

SOL 12 – WWII: The Home Front



What is the “Home Front?”

- The United States’ success in WWII required the total commitment of the nation’s resources. On the home front, public education and mass media promoted nationalism.



Economic Resources

- U.S. government and industry forged a close working relationship to allocate resources effectively
- Rationing was used to maintain supply of essential products to the war effort
- War bonds and income tax were used to finance the war
- Businesses retooled from peacetime to wartime production (e.g. car manufacturing to tank manufacturing)



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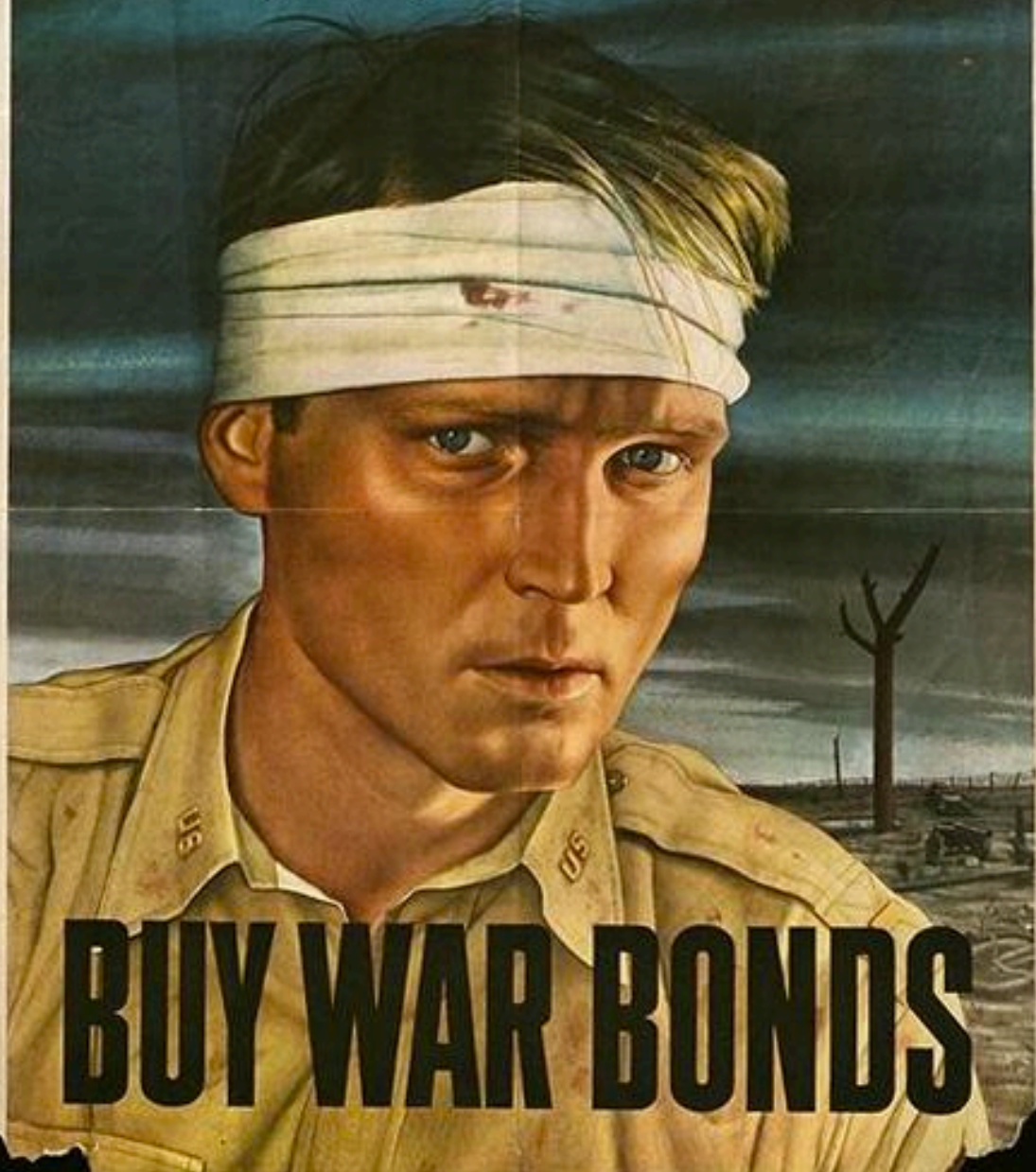
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Human Resources

