

The Cold War at Home

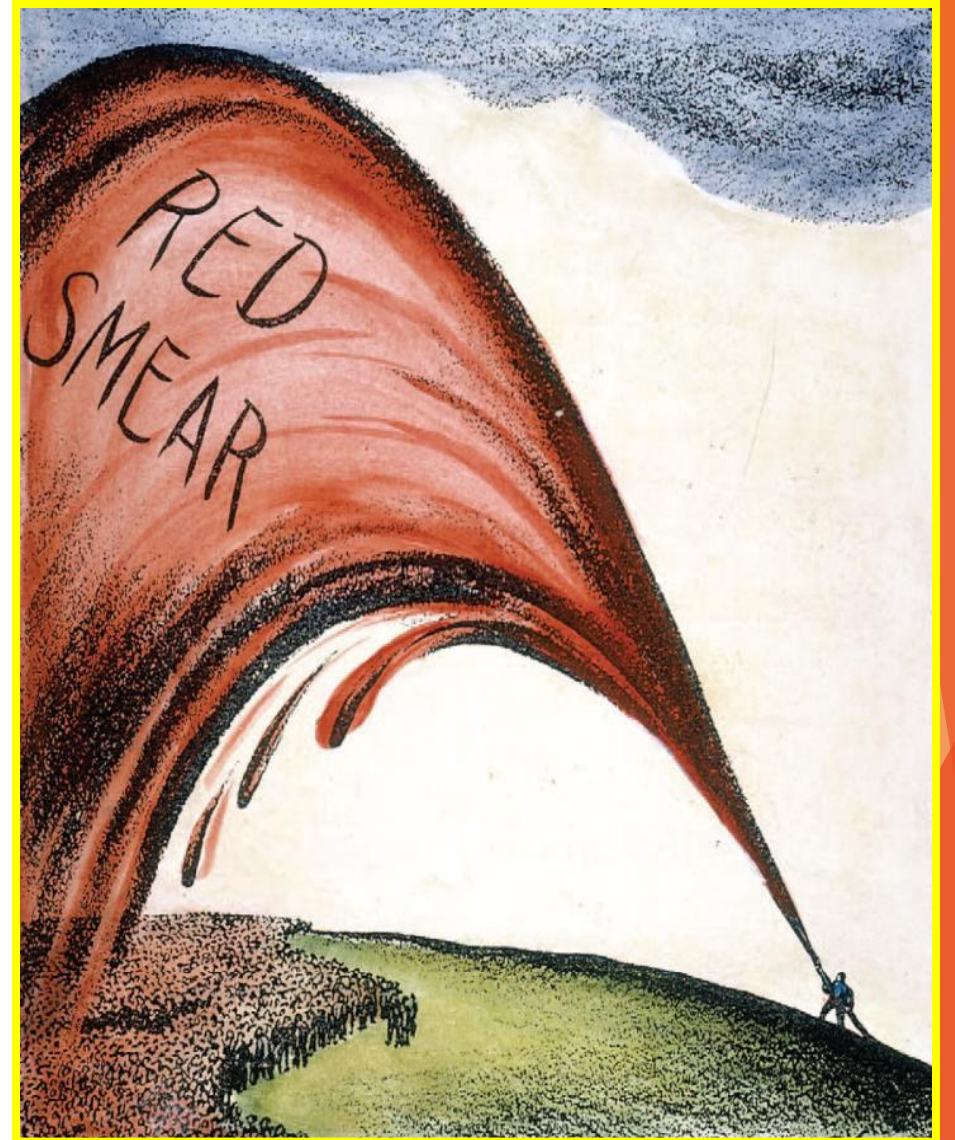
Chapter 12 Section 4

Lecture Focus Question

▶ **How** did fear of domestic communism **affect** American society during the Cold War? **Explain.**

Rooting out Communists

- ▶ **Red Scare:** fear that communists both outside & inside U.S. were working to destroy American life
- ▶ Truman Loyalty Oaths
 - ▶ “security risks” fired
- ▶ **Smith Act:** unlawful to teach/advocate violent overthrow the U.S. govt





SIMON SAYS...



Loyalty oaths didn't really work. If you're a spy, your job is to lie!

