



The Great War

Welcome!

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As domestic Progressivism grew, the U. S. Empire came to be a part of the “reform” agenda.

Panama was see as a boon to faster travel, technology, and as “up lifting” the “natives”

Both Presidents Taft & Wilson would moralize over the need to “reform” Caribbean islands, and Mexico.

Yet, oddly, we wanted to stay out of the “Great War” in the “Old World”





How did foreign policies reflect the Progressive agenda?

How did the U. S. enter World War I?

What were the international and domestic results of U. S. Intervention in World War I?



BUILDING THE CANAL

- Legally Colombian
- SEPARATIST MOVEMENT
- U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT
- DREAM OF CANAL
- 1901-U.S. RIGHTS TO CANAL
- COLOMBIA REJECTS U.S. OVERTURES



Gatun Lock

TR at Canal site



The Cut





BIG STICK....



ROOSEVELT COROLLARY, 1904-1905

- T.R.
- SECURE INVESTM'T
- NATURAL PROTECTOR
- REPLACE ENG.



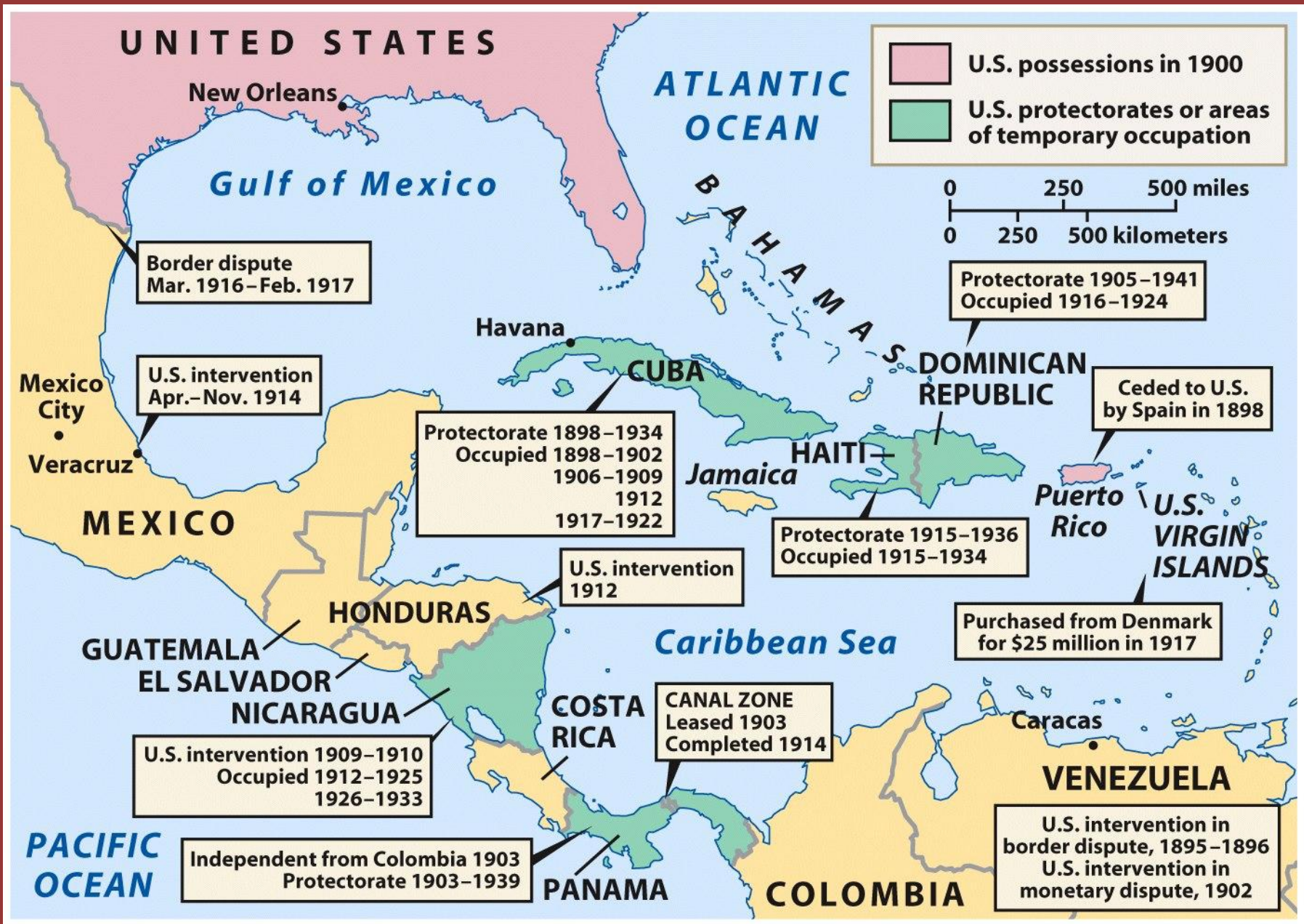
DIPLOMACY

- “\$ DIPLOMACY”
 - BANK & MONEY REFORM WHERE NEEDED
- BAD GOV'T HURTS PROFITS
- KEY WAS INTERVENTION

HAITIAN EXAMPLE

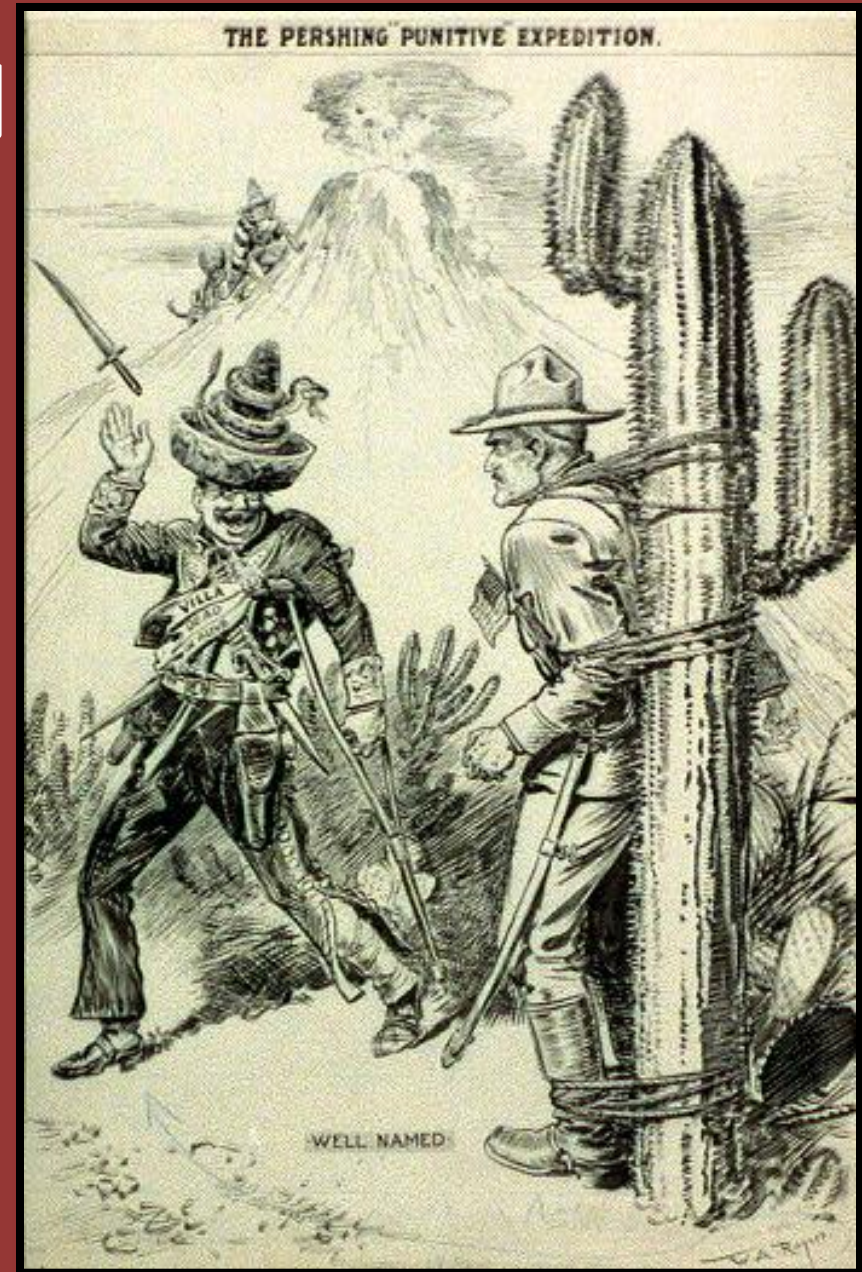
- 7 PRES. 4 YEARS
- DEFAULT ON DEBT
- 167 AMERICANS KILLED
- MARINES=19 YEARS





MEXICO & WILSON

- 4 DICTATORSHIP
- OTHER REVOLUTIONARIES
 - PUNITIVE MISSION AGAINST PANCHO VILLA
- WILSON MORALIZED
 - “NOT SUPPORT A BUTCHER”
- FINALLY SUPPORTS LIBERAL CARRANZA...