- More women and minorities entered the labor force
- Citizens volunteered in support of the war effort



Women on the Home Front

- Increasingly participated in the workforce to replace men serving in the military
 - Symbol: “Rosie the Riveter”
- Typically participated in noncombat military roles



African Americans on the Home Front

- Migrated to cities in search of jobs in war plants
- Campaigned for victory in war and equality at home



The Great Migration



- Highest black population concentrations, 1900
- Major African-American population centers and destinations
- ➔ Major routes of African-American migration

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WAR PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Military Resources

- The draft (selective service) was used to provide personnel for the military



Media and Communications Assistance

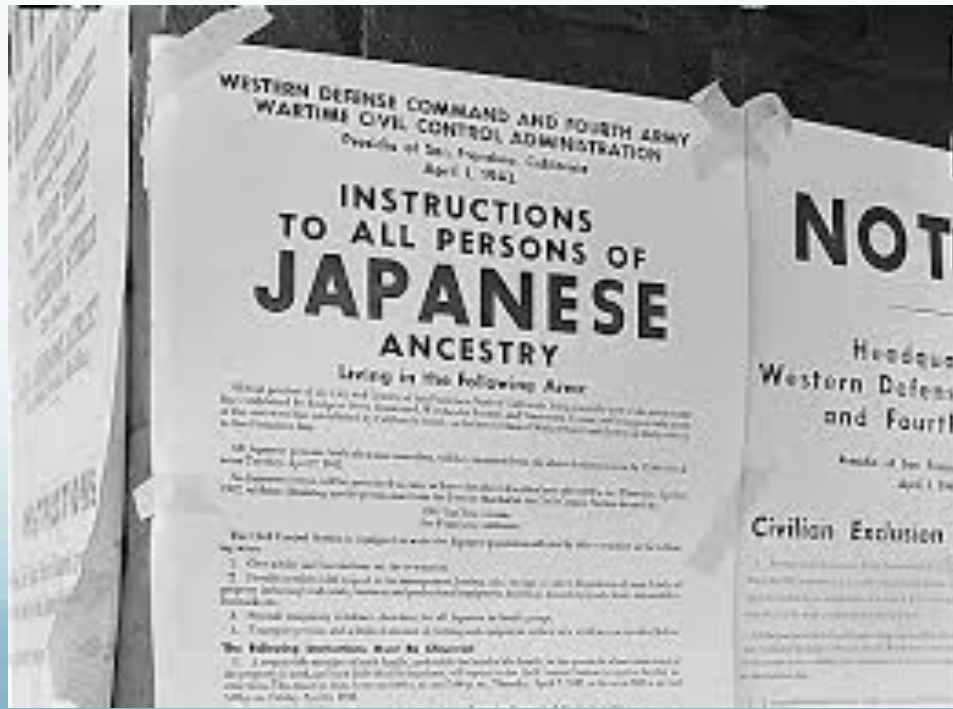
- The U.S. government maintained strict censorship of reporting of the war
- Public morale and ad campaigns kept Americans focused on the war effort
- The entertainment industry produced movies, plays, and shows that boosted morale and patriotic support for the war effort
- Portrayed the enemy (especially the Japanese) in stereotypical ways





Internment of Japanese Americans

- Reasons:
 - Strong anti-Japanese prejudice on the West Coast
 - False belief that Japanese Americans were aiding the enemy



Internment of Japanese Americans

- Japanese Americans were relocated to internment camps on the West Coast
- Supreme Court upheld the government's right to act against Japanese Americans living on the West Coast – *Korematsu v. The United States*
- U.S. government eventually issued public apology – financial payment made to survivors

