

## Not that Kennedy

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Last week marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. In office for just over 1,000 days, JFK was already advancing his aspirational vision for America and the world. His economic programs enabled America to embark on the longest economic growth period since World War II.

Robert F. Kennedy, JFK's younger brother, served as his Attorney General, aggressively prosecuting organized crime figures, fighting for African American voting rights, and enforcing integration efforts. RFK was JFK's closest advisor, participating in critical decisions including the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 that could have triggered a nuclear war between America and the Soviet Union.

Now comes Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., flaunting his family's iconic name, running for president, initially as a Democrat against President Joe Biden at the urging of Trump loyalist and MAGA troublemaker Steve Bannon. Now he's running as an independent, threatening to upend the 2024 presidential election.

RFK Jr. emerged during the COVID pandemic as a fanatical antivaxxer, delighting far-right MAGA Republicans. His debunked claims that vaccines cause autism, 5G causes cancer, that Anthony Fauci and wealthy global elites are plotting mass death, and that COVID was manufactured to target certain ethnicities confirm that RFK Jr. inhabits (or pretends to inhabit for political gain) a very dark world.

These conspiracy theories earned RFK Jr. plenty of love and financial support from MAGA Republicans eager to undermine President Biden. Now that he's running as an independent and threatening to erode Trump's voter base, they're no longer amused.

Even Kennedy family members warn that RFK Jr. is a serious threat to America. As Democrat Lloyd Bentsen told Dan Quayle, "I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

If you value JFK's legacy, keep it going. Re-elect Joe Biden.

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