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## JFK Assassination Misdirection

One of the most stunning features of the aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination was the massive proliferation of "theories" to supposedly "explain" it. The incredible campaign of confusion included an almost endless array of phony narratives, many of them blaming conservatives and patriotic Americans, designed to misdirect researchers and those searching for the truth. The lies have echoed down through history to this day.



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Aside from the Warren Commission's widely disbelieved narrative, at least 42 organizations, 82 assassins, and well over 200 accomplices have been accused by those who reject the official story, according to former prosecutor and JFK researcher Vincent Bugliosi. In the end, the "official" narrative concluded that a lone gunman, communist Lee Harvey Oswald, acted alone, for no apparent grand purpose, and was then shot by another lone gunman, again without any broad operation involved.

That conclusion may or may not have elements of truth to it. While it seems likely Oswald was involved somehow, his well-documented contacts with the Soviet Union and the Deep State's obvious motives for wanting to remove Kennedy suggest there may be more to the story. But regardless of what really happened, what is clear is that the establishment media and other Deep State forces began sowing confusion in an effort to misdirect Americans from the start.

The far-left *New York Times*, for instance, ran the headline "Why America Weeps: Kennedy Victim of Violent Streak He Sought to Curb in the Nation." U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren — a man who spent his career waging war on the Constitution he swore to uphold — falsely pointed to "the hatred and bitterness that has been injected into the life of our nation by bigots." As James Piereson explains in his book *Camelot and the Cultural Revolution*, even regular liberals wanted a narrative that featured Kennedy as a martyr for "progress." Sixty years later, the misdirection continues.

One of the primary efforts at misdirection has been to point the finger at conservatives and "right-wing extremists" who supposedly ran wild in Dallas and created a "hate-filled" atmosphere in the city. How political disagreements on policy issues can be interpreted as "hate" is never made clear by those peddling the phony narrative. And why it is "hate" when conservatives disagree, but not when those on the Left bomb and terrorize their foes, is never explained, either. One frequent group targeted by the anti-conservative propagandists is The John Birch Society, the parent of this magazine. Also in the crosshairs are "oil barons," some of whom were affiliated with JBS.

Exhibit A in the fake-news efforts at misdirection was the infamous "Wanted for Treason" handbill featuring JFK that circulated in Dallas ahead of his visit. The document charged the president with betraying the U.S. Constitution, surrendering U.S. sovereignty to the communist-controlled United Nations, encouraging communist-inspired racial riots, appointing "anti-Christians" to various offices including in the judiciary, and lying to Americans on numerous issues.



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Another piece of “evidence” still regularly cited by dishonest voices seeking to pin the blame for JFK’s murder on conservatives or the supposedly hate-filled atmosphere of the city is a full-page ad (shown above) that ran in the *Dallas Morning News*. The advertisement, purchased by conservative critics including members of JBS, welcomed President Kennedy to Dallas and explained that thinking Americans had a constitutionally protected right to disagree with, question, and criticize the president.

The ad also asked a series of 12 important questions about his policies. These touched on topics such as the U.S. sale of critical goods to the communist regime in North Vietnam, the decision to welcome the communist dictator of Yugoslavia, the betrayal of anti-communist forces around the world, the formal recognition of communist regimes in Eastern Europe, prohibiting a film by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on U.S. military bases, and more. The media disingenuously attempted to conflate the ad with the “Wanted” handbill, too.



The fake news, perhaps even more dishonest in the 1960s (before the internet) than it is today, did everything possible to bolster the fraudulent narrative that Dallas was a city of “hate” and that this alleged hatefulness is what led to JFK being shot. To support that narrative, propagandist Dan Rather of CBS News reported that schoolchildren in Dallas had “cheered” when they learned of JFK’s murder. This lie was propagated widely in the fake media, and continues to be parroted by some modern-day propagandists 60 years later.

The outrageously fake news report involved students at University Park Elementary School. It is true that they cheered that day. But in reality, as Jack Coleman of Newsbusters explained, they were not cheering the president’s death — they did not even know about it. What actually happened is that, without explaining that the president had been murdered, the principal announced that the children would be going home early. They were celebrating because they were leaving school — not because of the murder.

The media also constantly pointed the finger at various conservative leaders in Dallas such as Texas oil magnates H.L. Hunt and Clint Murchison, as well as General Edwin Walker. Ironically, Oswald had actually tried to murder General Walker earlier in 1963 but missed when he took the shot. And yet, to this day, the phony narrative continues to be peddled by propagandists in the media, almost certainly to misdirect those curious enough to investigate JFK’s murder themselves.

Even the Warren Commission — led by Chief Justice Earl Warren, hardly a conservative firebrand —



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acknowledged it had found “no evidence” that the “extreme views expressed toward President Kennedy by some rightwing groups centered in Dallas or any other general atmosphere of hate or rightwing extremism which may have existed in the city of Dallas had any connection with Oswald’s actions on November 22, 1963.”

But there was certainly a Soviet effort to blame conservatives — especially as details of Oswald’s defection to the Soviet Union and his contacts with communist officials continued to surface. Shortly after the murder, for instance, a spokesman for the Soviet regime claimed “Barry Goldwater and other extremists on the right” were responsible for the assassination. Communist lackeys in America parroted the claim endlessly.

While many key documents remain classified, some of the documents declassified by President Donald Trump in 2017 shed additional light on the misdirection. In May 1964, Soviet dictator Nikita Khrushchev met with heavyweight U.S. columnist Drew Pearson and tried to persuade him that a “right-wing conspiracy” was behind the assassination, according to an intelligence report.

Of course, there was lots of misdirection in the aftermath of the JFK assassination. Chances are good that some of it, if not much of it, was fueled by the very forces that murdered the president, potentially including the Soviet regime, the Central Intelligence Agency, or both. By throwing countless theories out, the misdirection made it exceedingly difficult for everyday Americans to make sense of the act or discover the real perpetrators.

Aside from sowing confusion with the misdirection, by spending so much energy blaming conservatives in and around Dallas, the real conspirators were also able to demonize and demoralize patriots while giving liberals and the Left something to cling to that fit neatly with their broader worldview. In the end, Americans may never learn for sure who murdered Kennedy or why. And that is by design.

Perhaps the last hope is that someday, some future president will declassify the remaining classified documents on the murder. But even then, conspirators powerful enough to assassinate a president and cover it up would almost certainly be powerful enough to plant or destroy evidence in government archives. In any case, continuing to search for the truth is important — not just for its own sake, but for the sake of protecting future generations from horrors such as what happened 60 years ago in Dallas.



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