

LECTURE 8

WWI: AT HOME AND ABROAD

Key Terms:

HMS Lusitania

empires in 1914

Zimmerman Telegram

Fourteen Points

Espionage and Sedition Acts

Prohibition

Woman Suffrage

White Nationalism

African Americans in WW1

General Strike

Concepts:

The values that the United States expressed in WWI both supported and challenged basic principles of U.S. idealism.

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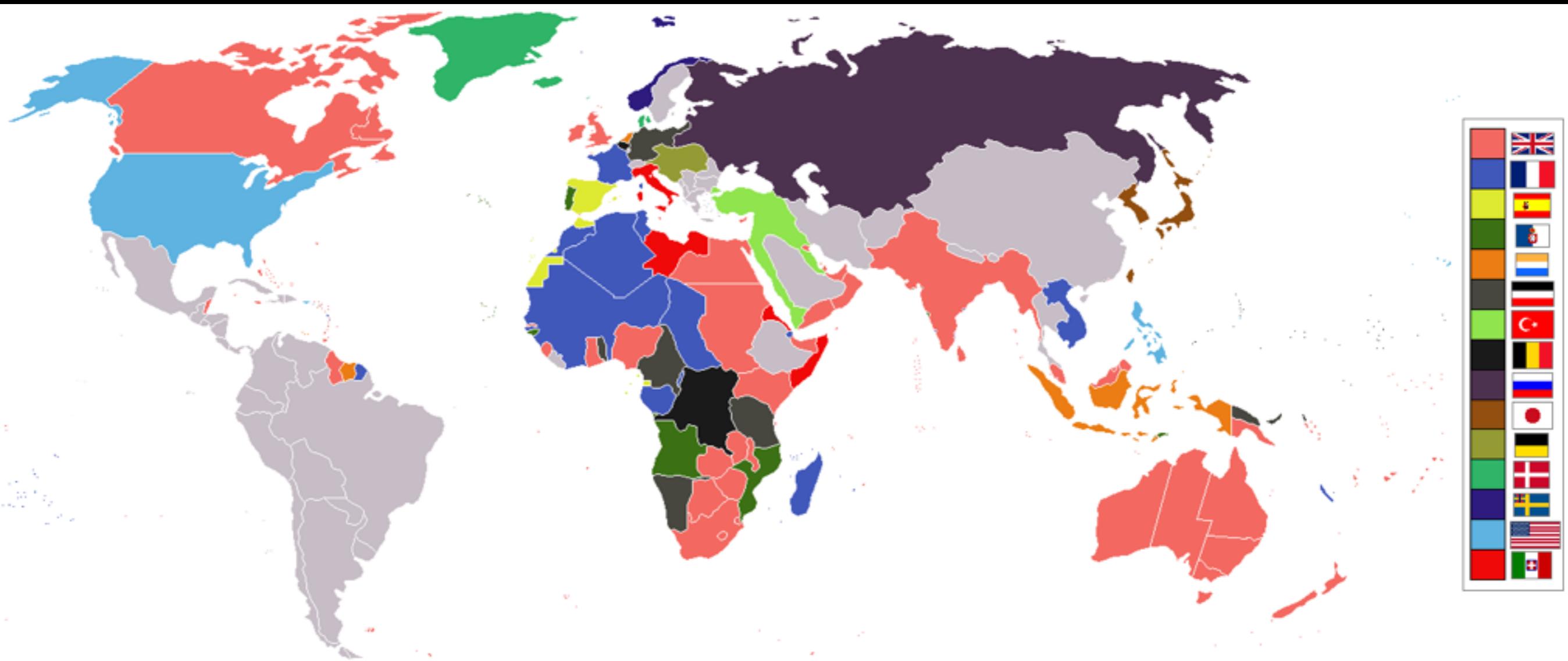
France

Germany

WORLD WAR 1

- What were the major elements of Roosevelt's and Taft's foreign policies?
- Was Wilson's foreign policy more similar or different than his predecessors' policies? In what ways?

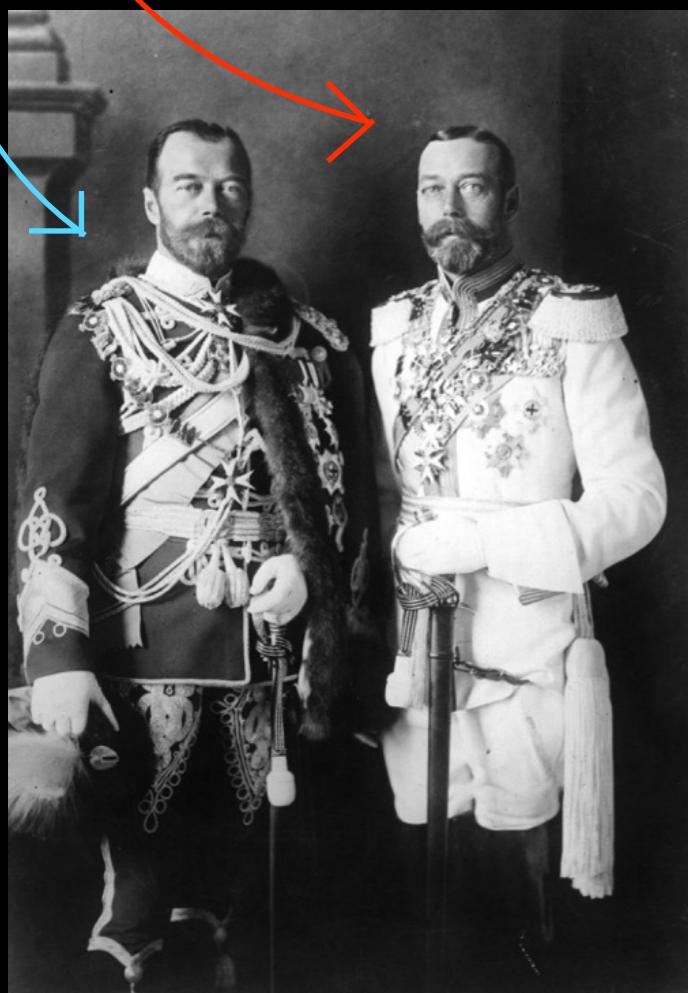
EMPIRES IN 1914





EMPIRES

Tsar Nicholas II (Russia),
King George V (England), and
Kaiser Wilhelm II (Germany)



Queen Victoria



AUGUST, 1914



Kaiser Wilhelm II



Trench Warfare



1915 IN THE ATLANTIC

SINKING OF THE HMS LUSITANIA

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

EXTRA
8:30 A.M.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

ONE CENT. IN GREAT BRITAIN, ONE POUND. FIVE PENCE.

