

It Did Not Start With JFK: A Comprehensive Analysis of the Kennedy Assassination and its Precursors

: The Lingering Legacy of JFK

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, remains an indelible mark on American history. The tragedy has sparked countless investigations, conspiracy theories, and historical debates. While the Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted as a lone gunman, many believe the event was the culmination of a larger conspiracy. This article aims to challenge the prevailing narrative and demonstrate that the Kennedy assassination was not an isolated incident, but rather the result of a series of events that unfolded over several years.



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Pre-Kennedy Assassinations: A Troubling Precedent

Before delving into the details of the Kennedy assassination, it is crucial to examine earlier assassinations of prominent figures in American politics. In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt narrowly escaped an assassination attempt. In 1950, Puerto Rican nationalist Oscar Collazo attempted to kill President Truman. These incidents, along with others, demonstrate a pattern of violence against American leaders. The anti-Castro sentiment and the U.S. government's involvement in the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis created a climate of animosity that contributed to the assassination of Kennedy.

Oswald and Ruby: The Central Figures

Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of Kennedy, was a complex and enigmatic figure. His alleged communist sympathies, defection to the Soviet Union, and return to the United States made him an ideal scapegoat for the government. Jack Ruby, the nightclub owner who murdered Oswald on live television, further compounded the mystery surrounding the assassination. Ruby's motive for killing Oswald was never fully established, raising questions about his involvement in a conspiracy.

The Warren Commission: A Partial Truth

The Warren Commission, appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, released its report in 1964. The report concluded that Oswald acted alone and that there was no evidence of a conspiracy. However, the commission's findings have been widely criticized for suppressing evidence and failing to consider alternative theories. The House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) reopened the investigation in the 1970s and concluded that Oswald was indeed the lone gunman, but that a conspiracy was "possible".

Alternative Theories and the Search for Truth

Despite the official findings, many people continue to believe that the Kennedy assassination was part of a larger conspiracy. Various theories have emerged, implicating the CIA, the Mafia, the Cuban government, and even Lyndon B. Johnson as possible conspirators. While these theories lack concrete evidence, they raise important questions about the motives behind the assassination and the possibility of a cover-up.

: Lessons from the Past

The Kennedy assassination was a defining moment in American history, but it was not an isolated event. It was the result of a long history of political violence and geopolitical tensions that had been brewing for years. By examining the pre-Kennedy assassinations, the context of the Cold War, and the questionable findings of the Warren Commission, we can gain a deeper understanding of the forces that led to this tragedy.

The lessons learned from the Kennedy assassination can help prevent future acts of political violence. The importance of transparency, accountability, and a thorough investigation cannot be overemphasized. The search for truth and justice must always prevail, even in the face of adversity and the desire to preserve a convenient narrative.



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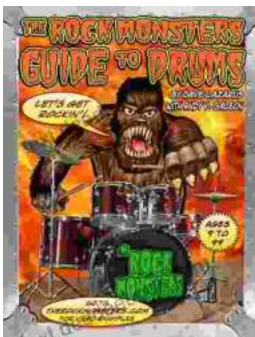
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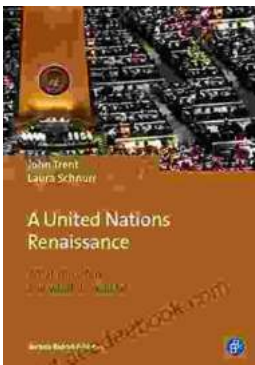
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