

WORLD WAR II



CAUSES OF WWI (EUROPE)

1) Treaty of Versailles

- Punished Germany for "causing" WWI (had to pay reparations (\$), lost land, were de-militarized)
- Led to rise of non-democratic governments in Europe:
 - Fascism in Italy (Mussolini)
 - Nazism in Germany (Hitler)

2) Policy of Appeasement

- a. The League of Nations did nothing to stop growing power of fascism
- b. Munich Conference (1938) = European leaders allowed Hitler to annex Sudetenland

Appeasement = diplomatic policy of making political or material concessions to an enemy power in order to avoid conflict





WWII BEGINS

1) Blitzkrieg in Poland 1939

2) Fall of France 1940

3) Battle of Britain

- After the defeat of France, Great Britain = only European democracy left to fight Germany
- For 1 year, Hitler uses air raids to bomb Great Britain
- England holds them off; Germany changes strategy and invades USSR in June 1941





I. NEUTRALITY

- U.S. Foreign Policy 1920's - 1930's = **Isolationism**
- **Key Idea: U.S. doesn't want to get involved in foreign conflicts; Americans angry from experience of WWI**



I. NEUTRALITY

1) Good Neighbor Policy = no intervention in South America ⇒ improve relations

2) Neutrality Acts (1935, 1936, 1937, 1939)

- a. avoid mistakes that got US involved in WWI
- b. No loans to fighting nations
- c. No selling weapons to fighting nations



Strengthen

**GOOD
NEIGHBOR
POLICY**

*Understand Our
Southern Neighbors*

CHIQUITA BANANA

WORDS AND MUSIC FOR THE PIANO IN CALYPSO RHYTHM

Words by Garth Montgomery

Music by Len MacKenzie



II. ROOSEVELT'S LEADERSHIP

- FDR wins 3rd term (1940) and ends 2 term precedent
- **22nd Amendment** (1947) = President can only run for 2 terms
- **Goal:** Prepare America for unavoidable war while remaining neutral



II. ROOSEVELT'S LEADERSHIP

- **“Arsenal For Democracy”** = U.S. would supply weapons/war supplies to Allied Powers
- Transforms U.S. economy → **massive stimulus** → **ends Great Depression**



II. ROOSEVELT'S LEADERSHIP

- 1) Cash and Carry Policy (1939)** = U.S. sold military supplies to Allies, but they transport supplies
- 2) Destroyers for Bases (1940)** = Trade old ships to Great Britain for military bases
- 3) Lend-Lease Act (1941)** = US would lend or lease military arms/supplies to nations that would protect U.S. security



LEND-LEASE ACT, AID TO OUR ALLIES



II. ROOSEVELT'S LEADERSHIP

Atlantic Charter

- Secret meeting → **FDR and Winston Churchill** set post-war principles that called for **est. of United Nations**





III. U.S. JAPANESE RELATIONS

- Japan turns to **Imperialism** → **expansion**
- Join Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis
- **Expand into China**

- **Oil Embargo:**
 - U.S. puts oil embargo (stops trade) on Japan as **punishment for aggression in Asia**
 - **Ruins Japanese economy**



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- **Dec. 7, 1941: “A date which will live in infamy”**
- **Surprise Attack** on Hawaiian Naval Base→

Strategic Location (can reach Cali by taking out this naval base)

- **Rise of Nationalism**→ **Isolationism declines**
- Declaration of War
- Mobilized Homefront
- 5 million men volunteer and another 10 million are drafted to fight the war







WW II: U.S. STRATEGIES



1) Air Power

Aircraft Carriers → mobile air ports

Carpet-bombing → devastate civilian targets
(Dresden, Tokyo)

2) D-Day

- **Operation Overlord** → **open 2nd front in France**
- Allied effort to take back France, then conquer Germany
- Greatest coordinated military (air, sea, land) operation in history; **led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- V-E Day, May 8, 1945 = "Victory in Europe" day; Germany surrenders









3) Strategy in the Pacific

- **Take strategic islands to build bases and airfields**--> Force Japanese back to their mainland.
- Iwo Jima & Okinawa

4) Manhattan Project

- **Secret research and development project to make atomic bombs**
- Pres. Truman (FDR died during last term, VP Truman takes over) warns Japan to surrender or else the US would “devastate the Japanese homeland”
- **US worried invasion of Japan would be too costly**
- Est. 250,000 American + 1,000,000 Japanese casualties
- Dropped bombs on **Hiroshima & Nagasaki**