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

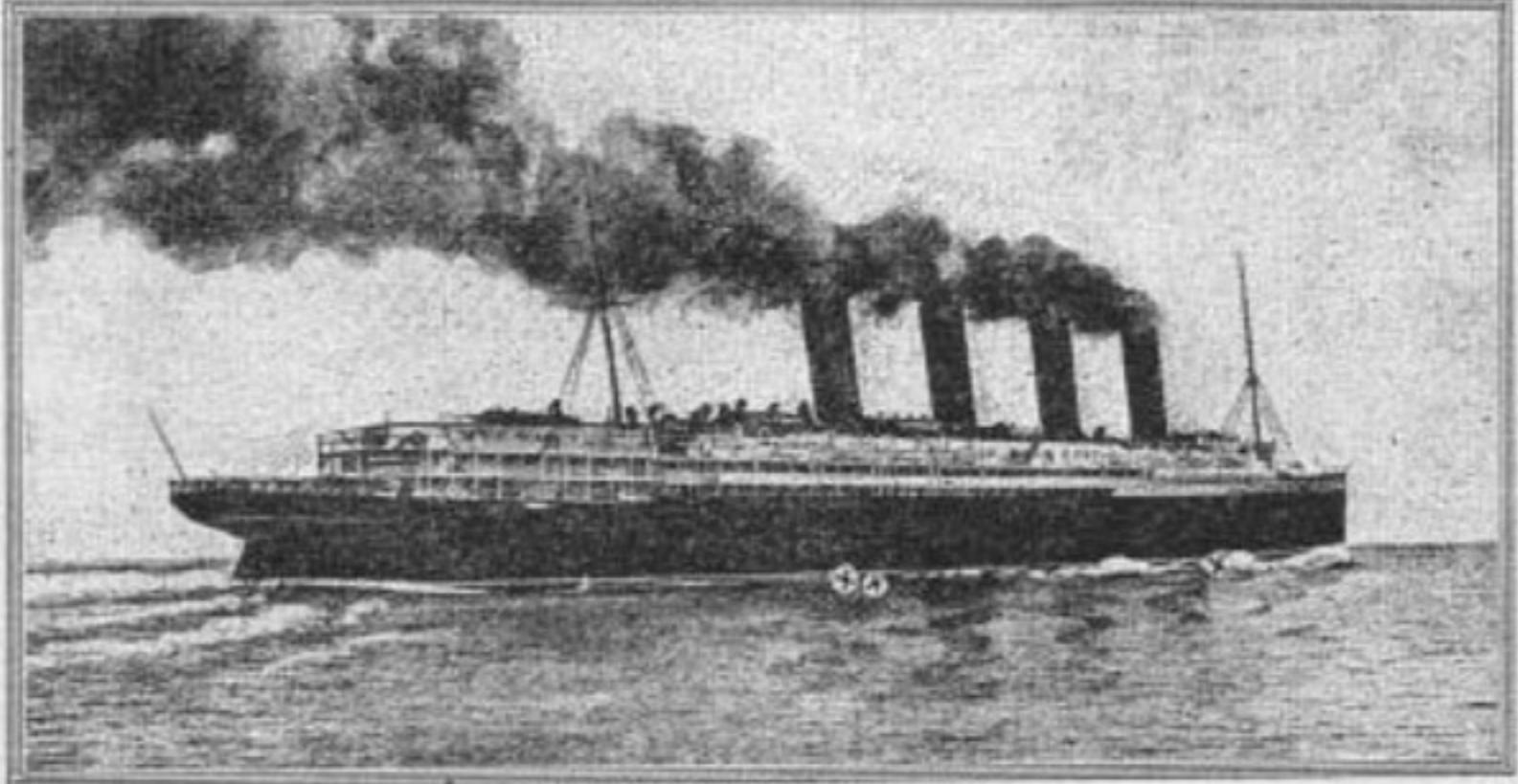
SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stricken by the Loss of American Lives.

BULLETINS AT WHITE HOUSE
When Read—Them Closely, but Is Silent on the Nation's Course.

BANTS OF CONGRESS CALL
Law of Lusitania Recite Firm Ties of Our Fleet Warning to Germany.

CAPITAL FULL OF RUMORS
Reports That Liner Was in Irish Seas Fired Before Sinking—Rouse Game.

Special to The New York Times.
WIRRALNESS, May 7.—When more than 1000 men, some never having slept since the time they had been away from home, took Washington back to Liverpool last night, it was learned that it had stopped and the sinking of the Lusitania. The relief service said that they had been at least 1000, but the relief plan made it necessary to leave about 1000 in the previous hours because there was no room in the boats that had been left there.



The Lost Cunard Steamer Lusitania
X where the First Torpedo Struck. X where the Second Torpedo Struck.

SOME DEAD TAKEN ASHORE
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Kinsale.

STEAMBOATS DESTROYED
One Torpedo Crashes Into the Bowled Liner's Bow, Another Into the Engine Room.

SHIP LISTS EVER TO PORT
Making It Impossible to Load Many Boats, So Hundreds Must Have Gone Down.

