

Aim: How did the U.S. government attempt to shape public opinion during World War I?

Do Now: 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

- **Laws**

- 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”

- **Propaganda** – 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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Not sleep when danger's near,
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There's an onward here!

Our fathers fought, like heroes died,
For your dear land they gave
The better, braver men, (and he that)
Awaited! The country ours!

Our hearts have ever ready
To lift the work, to lend the free,
America our blood and
is calling, calling thee.

Down North to South, from Sea to Sea,
I hear the answering cry,
"The men forever shall be free
For this will live and die!"

Then Ring Old Glory in the main
Branch, her banner
For we will stand that never shall
The glory of her side.

The Stars and Stripes shall lead us on
A mighty host for right,
The Peace shall never intervene,
And we from Earth take fight.

Francis Allen Bellamy