WW II: HOMEFRONT



I. MOBILIZED ECONOMY

- **U.S. gov't takes control of economy**
- **Factories converted to wartime production**
- **HUGE Stimulus of demand → Great Depression ends**

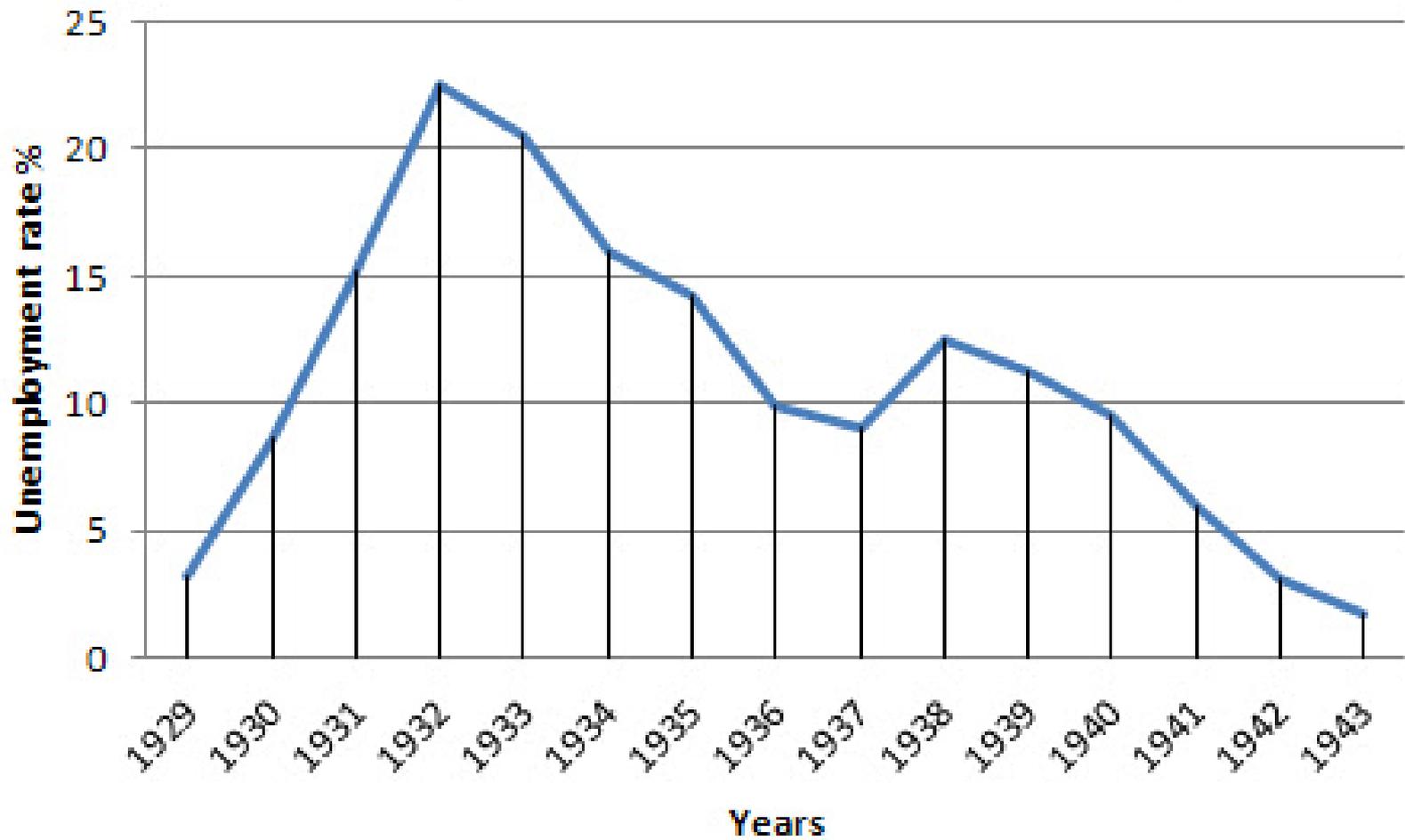
War Productions Board: gave orders to certain companies that had to convert to making war materials

OPA (Office of Price Administration):

- Controlled (“froze”) prices on goods to prevent inflation
- Set-up the **rationing system**
- **Raised income taxes-** gives gov't more \$\$, and people less \$\$ to spend!



