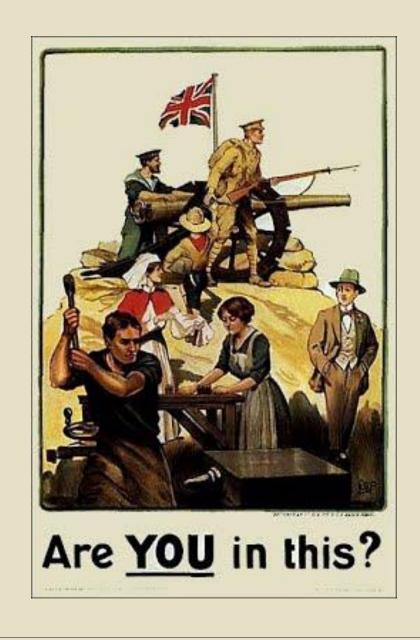
Total War

o Total war is warfare that includes any and all civilian-associated resources and infrastructure as legitimate military targets, mobilizes all of the resources of society to fight the war, and gives priority to warfare over non-combatant needs.



Views about WWI- Early war

- ° When war was declared in August 1914, there were street celebrations throughout Great Britain and Europe.
- Many believed that the war would be over by Christmas 1914 and many young men rushed to answer the call to arms to show their patriotism.
 - o Those who did not sign up were targeted and publicly shamed
- Allied powers thought victory over Germany would be easy and much needed.

Propaganda and WWI

- Used to convey national sentiments
- Used for persuasion and advertisments
- Used to sway public opinons about the war



***Not real propaganda

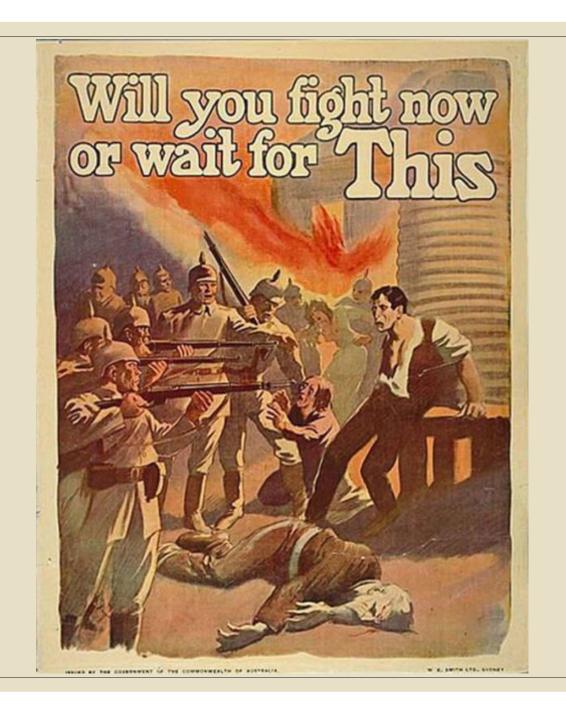


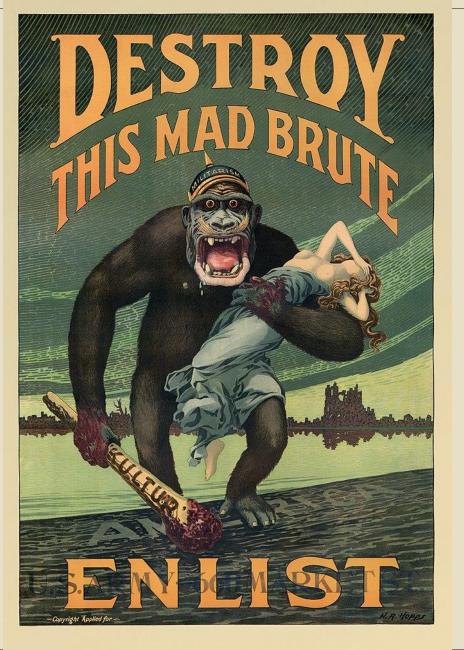
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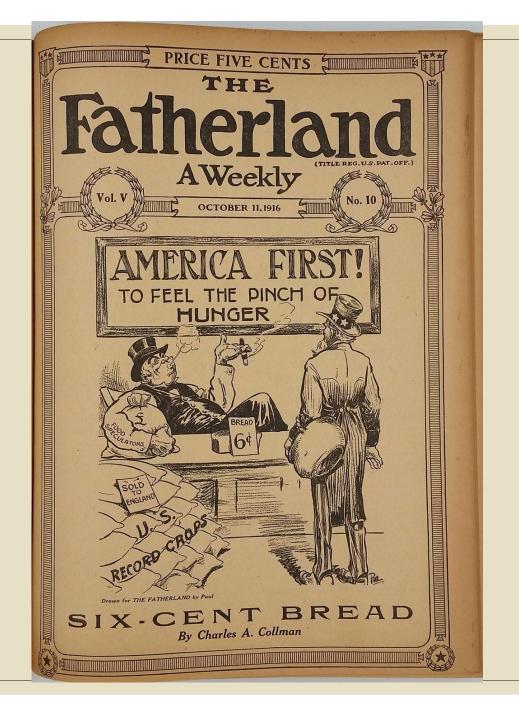
Portraying the enemy as a monster/
"other"

