

Research Paper Outline
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I. Introduction/Thesis: Dick Gregory and other entertainers drew attention to the brutalities of the civil rights campaign in Birmingham and influenced, not only public and world opinion, but Kennedy's response in light of the negative press surrounding the Children's Crusade.

II. Dick Gregory background and contributions to the Civil Rights Movement prior to Birmingham.

A. Views on segregation and Civil Rights

1. Arthur Gelb, *Comic Withers Prejudice Cliches*, New York Times, 3/20/1961
2. Peter Edson, *Gregory tells Why in the South*, AP Release, Indiana Gazette, 4/13/1963

B. Greenwood, Mississippi

1. Claude Sitton, *MISSISSIPPI TOWN SEIZES 19 NEGROES: Dick Gregory, Not Held, Leads Greenwood March*, New York Times, 4/4/1963
2. *NAACP Kicks About Dick*, Pittsburg Courier, 5/4/1963

III. Brief review of the Birmingham Campaign and the Children's Crusade

A. Media Coverage of "Project C"

1. New York Times: 5/4/1963 and 5/11/1963
2. Pittsburg Courier: 5/4/1963 and 5/11/1963
3. Minneapolis Tribune: 5/5/1963
4. Birmingham Times: 5/4/1963
5. Alabama Journal: 5/8/1963, 5/9/1963

IV. Gregory and other entertainers come to the aid of Birmingham.

- A. “We the Undersigned” Telegram to JFK (regarding the arrest of King), 4/12/1963
- B. Gregory arrest and Brutality Charges: Pittsburg Courier, 5/4/1963
 - 1. Peter Edson, *Gregory tells Why in the South*, AP Release, Indiana Gazette, 4/13/1963
 - 2. Associated Press, *Negro Comedian Dick Gregory Under Arrest*, 5/7/1963
 - 3. Impact on Gregory’s Act? *Dick Gregory Comes Marching In*, New York Times, 9/9/1963
- C. Hibbler and Belafonte (and and N.K. Coles dissent): *Belafonte in B’Ham*, Pittsburg Courier, 5/4/1963
- D. Jackie Robinson Telegram to JFK, 5/7/1963 and *Going to Birmingham* (Photo), New York Times, 5/10/1963
- E. Floyd Patterson: *Going to Birmingham* (Photo), New York Times, 5/10/1963
- F. “We the Undersigned” Telegram to JFK (regarding violence in Birmingham), 5/4/1963
- G. Mahalia Jackson Telegram to JFK, 5/8/1963

V. The whole world is watching. The international picture of the United States with regard to the Birmingham Campaign. JFK’s Response.

- A. London UPI, *Reds Attack U.S. over Birmingham*, New York Times, 5/10/1963
- B. Richard J.H. Johnston, *Picket Bid UN Act on Alabama*, New York Times, 5/10/1963
- C. Australian Building Workers Union Telegram to JFK, 5/7/63
- D. Australian Parliament Telegram to JFK, 5/9/1963
- E. USIA Report to JFK from Acting Director Donald M. Wilson EXCOM, 5/13/1963
- F. JFK’s Address to the Nation on Civil Rights, June 11, 1963

1. Mahalia Jackson Telegram to JFK #2, 6/12/1963
2. MLK Telegram to JFK, 6/12/1963
3. Tony Randall Telegram to JFK, 6/12/1963

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