Pershing in Mexico

WAR IN EUROPE

General Causes

Nationalism

Imperialism

Militarism

Arms Race (German, French, British)

Economic Competition

By 1912, as European states expanded, they created “Mutual Defense Alliances”

Russia and Serbia (Slavic speakers)

Germany and Austria-Hungary (German speakers)

France and Russia (Trading partners)

Britain and France and Belgium (Trading and political partners)

Japan and Britain (Trading partners)

These “partners” had defended each others colonial claims several times—especially claims in the Mediterranean. Each “pair” had long standing claims against other pairs.

When, on June 28, 1914 a Serb terrorist shot the Arch Duke of Austria-Hungary—a chain reaction took place that was actually years in the making.

...Austria demanded that Serbia be held responsible.

...Serbia tried to meet most demands, but failed to appease Austria.

...July 28 Austria declares war on Serbia & bombards Belgrade.

...Russia decides to aid its partner Serbia and begins a general mobilization July 30.

...Germany used the Schlieffen Plan & declared war on Russia August 1 & France Aug. 3.

...Germany’s first strike at weaker France resulted in Britain declaring war August 4

WILSON CALLED FOR NEUTRALITY

- 1914=NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION
- 1915=CAMPAIGNED U.S. WAS “TOO PROUD” TO ENTER EUROPE’S WAR
- 1916, ELECTION YR
 - CANNOT IGNORE THIS
 - “KEPT US OUT OF WAR”

U. S. Business Interests were extensive thanks to American imperialism.

Cutting off all trade would bring serious damage to the economies of both America & Great Britain.

First Wilson banned U.S. banks from giving loans to companies that traded with warring nations, but lifted the ban in 1915...

Between 1914 and 1916, U.S. trade with Britain increased 257%

By 1917 U.S. Banks were loaning British companies \$10,000,000 A DAY!!

In addition to American monetary interests in helping England...

many Americans cherished British and French laws, traditions, and customs.

Americans were exposed to frequent anti-German campaigns in the press making it less likely that America could truly be neutral.

SUBMARINES

- 1915=LUSITANIA
- 1916=SUSSEX
- WILSON GETS GERMAN “PLEDGE” DURING THE ELECTION YEAR
- MORE LIVES LOST...



HMS Lusitania

REMEMBER THE LUSITANIA

THE JURY'S VERDICT SAYS:

"We find that the said deceased died from their prolonged immersion and exhaustion in the sea eight miles south south-west of the Old Head of Kinsale on Friday, May 7th, 1915, owing to the sinking of the R.M.S. Lusitania by a torpedo fired without warning from a German submarine."

"That this appalling crime was contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations, and we therefore charge the officers of the said submarine, the Emperor and Government of Germany, under whose orders they acted, with the crime of wilful and wholesale murder before the tribunal of the civilized world."

*IT IS YOUR DUTY TO TAKE UP THE SWORD OF JUSTICE
TO AVENGE THIS DEVIL'S WORK.*

ENLIST TO-DAY

IRISHMEN AVENGE THE LUSITANIA



JOIN AN IRISH REGIMENT TO-DAY.



General Pershing Says:-

The War of Pershing is only the first of the General Pershing Series of
War Pictures. A new volume will be published soon. The first volume, "From
Private to General," is now available. It is a complete, up-to-date, and
authoritative work. It is the only one of its kind. It is the only one of its kind.

A Chance For You

Enlist in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army Where
Business Training Makes One Man in Every Three
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Earn While You Learn

Pay \$30 as Private to \$105 per month for a Quartermaster
Sergeant, Senior Grade—equal to \$90 to \$175 outside
the Army. Enlist for 3 years, or 1 year if you
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Your Government Furnishes Everything

GO NOW to the nearest Army Recruiting Office or any Army Camp, Post
or Station, or write the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C., for
FREE Booklet entitled "From Private to General" showing the latest War Pictures
from France and Germany, together with other interesting information.

