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PRESIDENT KENNEDY RATED OVER JOHNSON

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The American people by almost 5 to 1 believe that President Kennedy will go down in history as a greater President than President Johnson, according to a public opinion survey by Louis Harris published in The New York Post yesterday.

Mr. Harris said the main reason given for this belief was that President Kennedy "was a martyr." Other reasons were the view that he was a good President cut down before his time and a preference for his style and personality over that of President Johnson.

Seventy per cent of those questioned said Mr. Kennedy would go down in history as the greater President; 15 per cent picked Mr. Johnson, and 15 per cent were not sure.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, President Kennedy's brother, is preferred to Mr. Johnson as the 1968 Democratic Presidential nominee by 44 to 37 per cent, according to the Harris survey. Two months ago Mr. Kennedy led Mr. Johnson by 39 to 37 per cent in a Harris poll.

The main reason given for preferring Mr. Kennedy was that he reminded voters of his brother. Young people preferred him to Mr. Johnson almost 2 to 1.

As for popular preferences for the 1968 Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination, Mr. Kennedy led Vice President Humphrey by 61 to 39 per cent, as compared with 52 to 48 per cent in a Harris poll in May.

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