

## Robert Kennedy, Jr. on His Uncle JFK and the Military Industrial Complex

The Joe Rogan experience my uncle John Kennedy you know did that He he refused to go to war So he he was surrounded by military industrial complex And um and he learned very early on in an intelligence apparatus that he realized early on that the purpose of the CIA and the intelligence apparatus was to create a constant pipeline of new wars for the for the military industrial complex the day three days before he took the oath of office Eisenhower who is the outgoing president gave what is probably the most important speech in American history which was you know where he warned against the military industrial conflict I was at my uncle's inauguration I was in Washington that day It was a you know a six year old boy and I was sitting on the stands behind him in front of him during his inauguration And he understood that And two months later the military and intelligence came to him and said we got uh we got to invade Cuba and he was like I'm not going to Cuba and I'm not gonna let the military And they said well we got all these Cubans trained and they're gonna go attack Castro And he said well we we can't the US government can't be doing that We can't be attacking we we I don't like what Castro is doing down there but it's not the United States job to dictate what kind of governments other countries have And they said uh well as soon as they land there's gonna be a big revolution everybody's gonna rise up and they're gonna overthrow Castro And he said well you can't use the US military And they ended up bringing those guys over with uh United Fruit boats and and in the middle of it in the night they came to him and said they're getting wiped out on the beach and you need to send in the military and invade And he said we're not going to do it And he he stepped out of that meeting and he realized they had been lying to him and trying to trick him And he said I want to take the CIA and shatter it into 1000 pieces and scatter it to the winds And um and then you know for the next 1000 days of his presidency he was at war with his military and intelligence apparatus They tried to get him to go into Laos He said no they tried to get him to go into Vietnam with combat troops They said that we need 250,000 combat troops He refused everybody around him wanted him to go into Vietnam He sent 16,000 military advisor as fewer people than he said to get James MEREDITH into Ole Miss in Jackson Mississippi to get one black man into school He said fewer in Vietnam They weren't allowed to

fight that many of them did They both violated the rules of engagement in October of 1963 He heard at some of his green Berets have been killed over there And he said I'm on a total casualty list from Vietnam And his aide came to him and said 75 Americans have died He said that's too many And he signed that day a national security order ordering all troops out of Vietnam us troops the 1st 1000 over the next month and then the rest by the beginning of 1965 And um and then a week a month later he was killed So um but what his view was is that he believed that the view of Americans abroad should not be you know a soldier with a gun It should be a peace corps volunteer building you know wells and it should be USA ID helping poor people and it should be alliance for progress building middle class And that's what he did And he just started the Kennedy Milk program to to you know give nutrition to poor kids all over the world As a result of that in Africa today there are more statues to John Kennedy more boulevards named after him more hospitals schools universities avenues and all the major cities named after him than any other president And that is the the the the the Chinese have taken that template and done the same thing now And they are you know they all these countries that were supposedly allied with us are now realigning with the Chinese and they're switching to their currency because the Chinese are not there to kill people they're there you know to build roads to build universities to build colleges And it turns out that people like that a lot more and you know we should be projecting economic power around the globe and not military power It will make us much stronger But what do you think happens when you get into office Like if you're you're you're talking about your uncle who's assassinated and you believe the intelligence agencies were part of that What happens to you Well I gotta be careful you know I'm aware of that and I'm not you know I I'm aware of the of that danger and I you know I don't live in fear of it um you know at all but I'm not stupid about it and I take precautions