ENLIST NOW WHILE VACANCIES EXIST

MEN ARE NOW ENLISTING AT—

Zimmermann Telegram

- “Mexico is to re-take New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona”

MAILED
Factor 1-8-88
Washington, State Dept.
By *Mark A. E. E. Hoff*
Date *Oct. 27, 1917*

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, ~~invite~~ ^{invite} Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

TOWARD WAR

- MAR. 1917
 - ZIMMERMANN NOTE
 - OUTRAGES AMERICAN PUBLIC
- ARMED NEUTRALITY
- APRIL 2 WAR DECLARATION

DOUGH BOYS--AEF

- ENTERED IN THE LAST MONTHS OF WAR
- EUROPE NEAR STARVATION
- HELPED PREVENT THE FALL OF PARIS
- TERRIBLE TRENCH FIGHTING
- MUSTARD GAS

Fighting Slow Horror

- Gas use thought unfair
- Actually not effective
- Likely to blow back on Germans



Allies



American Expeditionary Force



Europe After War



The Great War at Home

- The war at home meant
 - economic changes
 - social adjustments
 - regulation of public opinion
 - and the end of progressivism

Economics

- Federal spending up 1,000 %
- Federal employees up 220 %
- At war only 20 months over 5,000 agencies established
- Debt grew to \$20 billion, but was a surplus by late 1920.

U.S Railway Administration

- William Gibbs McAdoo
 - Wilson's son-in-law/ Sec. Treasury
- Paid a “rent” to all private rails and took over completely
- Smooth coordination of schedules

Rail Management Successful

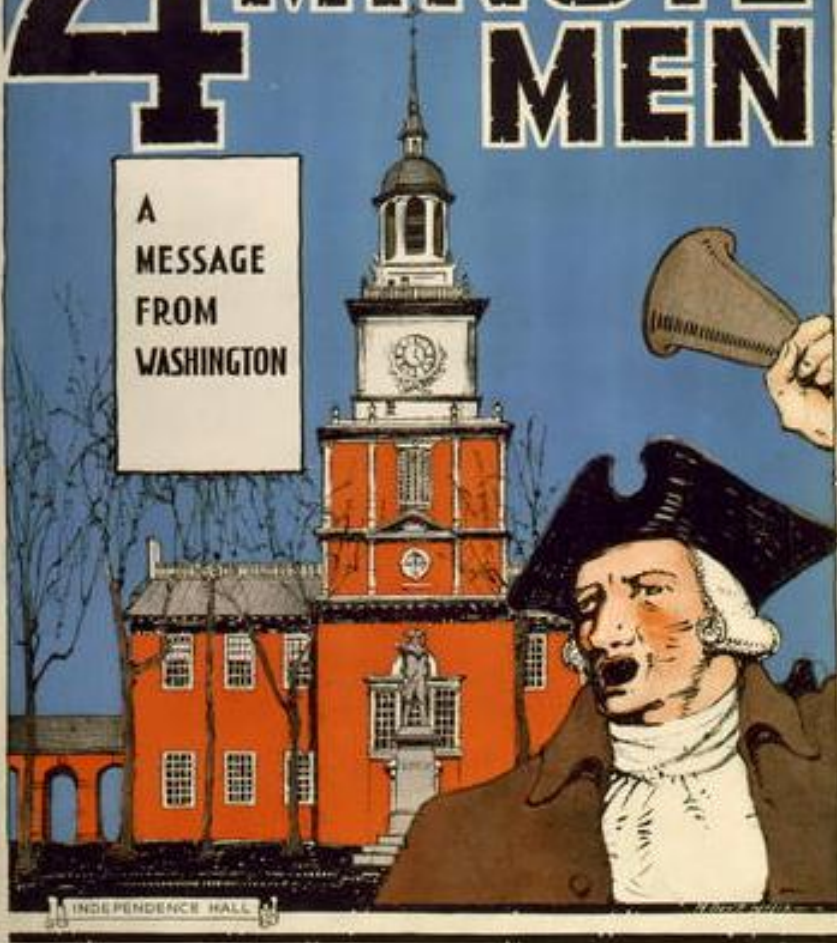
- Hired and protected females
- Developed 8 hour work day
- Built needed 500,000 cars
- Rail system improvements lasted into peacetime
 - railroads again in private hands

War Food Administration

- Herbert Hoover
- Set up volunteer rationing
 - publicity: Wheatless Mondays, etc.
 - plant victory gardens
- To “hooverize” meant to economize