Congress Hunts Communists

- ▶ **House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC):** Congressional committee that investigated possible subversive activities within the U.S.
- ▶ **Hollywood Ten:** group of movie writers, directors, and producers who refused to answer HUAC questions about alleged communist ties
 - ▶ Asserted 5th Amendment rights → went to prison for contempt
- ▶ **Blacklist:** list of people who were not hired for work because of suspected communist ties

Connection #1



- ▶ Today, we are worried about Russian meddling in our democratic process and are currently investigating that problem. Summarize what you know about this issue.

Freedoms Take a Hit

- ▶ Freedom of speech no longer guaranteed
- ▶ People were fired for associating with people with communist ties
- ▶ Oppenheimer put under the microscope
 - ▶ Access to classified info
 - ▶ Ties to people in the Communist Party
- ▶ **NO ONE WAS SAFE!**



Brain Snack



- ▶ Choose 3 words that summarize the notes so far. Write them down with your right hand in the corresponding column. Then, write those same 3 words with your left hand in the remaining column.

LEFT HAND

RIGHT HAND

Alger Hiss



- ▶ Flawless career working for the federal govt
- ▶ Named as a communist spy
- ▶ Put on trial
- ▶ Convicted for perjury
 - ▶ 5 year sentence
- ▶ Later evidence showed he was guilty
- ▶ Heightened cold war fears



SIMON SAYS...



Remember that the 5th Amendment protects people from double jeopardy (being tried for the same crime twice).

Julius & Ethel Rosenberg

- ▶ Charged with passing nuclear science secrets to Communists
- ▶ Case largely based on the word of one confessed spy
- ▶ Claimed innocence
- ▶ Found guilty
- ▶ Executed in 1953



