<u>**Aim</u>**: How did the U.S. government attempt to shape public opinion during World War I?</u>

<u>Do Now</u>: Which of the following types of speech should the government be able to prohibit?

- The Ku Klux Klan holds a rally in Gerry Park.
- A news anchorman uses profanity on the air during his news broadcast.
- As a prank, a teenager runs through Roosevelt Field mall shouting that a man is firing a gun.

First Amendment

 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Enforcing Loyalty and Patriotism

• <u>Laws</u>

- Espionage Act (1917) illegal to interfere with the draft or recruitment of volunteers to serve in the military
- Sedition Act (1918) prohibits speech that casts the government or the war effort in a negative light or interfered with the sale of government bonds

• Schenck vs. United States (1919)

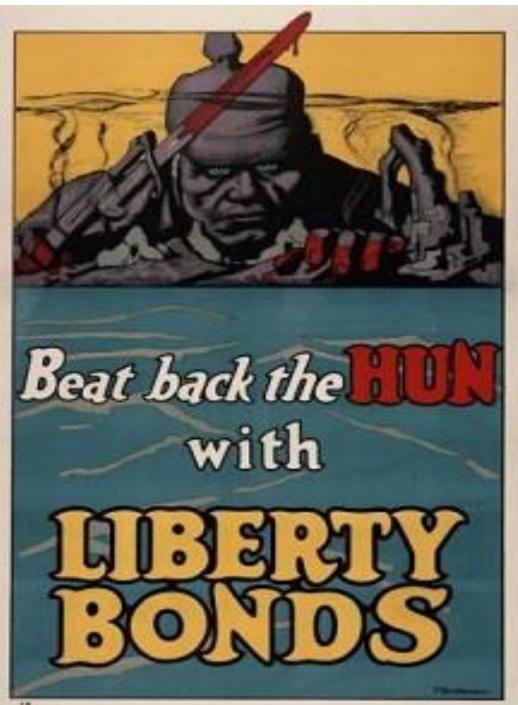
- Upheld the Espionage Act
- Government can limit speech if it creates a "clear and present danger"
- **<u>Propaganda</u>** using information to influence public opinion

➢ Enlistment −join the military

➤War Bonds – loan the government money

Change in language

- Hamburger -> Liberty Sandwich
- German Measles -> Liberty Measles
- Sauerkraut -> Liberty Cabbage



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