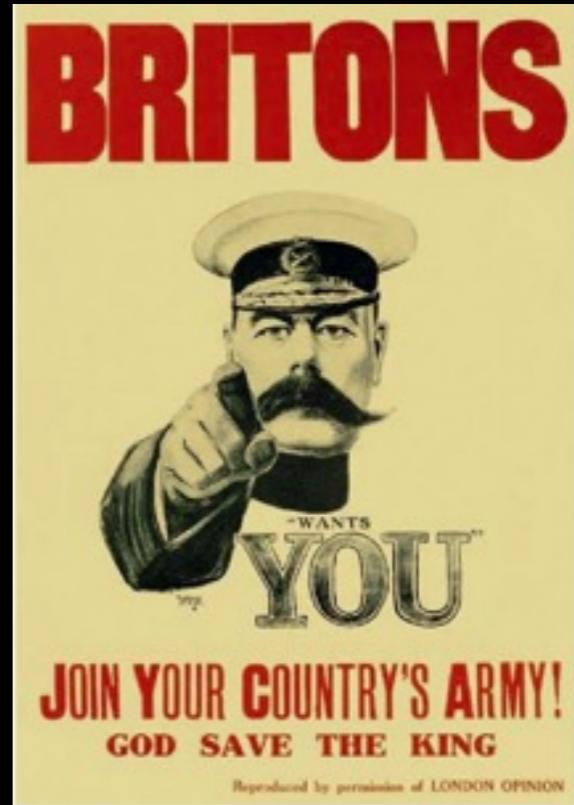
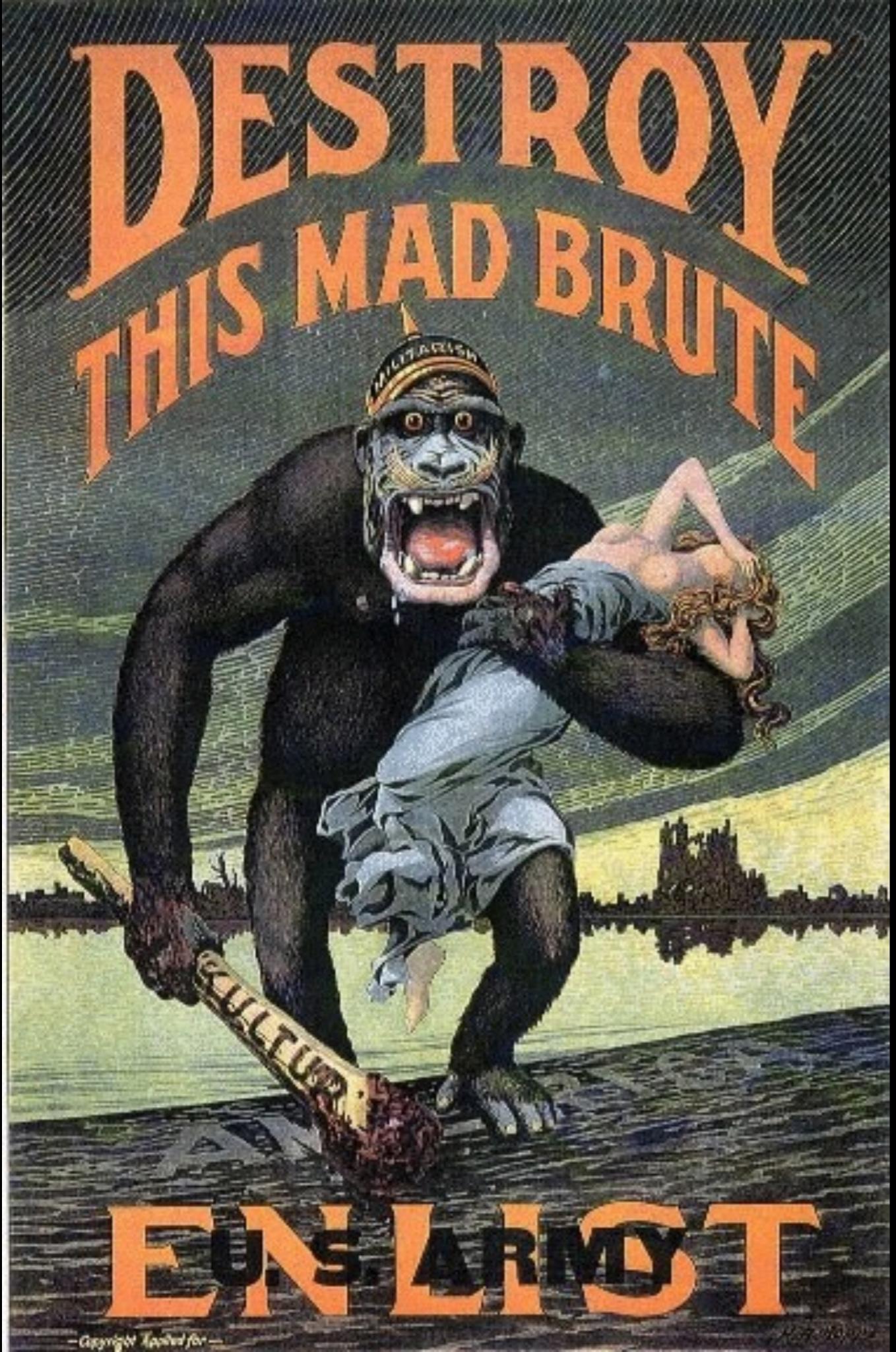
ATTACKED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT
Passenger of Lusitania Warning Not Many Hours for Germans to Take the Ship Left New York.

Only 658 Were Saved, Few Cabin Passengers
QUEENSTOWN, Saturday, May 8, 4:28 A.M.—Survivors of the Lusitania who have arrived here number more than about 400 of those aboard. The others were saved, and are en route to New York.

1916

- Verdun (Feb-Dec)
 - 1 million total casualties
 - 50 million artillery shells
- Somme (July-Dec)
 - 1.2 million casualties
 - British/French armies
- Jutland (May 31-June 1)
 - 250 engaged naval vessels