Appealing to logic and rational thinking

Message: The enemy is evil and must be destroyed









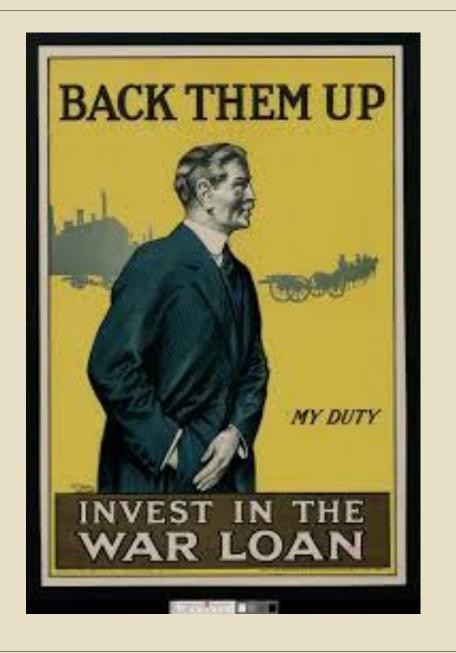
Shifting attitudes about war

- o Homefront- Often referred to as Britain/civilian life during WWI
- After the first few battles of WWI, many Europeans (allied powers)
 lost their enthusiasm for war
 - Thousands of deaths
 - TOTAL WAR- civilian involvement
 - Food shortages, rationing, civilian deaths
- Among the Allies, Britain and its Empire spent \$47 billion and the U.S. \$27 billion (America joined after the war started) while among the Central Powers, Germany spent \$45 billion.





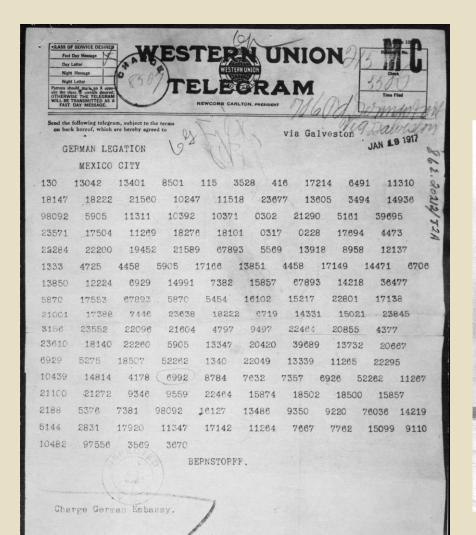


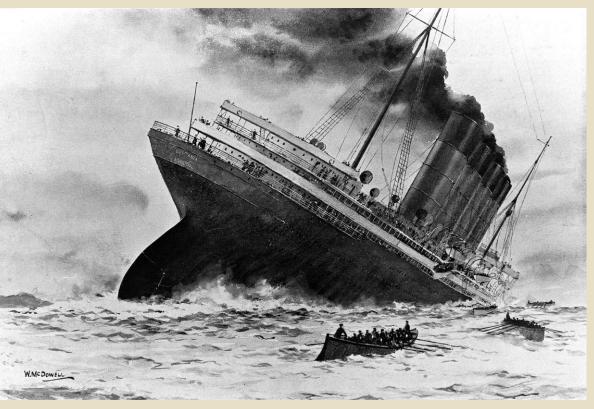


The US enters the War

 During the early years of the war- US (Woodrow Wilson) worked to keep the US neutral

- o In 1915, the British passenger liner the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine, killing 128 Americans- further heightening tensions
- o Germany also made a secret offer to help Mexico regain territories lost in the Mexican–American War in an encoded telegram known as the **Zimmermann Telegram**, which was intercepted by British intelligence.





US Enters the War

• Publication of that communique outraged Americans just as German U-boats started sinking American merchant ships in the North Atlantic.

 Wilson then asked Congress for "a war to end all wars" that would "make the world safe for democracy", and Congress voted to declare war on Germany on April 6, 1917

o **U.S. Entered** World War I. On April 6, 1917, the **U.S.** joined its allies--Britain, France, and Russia--to fight in World War I.

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Social Impacts of WWI

- Brought an end to unemployment
 - ∘ Less men in jobs → More open spaces

- Increase in trade unions due to enthusiasm and patriotism
 - Due to the desire to streamline and protect production



Social Impacts- Women

New Roles for women

- Millions of men leaving Britain, Germany,
 France for war
- o All facets of the workplace had to be filled
- Ex. Women in banking (Britain) 9,500
 →64,000
- Many men resented the work of females in heavy industry/artillery industry
 - o Often payed less than men for the same jobs





Social Impacts- Women

- French government- passed a law in 1915 establishing a minimum wage for women (Though still not equal)
- Women given the right to vote in Austria and Germany after WWI ended (1919)
 - o 1920 the US gave women the right to vote as well
- No security of jobs as war came to an end
 - o Many women were unemployed as the war ended and men returned