

## Robert F. Kennedy

### Robert F Kennedy (1925-1968)

Younger brother of John F. Kennedy. (Robert) Kennedy's political career started as a lawyer in Washington D.C. In the 1950s he was John's campaign manager for Massachusetts Senator. Later in the sixties, he was his brother's campaign manager for president. After John became president he appointed Kennedy as Attorney General. It is during this time that Kennedy became increasingly involved in the Civil Rights Movement. In May 1961, a hostile mob threatened the Freedom Riders at a church in Birmingham, Alabama. In response, Kennedy threatened to send U.S. Marshals to guarantee the riders' safety. That year Kennedy ordered the Interstate Commerce Commission to end segregation in interstate bus terminals. The next year, Kennedy sent U.S. Marshals and troops to escort Black student, James Meredith, to the University of Mississippi. Kennedy would continue his civil rights activism as a Senator of New York and up to his assassination in 1968.

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