This talk focuses on the campaigns and career of Edward Brooke - the first African American senator of the twentieth century. Brooke won election in Massachusetts in 1966. He was an Episcopalian and a Republican in a state dominated by Democrats and Catholics. More to the point, Massachusetts was 97 percent white. To this day, Brooke remains the only African American senator ever to win re-election. How did Brooke pull off these victories? And what can his career tell us about black politics in America?