

- Imperialism
- Nationalism
- Alliances

1 | Reading Notes

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2 | The US

2.1 | Staying Out of the War

The United States wanted to keep people out of the war. Europe had been the economic super power at the time, so wanted to stay majority mutual.

- Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan
- Business leader Henry Ford
- Socialist Eugene Debs
- Activist Jane Addams

German shot the Lusitania, a commercial ship. Germany attempted Zimmerman telegram: sent telegram to Mexico.

2.2 | Starting the War

British enacted a blockade of trade, and Americans followed the blockade. They were funding the British military war effort, and getting an economic boom for it.

Draft was put into place as soon as the war was declared, but named "Selective Service." Outlawed substitution but created draft boards that were local. Wilson, as a progressive, had to ideologically justify all wars—he used "preserving democracy" as an excuse.

Leveraged movie stars and celebrity culture: Chaplin and Ruth promote bond drives.

People began ostracizing Germans.

2.3 | Production

First mechanized war: used industry towards this. No rationing, but "Meatless Mondays" etc. 22% from taxes, 20% creating new money, 58% from bonds. Because all of these production, the US becomes a global predator of production.

2.4 | Racial Tensions

Increased racial tensions lead to increased tensions in cities. By 1917, we see the first E. St. Louis Race riot with hundreds of African Americans riot. Young African American soldiers riot: why fight for democracy when democracy is restricted at home.

2.5 | **Sedition acts**

Uttering "seditious" ideas not allowed. Constitution Upheld

2.6 | **Propaganda**

George Creel ran Committee on Public Information. "The Greatest Experiment in Mass Advertisement."

- Pamphlets
- Newspaper releases
- Magazine advertisements
- Films "The Beast of Berlin"
- 4-minute men speeches - best 4 minute speech between files
- School campaigns