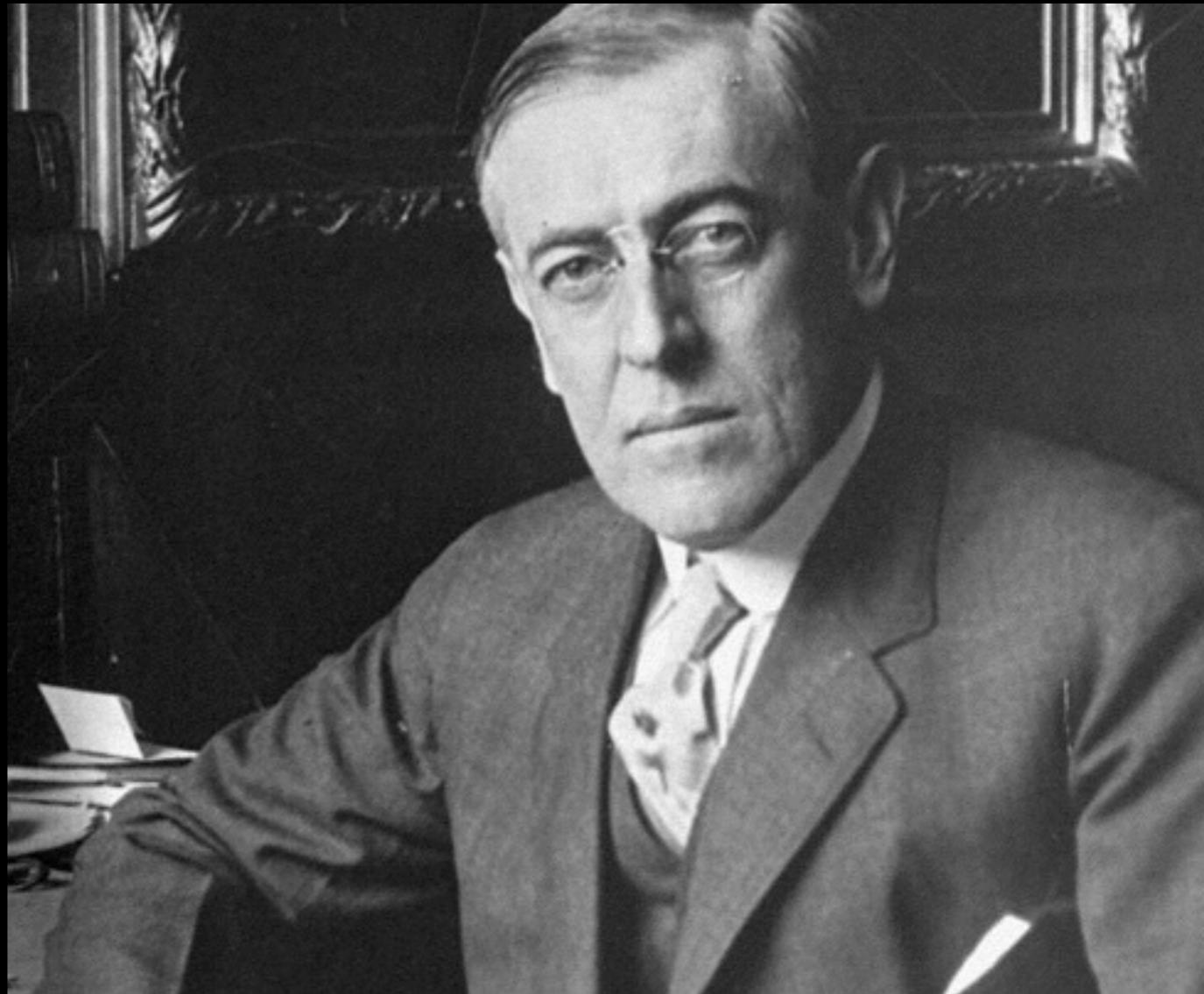


Propaganda



ZIMMERMAN TELEGRAM (1917)

- Germany trying to ally with Mexico against the United States
- Wilson, “The world must be safe for democracy.”



Woodrow Wilson

U.S. IN WW1 (1917)

- Swelled Allied ranks
- Under French Command
- ultimately 1 million U.S. soldiers
- Native Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans served as “non-whites” in white units.
- segregated black units



May 24, 1919

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THE FOURTEEN POINTS

These were defined by President Wilson in an address to Congress on January 8, 1918. Summarized they are:

1. "Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at."
2. Freedom of the seas, in peace and war.
3. Equality of trade conditions.
4. Reduction of armaments.
5. Adjustment of colonial claims with reference to the wishes of the governed population.
6. Evacuation of all Russian territory.
7. Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.
8. Evacuation of French territory, restoration of Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along lines of nationality.
10. Autonomous development for the peoples of Austria-Hungary.
11. Independence of Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro.
12. Relinquishment of Turkish control over non-Turkish populations.
13. Erection of an independent Polish state, with free and secure access to the sea.
14. A League of Nations to guarantee independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike.

THE FOURTEEN POINTS (1918)

- Principles:
 - free trade
 - national independence
 - open treaties
 - colonialism?

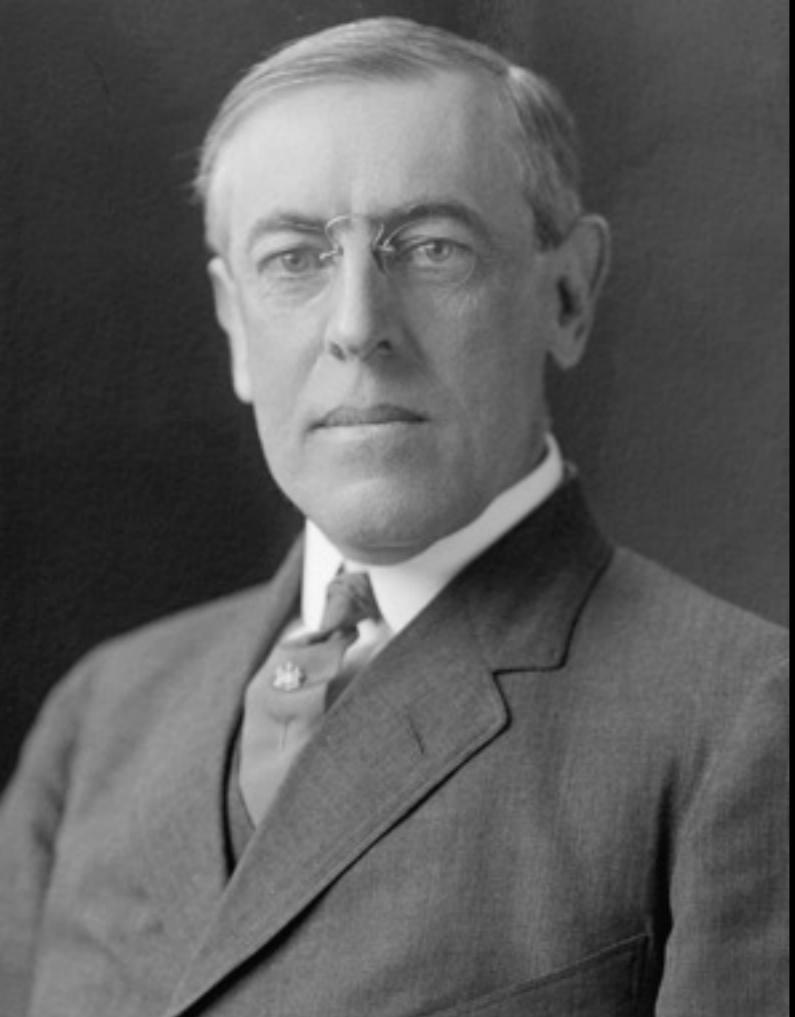
U.S. CASUALTIES

- 53,402 died from wounds
- 57,000 from disease (flu)
- 200,000 wounded



TREATY OF VERSAILLES (1919)

- Two opinions:
 - Treaty is too harsh for Germany
 - Treaty is not harsh enough
 - Ferdinand Foch's "twenty year truce"



PART 2: WW1 AT HOME

- What values did American express to allow them involvement in WW1?
- How did those values mean at home?