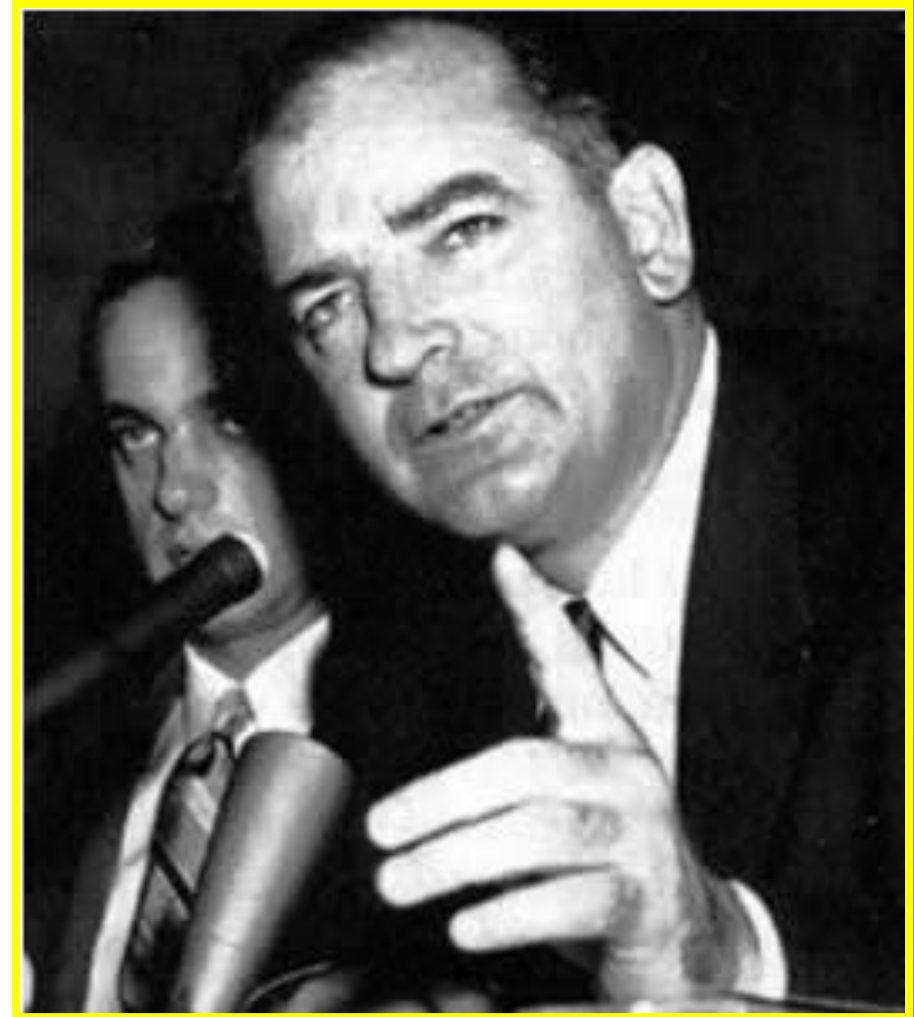
Connection #2



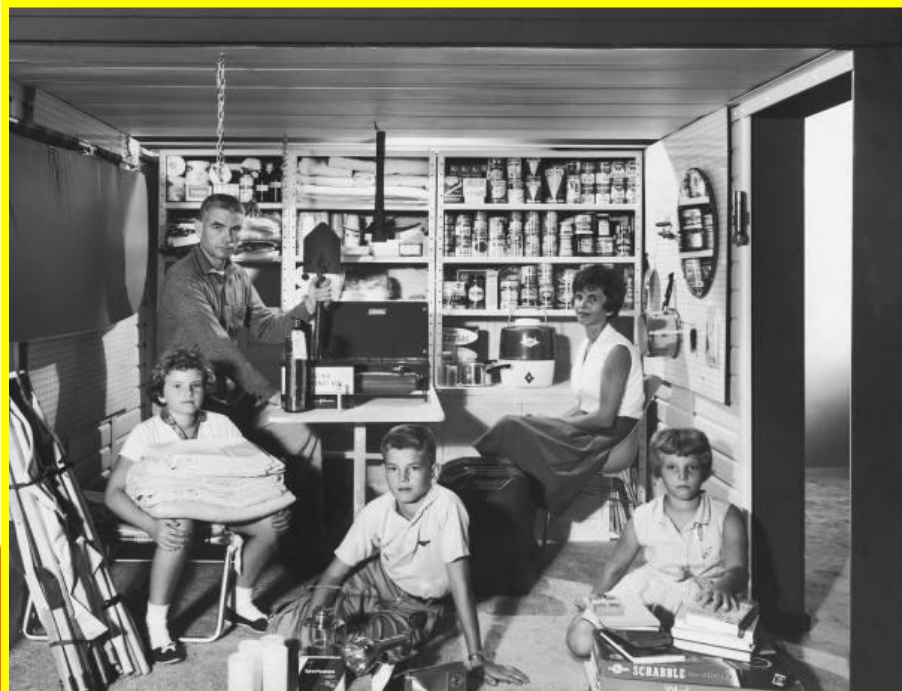
- ▶ Have you ever been accused of doing something simply because of the people around you? Explain.

McCarthyism

- ▶ **Senator Joseph McCarthy**
 - ▶ Made weeding out communists his mission
 - ▶ Had a “list” of traitors
 - ▶ Baseless accusations
 - ▶ Hero to most American people
- ▶ Hearings were televised
 - ▶ Public outraged by his bullying tactics
 - ▶ McCarthy lost power and influence
- ▶ **McCarthyism:** negative term for extreme, reckless charges of disloyalty



Bomb Drills



- ▶ The govt tried to prepare the American public for nuclear bomb attacks
 - ▶ City drills
 - ▶ School drills
 - ▶ Pamphlets
 - ▶ “how to” films
 - ▶ Posters/billboards
 - ▶ Bomb shelters
- ▶ [Bert the Turtle video](#)

SUMMARY:

These notes are about...
(1-2 sent)
(Main Idea → Use the WIN strategy!)


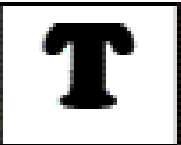

□ W.I.N. strategy:

- **WHO/WHAT** - Figure out the most important *who* or *what (topic)*
- **INFORMATION** - Figure out the most important *information* about the *who* or *what*
- **NUMBER OF WORDS** - Write the main idea using the fewest possible *number of words*

Lecture Focus Question

- ▶ How did fear of domestic communism affect American society during the Cold War? Explain.
- ▶ Response = 3-4 well thought out sentences minimum!
(topic sentence + supporting details)

Notes Grading Rubric

Notes Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	Brain Snack(s)	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Answer (3-4 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
Summary (1-2 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