4 MINUTE MEN

A
MESSAGE
FROM
WASHINGTON



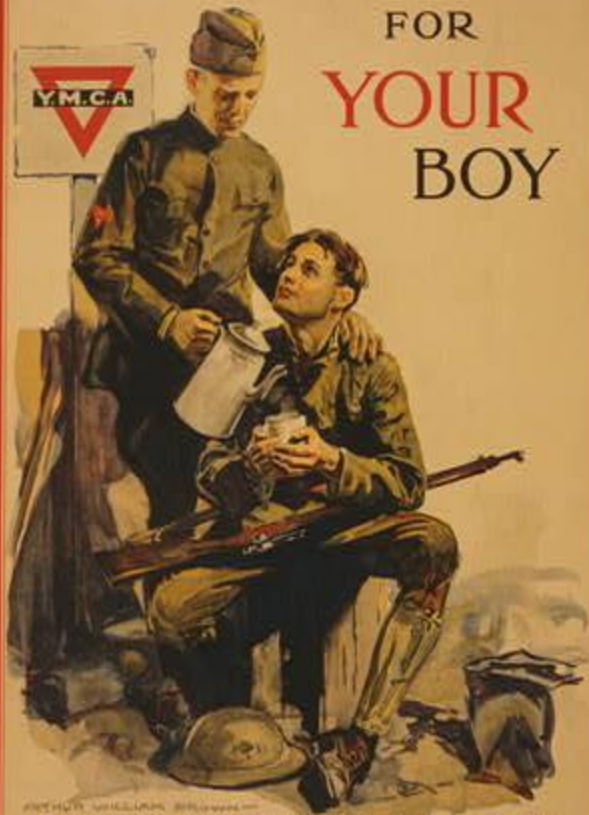
INDEPENDENCE HALL

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

4 Minute men: A Message
From Washington



FOR
YOUR
BOY



ARTHUR WILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATOR
UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN
NOVEMBER 11-18, 1918



keep'em
smiling!

help
War Camp
Community Service



"morale is winning the war"

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

THE TANK TOUR



**BUY NATIONAL
WAR BONDS (\$5 TO \$5000)
AND WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES 15/6**



HERBERT PAUL

**TO MAKE THE WORLD
A DECENT PLACE TO
DO YOUR PART—BUY U.S. GOODS
AND SERVICES
FOR THE
THIRD LIBERAL**

KODAK EKTAR 6602



Paul Strub

Be Patriotic
sign your country's
pledge to save the food

U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

W-4

THE WYMAN BROTHERS CO.



FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

You came here seeking Freedom
You must now help to preserve it

WHEAT is needed for the allies
Waste nothing



UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Slogans...

- “food will win the war”
- “serve just enough”
- “use all the left-overs”

Food Campaign Successful

- Exports to war torn Europe up 300 %
- Even distributed cookbooks on preparation of leftovers
- Acres of wheat up 67 %
- Hoover became widely popular

Draftees: Hometown Issue

- 3 million drafted + 2 million volunteers
- Draft act gave all authority to local draft boards
- The draft was big and new “business”

War Industries Board

- Coordinating Superagency for
 - various “War Production Boards”
- Strict planning and regulation
- Headed by Bernard Baruch
 - wealthy financier
 - typical of business control

Overman Act, and others...

- Granted President wide powers
 - to coordinate war boards
 - plan economic production
 - use of federal courts to enforce
- Fuel Administration--use of coal
- Employment Service--war jobs

Labor

- Samuel Gompers (AFL) appointed to War Industries Board
- No-strike pledge during war
- National War Labor Board setup
 - included unions and women

Strikes at war's end...

- War saw higher pay, shorter hours, & better conditions
- But inflation rose much faster
- Labor demanded catch-up
- Over 4 million on strike in 1919
 - most failed & wartime gains lost

Black Patriots

- 400,000 African Americans volunteered
- Forced into segregated units
- 369th Regiment well decorated for heroism
- 1,200 became officers

Harlem Hellcats



369th

- First Americans to win Croix de Guerre
- 161 individual soldiers won medals
- Were not allowed to march in the New York City parade sending them into battle
- "I want to congratulate you for doing your bit to make the world safe for democracy . . . and unsafe for hypocrisy." (Randolph)

Beginning of Black Exodus

- 100,000 annually migrated north to war time jobs
- Government promised fair hiring
- Crowding & competition created violence

As races mixed in north

- 1918-1919 labor union strikes increased...
- Business used Blacks as strike breakers....
- This led to bitterness between blacks and whites.