PROGRESSIVISM

- Patriotism
- Progressives used the power of the federal government
 - Regulation of businesses
 - Support for workers



On
The
Job
For
Victory



United States Shipping Board
Emergency Fleet Corporation

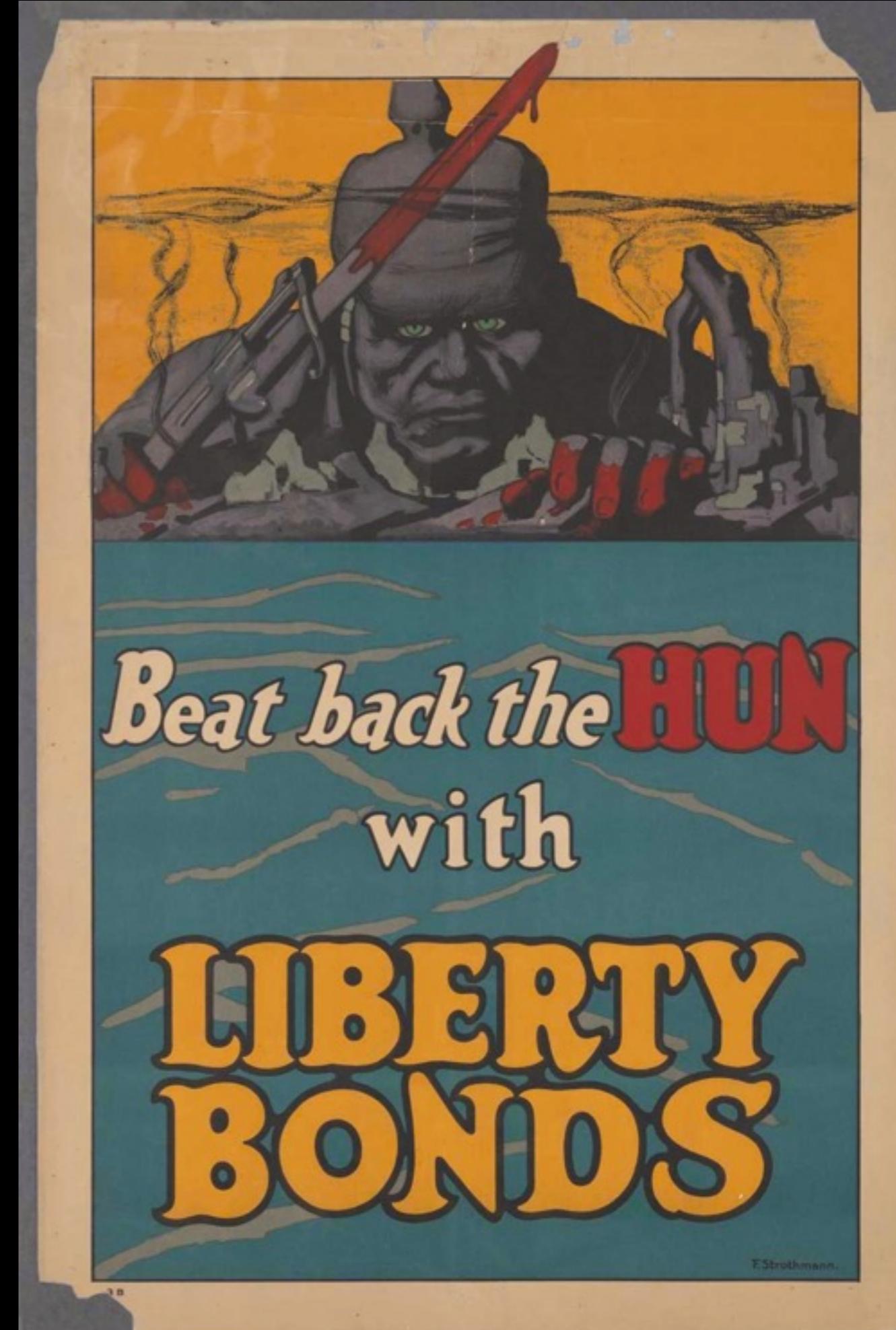


SUPPORT FOR WORKERS

- The AFL
- minimum wage, 8-hour workday
- Unions!

PROPAGANDA

- Committee on Public Information (CPI)
- Messages to the American people
 - Patriotism
 - Americanism



PROHIBITION



THE AMERICAN ISSUE

A Saloonless Nation and a Stainless Flag

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U.S. IS VOTED DRY

36th STATE RATIFIES DRY AMENDMENT JAN. 16

Nebraska Noses Out Missouri for Honor of Completing Job of Writing Dry Act Into the Constitution; Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota Right on Their Heels

JANUARY 16, 1919, MOMENTOUS DAY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

- Old issue: Womens Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)
- Anti-German sentiment (beer)
- 18th Amendment (1919)

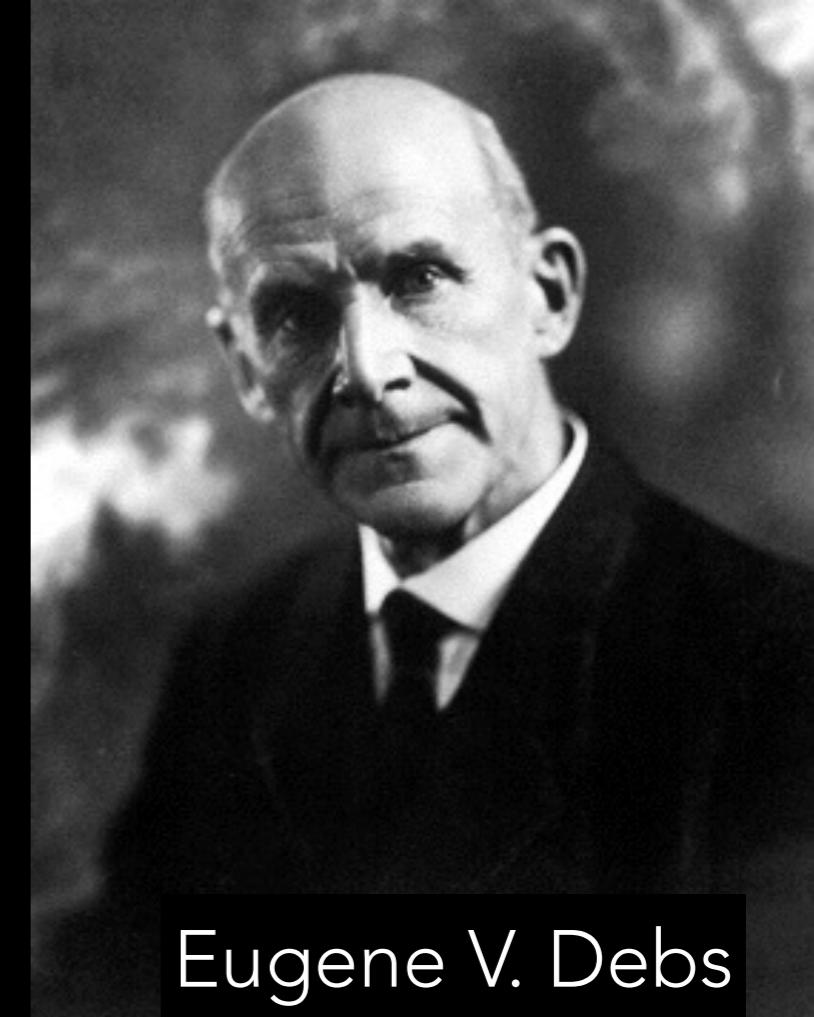
WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

