

Women In the US



Women at War

National Support

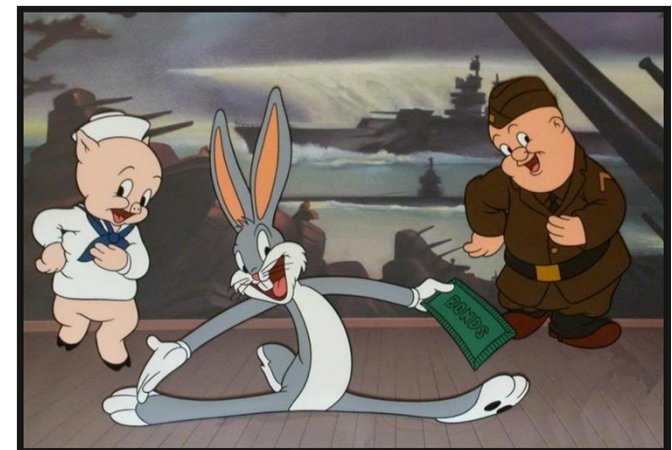
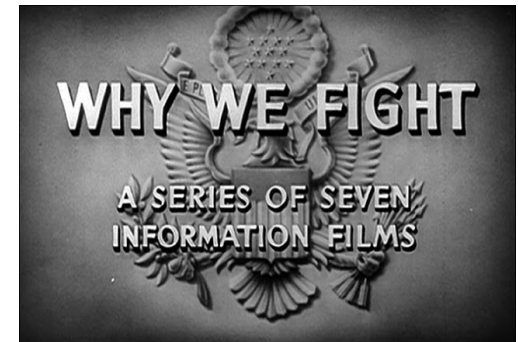
Economic Impact

Citizen Sacrifice
(Paying for the War)

Citizen Sacrifice
(Saving for the War)

Winning the War at Home

- **National Support**
- 1940, Congress passed the first peacetime draft with the Selective Service Act
- After Pearl Harbor, many volunteered to join the military as well
- To keep morale up, artists were paid to create patriotic propaganda posters
- Newsreels in movies and ads were also supportive of the war effort
- Many also attempted to get citizens to buy war bonds





Winning the War at Home



- **Economic Impact**
- Economy had to switch from peace to wartime quickly
- The *War Production Board* oversaw this and redirected materials and resources
- Many peace time goods could not be obtained during the war
- US economy boomed and more people were employed making war goods
- Many also migrated to northern factory cities to find jobs



Winning the War at Home

- **Citizen Sacrifice**
- **Paying for the War**
- Because of the booming economy, more people were paying income taxes than before
- Government began to require employers to withhold *income taxes* directly from paychecks
- Citizens were also encouraged to buy *war bonds*
- *War bond drives* were promoted through advertisements, posters, and in movies



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- Citizen Sacrifice
- Saving for the War
- People began to grow *victory gardens* during the war
- This was so they could have more personal food
- *Rationing* also began so that the government could control certain resources
- A point system was used, once your points were gone, you had to save for more
- *Scrap drives* also were common in the US



Winning the War at Home

- **Women in the US**
- Men at war left an employment gap
- Jobs in manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and others
- Those that worked in war industries were symbolized by “*Rosie the Riveter*”



- **Women at War**
- Nearly 275,000 women served in the armed forces
- Worked as nurses and in logistics, many roles but combat
- The Women's Army Corp (WAC) was the largest of the branches