

McCarthyism in the 1950s

Herb Block Political Cartoons

What was the impact of Joseph McCarthy's search for communists on American society?

"IT'S OKAY --- WE'RE HUNTING COMMUNISTS"



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"FIRE!"



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"YOU MEAN I'M SUPPOSED TO STAND ON THAT?"



"I HAVE HERE IN MY HAND ----"



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"STAND FAST, MEN --- THEY'RE ARMED WITH MARSHMALLOWS"



Follow Up Discussion Questions

- What people did McCarthy find suspicious? Why these people?
- What groups did McCarthy find suspicious? Why these groups?
- What aspects of daily life were affected by the fear of communism in America?
- What constitutional rights were affected by this fear generated by Joseph McCarthy?
- Why were people so willing to believe Joseph McCarthy's accusations?