- 19th Amendment (1920)
- Effectively for “white” women

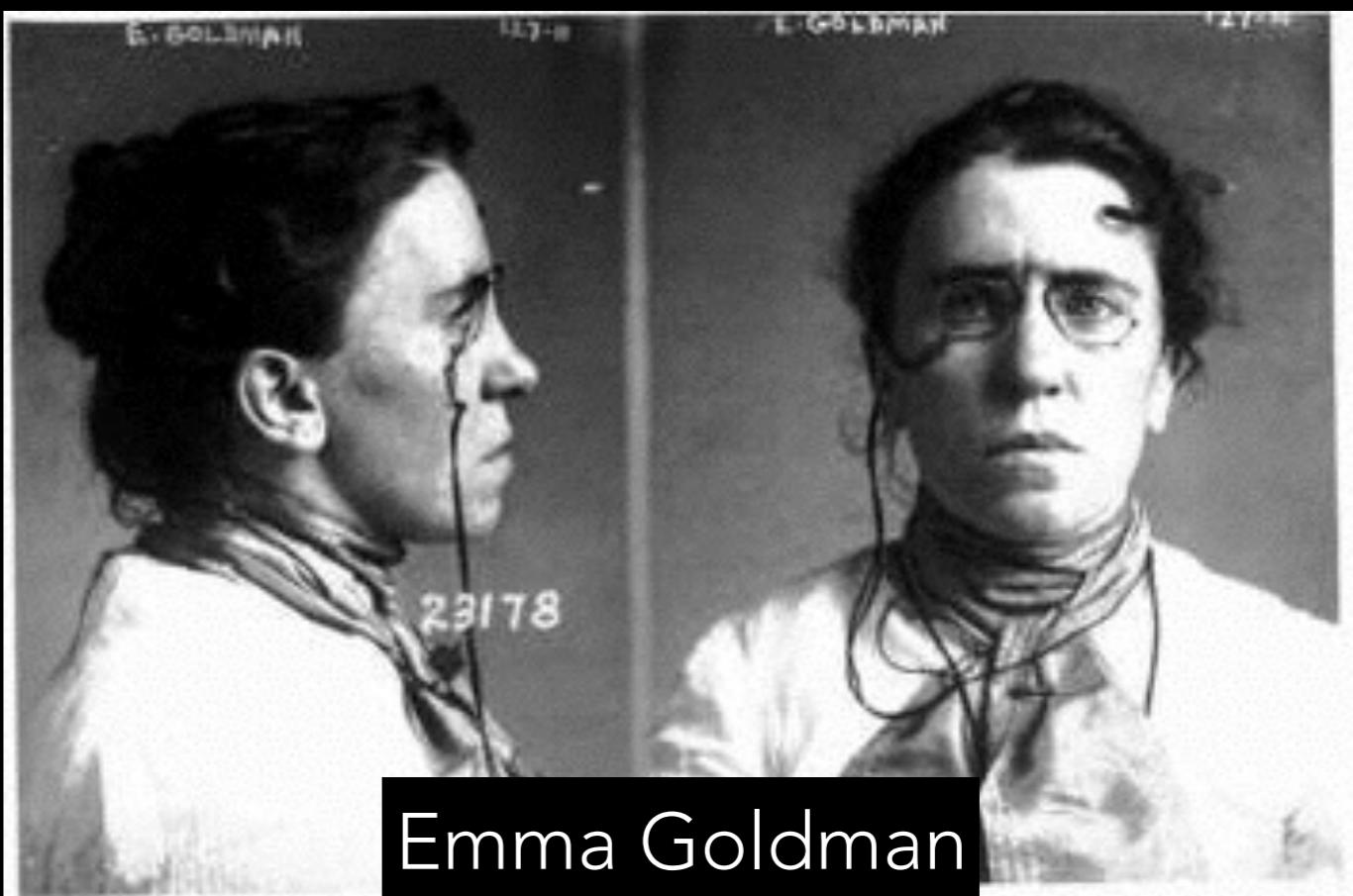


FREEDOM AT HOME?

- Espionage Act (1917)
 - interference with the draft or other military matters
- Sedition Act (1918)
 - illegal to speak out against the war or government
 - repealed in 1921
- IWW attacked