Race Violence

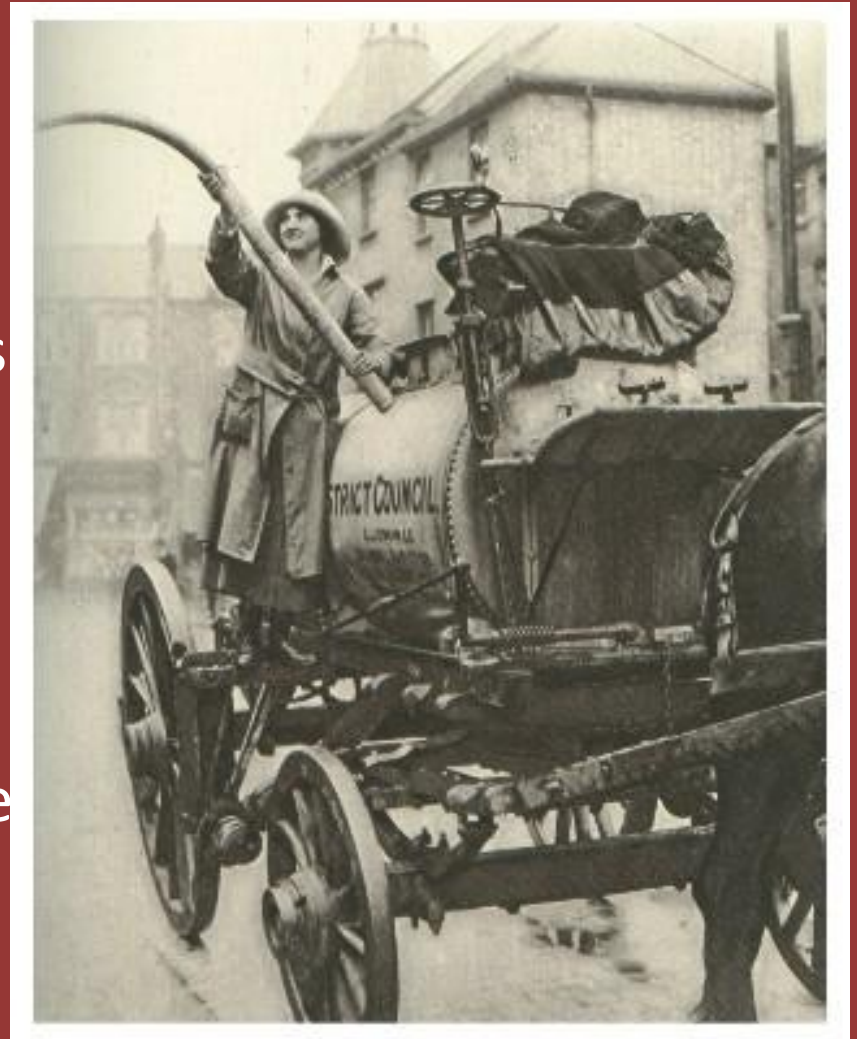
- E. St. Louis--large race riot 1917
- Houston--white and black soldiers fire on each other
- Lynching continued--DuBois did get Pres. Wilson to publicly condemn practice

Over a white beach..

- Chicago-- July, 1919
 - Black teenager swam into “whites only” area
 - five days of riots
 - 23 blacks & 15 whites killed

Women Volunteers

- Spirit of Progressivism
- Save your peach pits (for filters in gas masks)
- and many more efforts...
- roll bandages for the front



Working Women

- Welders in aircraft plants
- Truck drivers & cops
- Operated Trolleys and became teachers (a previously male job)
- Most left work force after war

Fundraising



Factory Work



WOMEN ARE WORKING
DAY & NIGHT TO
WIN THE WAR



£25,000 IMMEDIATELY
NEEDED FOR THE
WOMEN'S WAR FUND
TO PROVIDE REST ROOMS
CANTEENS & HOSTELS

LORR SYDENHAM
H^o TELA SUREZ

YOUNG WOMEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

20 GEORGE STREET
HANOVER SQUARE, W.

Uplifting Morals

- Measures to protect inductees
 - move to prohibit alcohol
 - anti-beer campaigns became anti-German campaigns
 - Army and Navy brass moved to eliminate prostitution near bases

Legal Control

- Espionage Act 1917
 - crime to speak against government
- Sedition Act 1918
 - any published disloyalty criminal
- Schenck v. US upheld these restrictions as necessary in war

German “names” were changed

- Sausage=hot dog
- hamburger=Salisbury Steak
- sauerkraut=liberty cabbage
- dachshund=liberty hound
- many individuals changed their names

Wilson feared lack of
Support for the war
Could do great damage.