US Unemployment Rate 1929-1943 (Revised BLS)

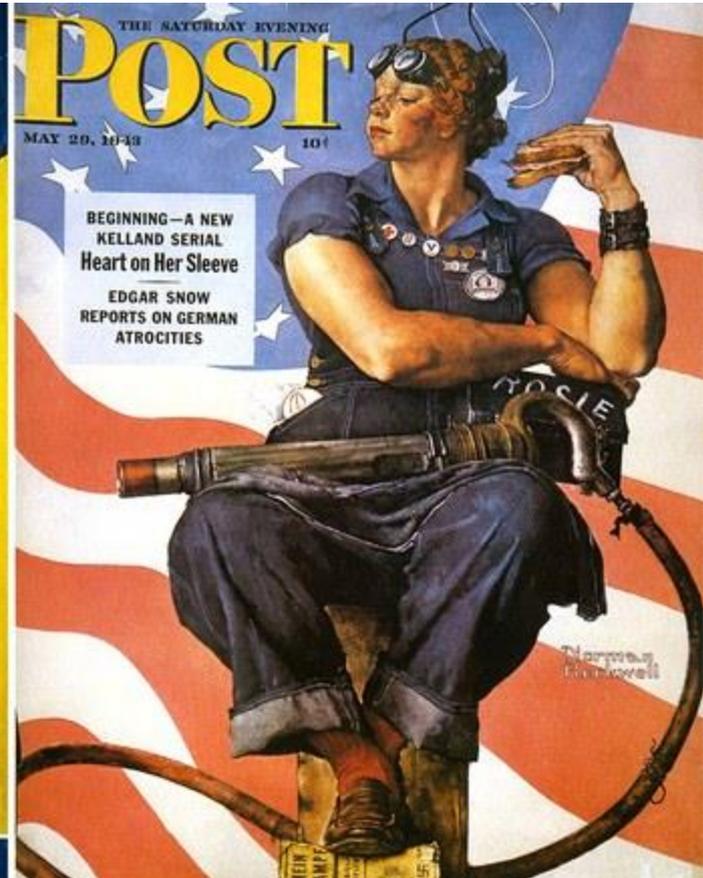


II. MINORITY CONTRIBUTIONS & DISCRIMINATION

Women

- **Enter workforce in record numbers**; more than 6 million total
- After the war, many women resist return to their more “traditional” role in society
- **“Rosie the Riveter”** Female character used in posters for propaganda





II. MINORITY CONTRIBUTIONS & DISCRIMINATION

■ African Americans

- - 700,000 African Americans fought in WWII
- Others obtained well paying jobs (many on the West Coast)
- **These changes re-energized African Americans and led to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s & 1960s**



Tuskegee Airmen



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Mexican Americans

- **Zoot-Suit Riot** (1943)
- **Zoot-Suit**= Style of dress adopted by Mexican Americans during WWII
 - Summer 1943: L.A., California
 - 11 sailors claimed they were attacked by Mexican-Americans
 - 2 days of violence followed; thousands of servicemen and civilians targeted anyone wearing a Zoot-Suit; hundreds were beaten. Police did little to stop it
- **Example of anger towards outsiders due to Nationalism**





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III. JAPANESE INTERNMENT

Executive Order 9066:

