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Attacked: Before Trump, There Was JBS

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was shot multiple times and killed as he, his wife, and other dignitaries made their way through Dallas in a convertible. In the hours thereafter, many politicians and major segments of the media began to say that “Birchers,” as in members of The John Birch Society, were to blame. Later, overwhelming evidence proved this to be false.

However, leftist extremists vandalized the JBS headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts. Carloads of young people were continuously driving around the JBS buildings and eventually threw a rock through the window, not far from where JBS founder Robert Welch was working. In Phoenix, some miscreant fired several bullets into a JBS office; the bullets lodged in the reception desk and back wall.

What had caused the eye of suspicion to turn to “Birchers” when President Kennedy was killed? In short, it was a propaganda campaign — ordered by communists — that had been sweeping the country since 1961. The smear campaign continued for many years, until it stopped, seemingly, overnight. It was probably because all of the negative publicity had led to a large growth in membership for the Society.

On July 13, 2024, a would-be assassin’s bullets stung President Trump, took the life of one of his supporters, and critically injured two others. While we do not know all the details, enough facts had come out as of this writing to suggest much more than incompetence. For instance, how does law enforcement do nothing after being told 30 minutes prior to the first shots that an armed person was lying on the roof of a building that had a clear line of sight to Trump? It was either gross incompetence, or it was planned that way.

Hours after the heinous act, some in the mainstream media tried to make it appear that Trump and his supporters were somehow in the wrong, that they had helped to contribute to the violence with their rhetoric. A tone-deaf CNN anchor criticized Trump for saying, “Fight, fight, fight,” as he was fist-pumping to let the crowd know he was OK after being wounded. It was the “fist pump seen ’round the world,” and the crowd was elated. The anchor suggested Trump’s rhetoric should have been toned down. *The New York Times* published an op-ed the next morning with the full-page headline, “He failed the tests of leadership and betrayed America. Voters must reject him in November.” We doubt they would have been so callous if this had happened to President Biden.

Let’s compare this aftermath with what JBS went through in 1963. In the hours and days after President Trump was shot, how many news reports did we see of shots being fired into the offices of political opponents? How many buildings were vandalized by carloads of people? And, drawing upon recent memory, how many cities did you see looted and burned to the ground? None, which demonstrates the great restraint of the majority of law-abiding Americans. Yet, Big Media is treating President Trump and his supporters just as it treated Welch and The John Birch Society many years ago, equating them with Nazis and fascists.

Thank God that President Trump survived and the vast majority of the people at the rally were spared. However, decades ago the communists did manage to take out one of the most brilliant leaders of The John Birch Society. An assassin’s bullet didn’t find him, nor was his car blown up. Rather, the Boeing 747 he was aboard, along with 268 others, was shot down. That was September 1, 1983, and the leader was Congressman Larry McDonald, a Democrat from Georgia.



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President Trump was nearly taken out due to his potential. His first term cost the globalists and internationalists dearly. This latest attempt on his life must impress upon him the depths to which these people will stoop.

We at The John Birch Society are prayerfully thankful Donald Trump is OK. As it now stands, the presidential election is the Republicans' to lose.

Organized grassroots action based on education is the only way to win against those who want to see the American experiment of self-governance fail. This is what The John Birch Society offers. Join us today at [JBS.org](#).



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