Eugene V. Debs



Emma Goldman

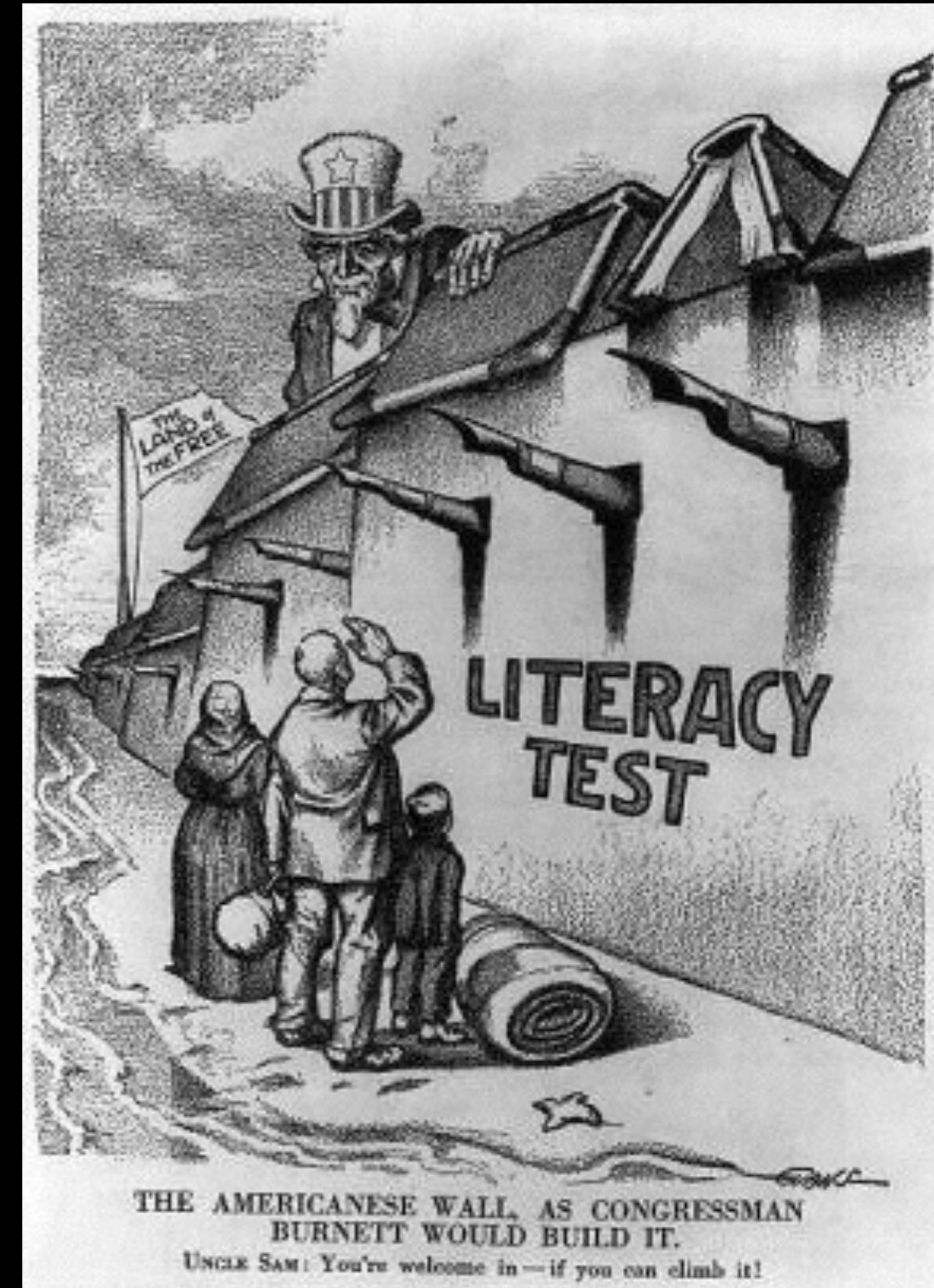
1917

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION



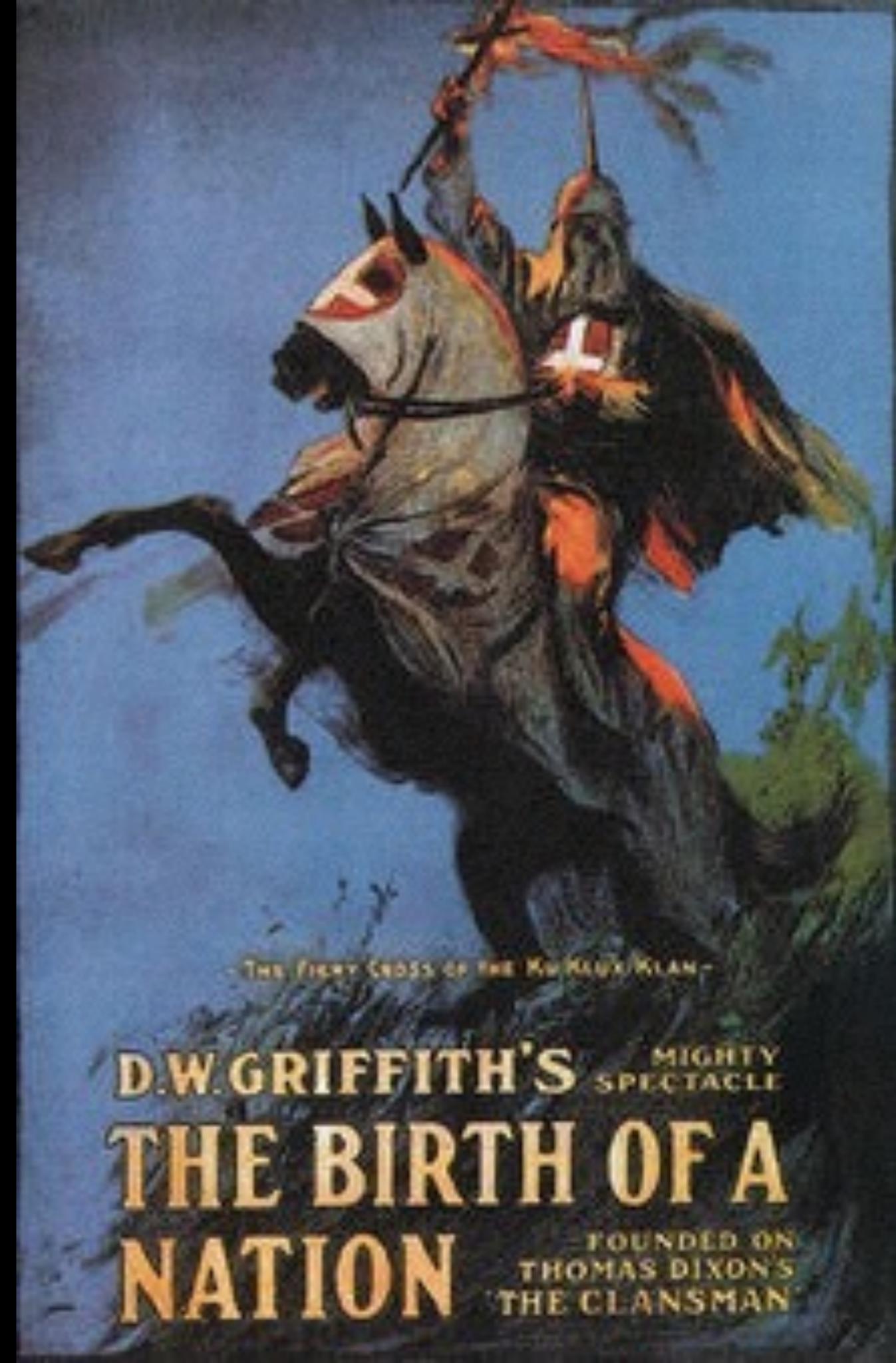
WHITE NATIONALISM

- Who is an American?
- Literacy Tests (1917)
- Anti-Germanism
- Recent Immigrants
 - non-WASPs
- Competing Ideologies
 - Anarchism, Socialism, Communism



WHITE NATIONALISM

- D.W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* (1915)
- Lynching
- Not reconciling the values of WW1



AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCES IN WW1

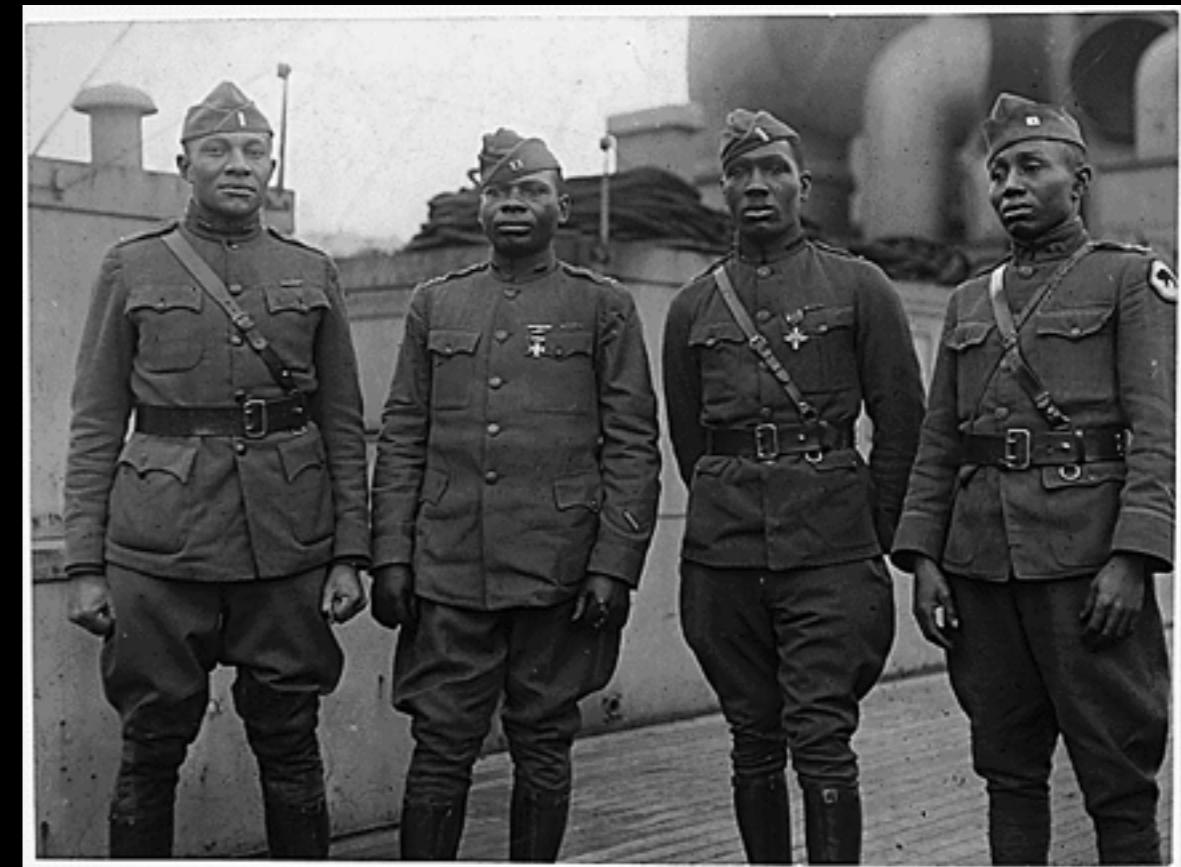


- Fighting in segregated units
- Fighting for... democracy?
- Meeting non-American blacks and Europeans

"We Four in Paris" by Palmer Hayden



- Harlem Renaissance (1920s)
- *The New Negro* (1925)



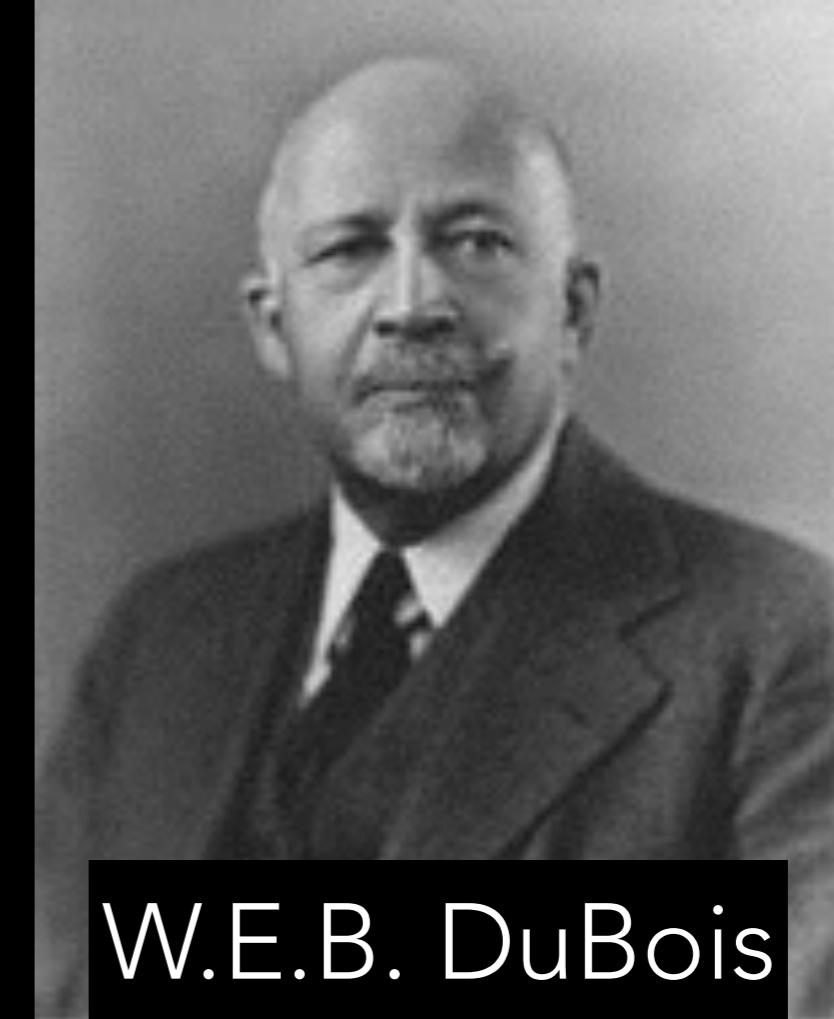
THE MIGRATION SERIES - PAINTINGS AT SAM

JACOB LAWRENCE



DUBOIS AND THE NAACP (1909)

- Fighting for racial justice
- Race Riots in Northern and Southern cities
- Marcus Garvey and Garveyism



W.E.B. DuBois



GENERAL STRIKE - 1919



Seattle, 1919

STRIKE

- 1919 workers' strikes
- Setting up a battle between labor and capital in the 1920s



SUM UP

- WW1 posed a number of challenges to the definition of American ways of life.
 - How would the 20th century look?