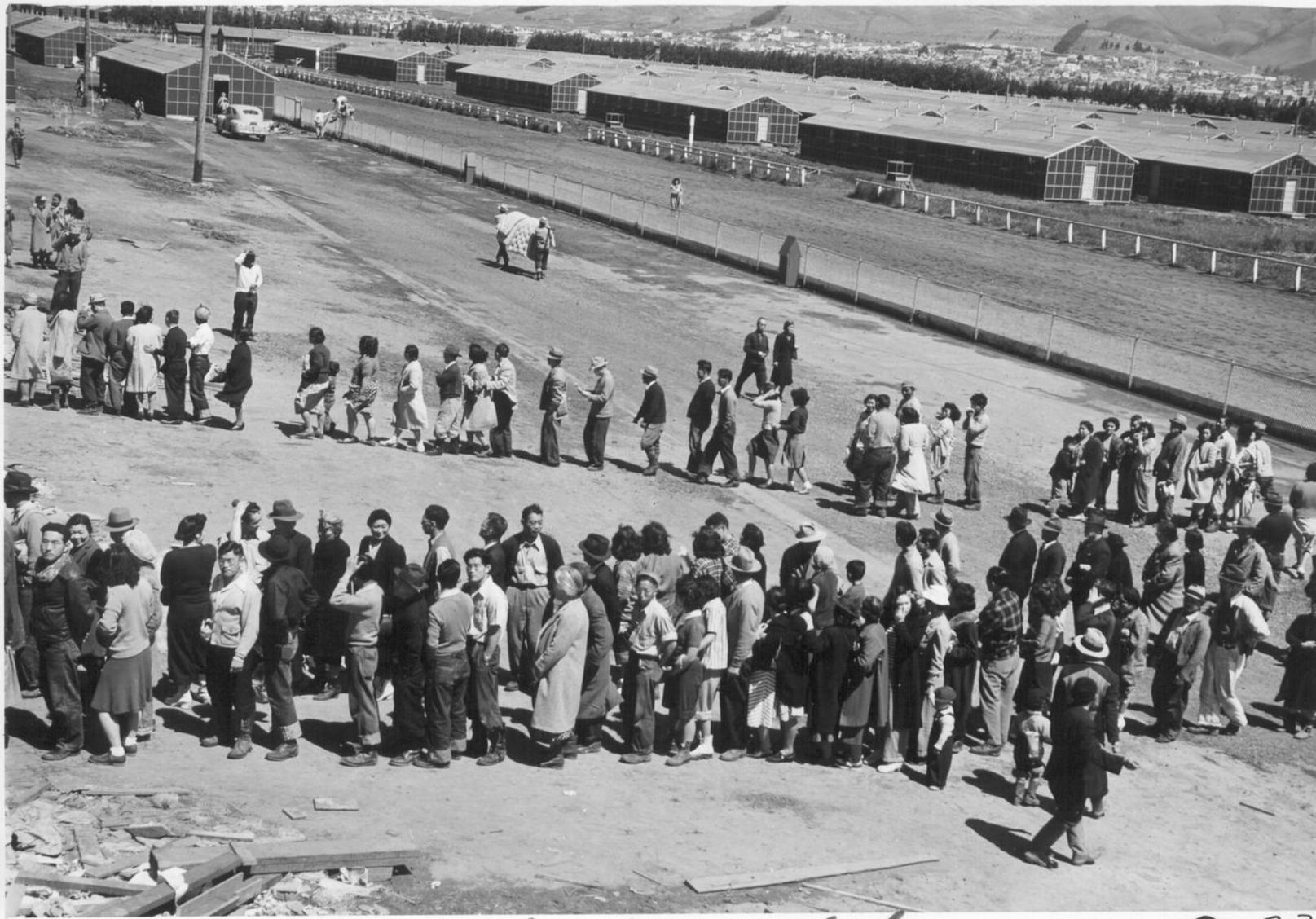
- Americans question Japanese American loyalty after Pearl Harbor
- FDR orders that **military-run internment camps be set-up for Japanese-Americans**
- - Over 110,000 Japanese-Americans on the West Coast (CA, OR, WA) were **forced to leave their homes and businesses**





