

Mobilization

Key Terms

- Selective Service Act
- Four Freedoms
- GI
- Office of War Mobilization
- Liberty Ships
- Gross National Product
- Rationing
- Black Market
- Victory Garden
- Cost-Plus System

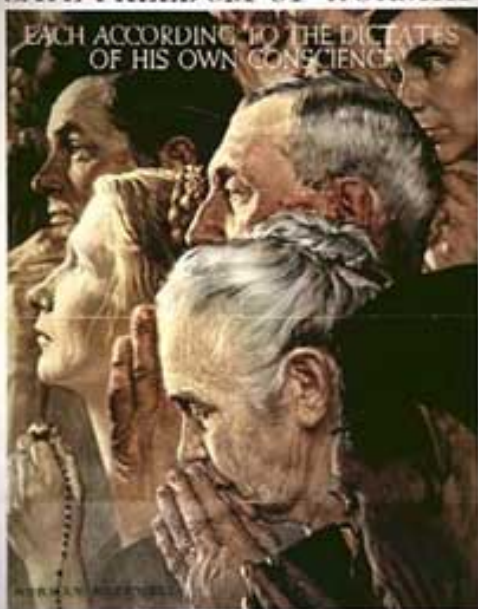
Armed Forces

- In 1940 Congress authorized the nations first ever peacetime draft.
- Increased defense spending by 5x in 1940 alone.
- What would these troops be fighting for? “The Four Freedoms”



SAVE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

EACH ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES
OF HIS OWN CONSCIENCE



BUY WAR BONDS



OURS...to fight for



FREEDOM FROM FEAR

- Following Pearl Harbor Tens of thousands of men volunteered to serve in the military.
- More than 16 million Americans served in the armed forces during WWII.
- They were referred to as GI's.
- Why we fight series by Frank Capra



Ethnic diversity in the Military

- 25,000 Native Americans
- 300,000 Mexican Americans
- 1 million African Americans
- 17,000 Japanese Americans



War Production

- In 1942 FDR established the War Production Board
- Production of consumer goods was halted to allow for the production of war materials
- Office of War Mobilization
- Ford Motor Co – B24 Liberator Bombers
- Henry Kaiser – Liberty Ships



- During the war, production goals were consistently raised and consistently exceeded.

- In 1944 American production levels doubled those of the Axis nations combined.



2,600 Liberty Ships



80,000 Landing Craft



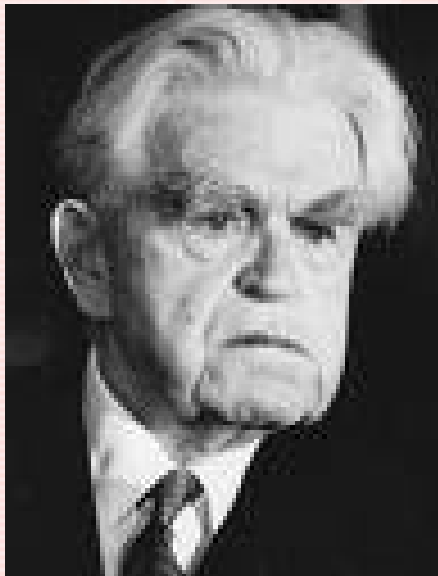
100,000 Tanks



300,000 Airplanes

Workforce

- Unemployment virtually vanished
- Avg weekly wages rose more than 50%
- Union Membership rose sharply
- No strike clause – mostly effective
- UMW Strikes in 1943



Financing the War

- Federal spending increased by more than 900% from 1939 – 1945.
- Gross National Product doubled
- We spent 10x more than we did on WWI
- Increased taxes and the sale of war bonds help to defray costs.
- Deficit Spending was relied upon to field a well equipped army and navy.
- Debt from \$43 billion to \$259 billion