

REVERSING THE KENNEDY CURSE, EPISODE 1

Comedic Audio Podcast

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Intro:

► **Duration:** (0:00–1:30)

cue 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY', Ramones version

JOHN F. KENNEDY: Good morning, noon and evening to all my listeners. Don't adjust your dials. This is your old pal, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, live and direct. This is my podcast, 'Reversing the Kennedy Curse'. Hope you're well. I'm here with my producer and nephew Robert Jr. who's taking breaks from his own pod to help man the ship. Rob, what is it that you discuss on your podcast?

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Jr.: Best if I don't say, Unc.

JFK: Very well, then. Before I go any further, let me address the elephant in the room. Yes, most sources will tell you that I have been deceased for 60 years. However, I'm here to tell you that this version of me was recently thawed out following the termination of an experiment conducted in the Spring of 1963. As my preamble may suggest, it was at this time that I was frozen still in the White House basement and last Christmas, I suppose as my gift, I was brought back.

RFK Jr.: Even I couldn't have drawn this up.

Segment 1:

► **Duration:** (1:30–4:00)

JFK: That being said, in the time since I've been getting many questions from those who've noticed my return. One question, however, has dominated them all; Will you return to politics? Of course, I have unfinished business pertaining to my first presidential term and people are wondering if I'll get back to that, understandably so.

RFK Jr.: I'm still waiting on an answer, matter of fact.

JFK: Okay, Jr. The people want to hear from me. [pause] As I was saying, I've given this a lot of thought and, though it may seem like the natural thing to do, I've decided against returning to politics.

cue GASP

JFK: What was that?

RFK Jr.: Just a sound effect, Uncle J.

JFK: Okay, please explain that to me later. Anyway, yes. I've made this decision chiefly because there is simply too much I am learning about this modern world and I worry that I would not be able to serve the country best at this time. This is apparently devastating for the folks in the current administration but I don't know what to tell them. Besides, I have happened upon a new passion that I entirely missed out on while frozen. I'm talking about punk rock music.

cue 'LEXICON DEVIL' by GERMS, snippet

JFK: There's a sample, that's the Germs from California. Rob, what did you think of that?

RFK Jr.: Not really for me.

JFK: You're killing me.

RFK Jr.: No, I'm not. No one did that.

JFK: Yes indeed, folks, I am all in on punk. Bet you didn't see that coming, huh? An old-fashioned Catholic jamming the Sex Pistols? Just found out about them the other day and I don't care what purists say, I think they're great.

JFK: So, yes. I'm reading up on and listening to all the classics. Ramones, who sound a lot like me now that I think about it. The Clash, Bad Religion who, frankly, took some getting used to. Green Day, Gang of Four, Circle Jerks. Tell you what, some of these names are a real riot, including this next one which, I have to be honest, I took umbrage with; The Dead Kennedys.

cue GASP again

JFK: Yes, you heard that right. Obviously, I couldn't just let this one wash over me, so I had to make some calls as I cannot let my reputation be tarnished in this way. So, joining me now via landline is former Dead Kennedys frontman himself, Mr. Jello Biafra. Gonna give this fellow a real piece of my gourd.

Segment 2:

► Duration: (4:00-7:00)

JELLO BIAFRA (V.O.): Hello?

JFK: Is this Mr. Biafra?

Jello (V.O.): Yes, Mr. President. I-

JFK: Okay, how dare you?

[pause]

Jello (V.O.): You have to understand that-

JFK: You are a libel master, Mr. Jello Man. I can't believe you'd smear me like this.

[pause]

JFK: Now, I cannot speak for my brothers, but I'm right here and can't believe you'd name your band such a thing.

Jello (V.O.): Okay, I apologize but I have two things to say. One, an edgy band name was simply in the nature of punk music back in the day. You wanted people to be shocked when they saw your poster. Two, you have to understand that in my reality you and your brother were dead at the very least when we started our band.

JFK: All this I'm hearing about multiple realities. Are you a conspiracy theory, Mr. Snack Pack? Are you here to tell me we didn't win the Revolutionary War as well?

Jello (V.O.): Well, no, but-

JFK: If I were not so polite, I'd challenge you to a sparring match in a public square for how you've embarrassed me over these years. So help me God, I'd knock you and whoever East Bay Ray is out and be home in time for dinner.

Jello (V.O.): Well, actually, I wouldn't mind tag-teaming with you against Ray-

JFK: No, sir! There will be no tag-teaming! I don't care what unresolved quarrels you may have, this is my family we're talking about!

[pause]

Jello (V.O.): President Kennedy, I apologize. This was a great misunderstanding, you've caught me entirely by surprise.

JFK: Listen, Mr. Biafra. I know we have our differences. I still feel somewhat insulted and it will be a long time before I'm fully moved on from this. Do you wanna know something, though?

[pause]

Jello (V.O.): What's that?

JFK: I listened to some of your music and...well...consider me a fan. I think you gentlemen made some great thrash-about tunes.

Jello (V.O.): Is this a joke?

JFK: Not at all. Believe me, I'm just as surprised as you. That 'California Uber Alles' is a real barn-burner. You should be proud of yourself for that at least.

Jello (V.O.): Um...

JFK: I'm glad we had this talk, Mr. Biafra.

Outro:

► **Duration: (7:00-8:00)**

JFK: Well, that does it for this episode of 'Reversing the Kennedy Curse'. Join me next week with my guest Eric Egan of Heart Attack Man from Cleveland. This gentleman's written a song called 'Like a Kennedy', whose chorus makes reference to my supposed assassination, so I've of course got choice words for him. Thank you and God bless America.

Cue fade in, 'HOLIDAY IN CAMBODIA' by the DEAD KENNEDYS, fade out