy's death and by Jackie Kennedy
- It was spun by Jackie Kennedy in an interview with *Life* magazine.
- They became America's Royal Family
- Encapsulates the popularity of the Kennedy's
- How Kenney is popularly remembered

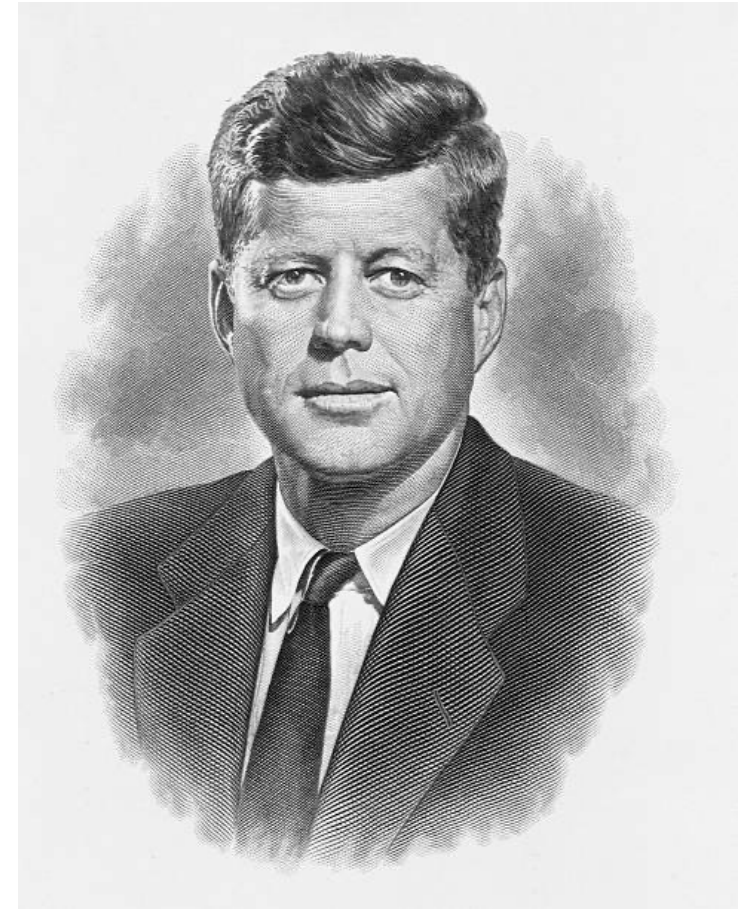
The Presidency

- Very little accomplished in domestic policy.
 - His greatest successes and blunders lie in foreign policy.
 - Most of his initiatives were accomplished under the Johnson administration.
 - However, he still receives credits for these accomplishments
 - Hailed as martyr for what he never did
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The Myth And The Man

- His young family was very popular
- Extremely unfaithful to his wife
- Embodiment of the New Frontier
- One of the sickliest presidents



The Present Popularity

- Still one most popular presidents today
- Rank in the top ten greatest presidents by historians
- The perception of the Kennedy image persists



The Preservation

- The Assassination
- The end of the Camelot
- What could have been?
- His enshrinement as a martyr





Conclusion



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