

Communism on The Home Front!



- **Essential Questions:**
- 1) How did U.S. government respond when Communism influence began to spread inside the U.S.?
- 2) Was this the right response?



Questions:

- 1) How's this cartoon an example of propaganda?
- 2) What's its purpose?
- 3) Why is it disturbing?



Study this carefully!



Amendment I

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.

- **Question:** How many rights are guaranteed by the First Amendment? What are those rights?





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Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

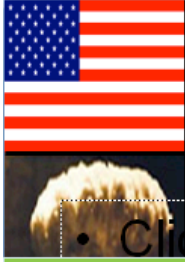
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.



- **Question:** What rights are guaranteed by these amendments? Why are they important?



U.S. Legislation to defend America against Communism

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Read this selection:

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. Did the government have the right to do this?
2. Is this a violation of basic American rights, as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights (1st 10 Amendments)? Explain.

ALIEN REGISTRATION ACT

The Alien Registration Act passed by Congress on 29th June, 1940, made it illegal for anyone in the United States to advocate, abet, or teach the desirability of overthrowing the government. The law also required all alien residents in the United States over 14 years of age to file a comprehensive statement of their personal and occupational status and a record of their political beliefs. Within four months a total of 4,741,971 aliens had been registered.

The main objective of the act was to undermine the American Communist Party and other left-wing political groups in the United States. It was decided that the House of Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), that had been set up by Congress in 1938 to investigate people suspected of unpatriotic behavior, would be the best vehicle to discover if people were trying to overthrow the government.

What IS the CPUSA?

The CPUSA (Communist Party USA) is the only political Party organized and run exclusively by working-class people. Through peaceful and democratic actions, we have struggled constantly since 1919 to improve the lives of all so-called "common" people. Unlike most parties, neither millionaires nor corporate tycoons control us. We advocate guaranteed jobs, higher wages, shorter work hours, free college education, free healthcare, and the end of all exploitation by the capitalist class. No wonder the millionaires hate us!

Read this selection:

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. What do you think makes people fearful about having different political beliefs?
2. How important is it to you that people are not allowed to openly organize to overthrow this government? Why?
3. Should this information be available to people in newspapers or on the Internet? How do you think you would react if people didn't want you to publish certain information?

THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA STANDS FOR:

Jobs for all at union wages!
Guaranteed workers' right to organize!
Ending racism! We demand full equality with affirmative action!
Ending anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination!
Equal rights for women!
Equal rights for immigrant workers!
Funding the needs of children and families, not corporate greed!
Free healthcare for all!
Free public education from day care through college!
Adequate, affordable housing!
Cutting the military budget!
Taxing the rich and giant corporations!
Peace and international solidarity!
A clean, healthy environment!
Bill of Rights Socialism, USA!

WORKERS - BLACK, BROWN, AND WHITE -
UNITE AND FIGHT!

For more information about the CPUSA, see our National CPUSA Web Page.

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PEOPLE BEFORE PROFITS!

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