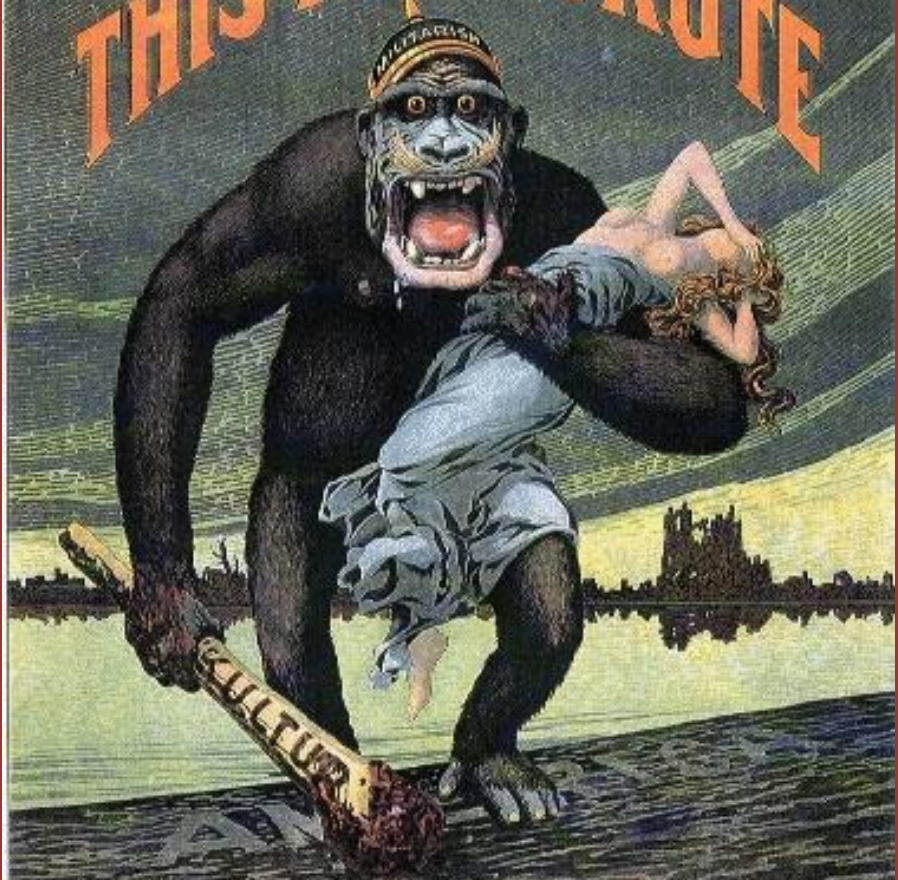
He appointed journalist
George Creel
As head of the
Committee for
Public
Information, or CPI



CREEL COMMITTEE

- Produced posters like THE “HUN”
- Helped sell WAR BONDS
- Had a campaign to WATCH FOR SPIES
- Used patriotic themes like “MAKE HISTORY”