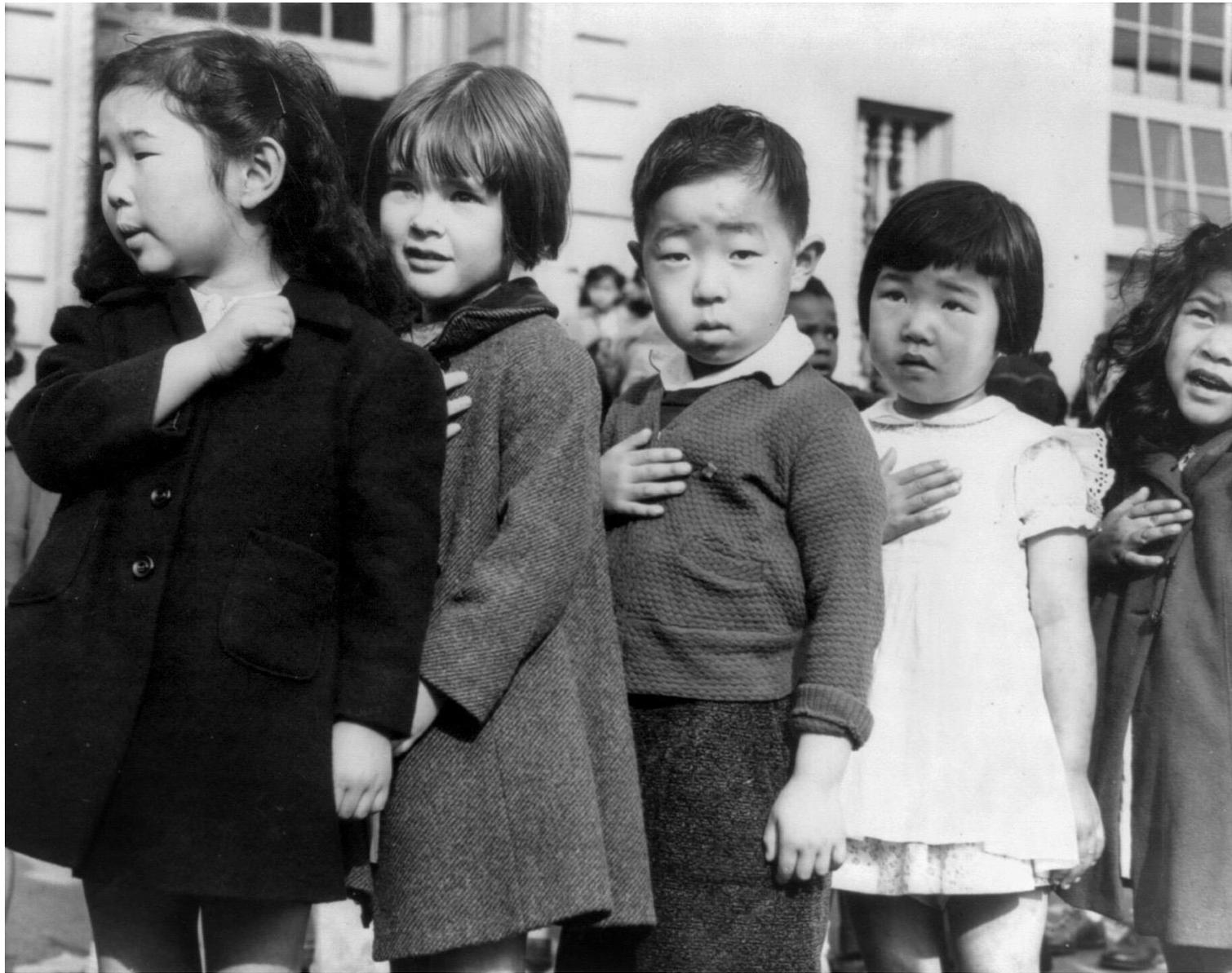
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Korematsu v. United States:

Issue: Japanese American (Fred Korematsu) refused to be relocated

Decision: Supreme Court ruled against Korematsu→ **internment camps legal during wartime**

Impact: Powers of the President/Fed. Gov't can **increase during war**; people can temporarily **lose their civil rights**

Reparations: 1988, U.S. apologizes and pays \$20,000 to each person

Examples of Civil Rights lost during wartime:

Civil War: Lincoln suspends Habeas Corpus

WWI: Schenck v. U.S.

WWII: Korematsu v. U.S.

War on Terror: PATRIOT Act



PATRIOT ACT:

7 WAYS TO SPY ON U.S. CITIZENS

- 1) The NSA collects every American's phone records
- 2) The PRISM program lets the NSA access private user data on leading online services
- 3) Hacking personal accounts
- 4) The NSA taps long-distance internet connections
- 5) The NSA intercepted data flowing between Google and Yahoo data centers
- 6) Track cell phone locations
- 7) From 2001 to 2011, the NSA collected vast amounts of information about Americans' internet usage



WW II: AFTERMATH



I. HOLOCAUST

- Allied Powers knew about atrocities of the Holocaust by Dec. 1942
- Issue remains to this day:
“Did the Allies do enough to stop it?”
- Resources for **war effort vs. concentration camps**



II. NUREMBURG WAR CRIMES TRIAL

- Nazi officials put on trial for:
 - > Crimes against the "peace of the world"
 - > **"war crimes"**
 - > **First time in history individuals held responsible for their actions during war**
 - > Military leaders of Japan were also put on trial for the same reasons
 - > Actions by Japan during WWII:
 - **"Rape of Nanking"** (in China)
 - **Bataan Death March** (in Philippines)



Naturally, the common people don't want war, neither in Russia nor in England nor in America, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.

It works the same way in every country.

—Hermann Goering
during the Nuremberg Trials





III. UNITED NATIONS

Yalta Conference = Final meeting of the "**BIG THREE**" in 1945 (shortly before WWII ended).

- Agreed to create the **United Nations** = international peacekeeping organization that aims to prevent war through diplomacy
- Based on the principles in the **Atlantic Charter**
- Cooperation in international law, human rights, and economic development

United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights=

- Written by **Eleanor Roosevelt**
- “declares” the rights that everyone in the entire world should have







United Nations