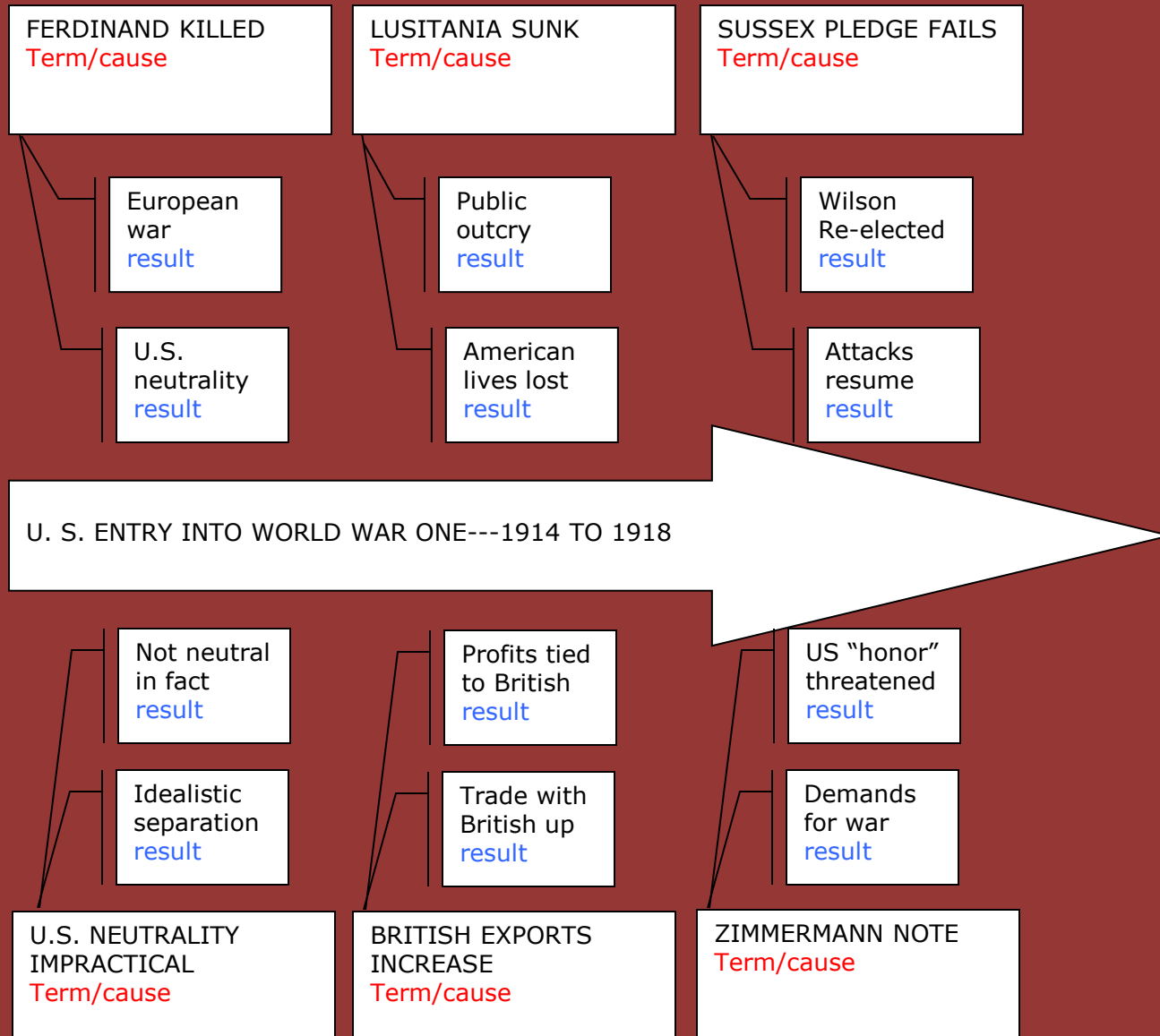
**DESTROY
THIS MAD BRUTE**



**ENLIST
U.S. ARMY**

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Essay Question Diagram—"Trace and analyze the U. S. entry into the "Great War".





A Brief Post Test! Read the question, then click on the best answer to see feedback.

Progressives hoped to extend their reforms to foreign policy. [True.](#) [False.](#)

T. Roosevelt encouraged local rebels in order to promote the Panama Canal. [True.](#) [False.](#)

Roosevelt's "Corollary" said the U.S. would never intervene in the Caribbean. [True.](#) [False.](#)

Constant turmoil in Haiti resulted in the U.S. ignoring Haiti. [True.](#) [False.](#)

Wilson's moralistic view of Mexico led to U.S. intervention there. [True.](#) [False.](#)

One of the general causes of war in Europe was nationalism. [True.](#) [False.](#)

The sinking of the Lusitania angered Americans, but most did not support war. [True.](#) [False.](#)

The Zimmermann telegram outraged Americans & pushed the nation to war. [True.](#) [False.](#)

The U. S. AEF under Pershing arrived in Europe at the beginning of the war. [True.](#) [False.](#)

The war at home involved new government agencies. [True.](#) [False.](#)

American women during World War I developed new roles in the workforce. [True.](#) [False.](#)

The Supreme Court upheld limits on constitutional freedoms in times of war. [True.](#) [False.](#)

Wilson's proposed League and new world order was not well received at home. [True.](#) [False.](#)





Good! That is Correct!

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Yikes! Try that again!

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