

The “Dot” Game

- **Directions:**
 - You will participate in a game in which you will form groups based on your secret identities.
 - You will each receive a piece of paper
 - Some are BLANK
 - Some have a DOT drawn on them
 - There are fewer dots than non-dots
 - When you receive your piece of paper you must secretly look at it. If you receive a dot you must not reveal it to anyone.
 - When you are done looking hide it or put it in your pocket.

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- Goal of the Game
 - The goal is to form as large of a group of “non-dot” members as possible
 - POINTS
 - The largest group of “non-dot” students will win points
 - The whole group will lose if there is one or more “dot” members in your group
 - “Dot” members will win points for being the only dot in a group

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- Advice
 - Since everyone in the class will deny having a dot you must look for any indication of suspicion
 - If you suspect someone has a dot you should say out loud “Bob is a dot!”
 - If you are a “Dot” then you must bluff to convince others that you are not a dot
 - Be creative! Try to develop a strategy or tactic that will ensure all people are telling the truth

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- Ready?
 - What questions do you have?
 - When I say go you will have _____ minutes to talk to each other and form groups with “non-dot” members
 - When I turn off the lights the game is over and you must freeze in your place and talking must end immediately. All groups are finalized at that point. No Exception.

Dot Game Debrief Discussion Questions

1. How did you feel when you discovered you had a blank piece of paper? A dot?
2. What methods did you use to determine who had a dot?
3. For those who had dots, how did you convince others you were not a dot?

Dot Game Debrief Discussion Questions

4. For those who were accused of being a dot, how did you feel? What made you fearful or suspicious?
5. Given that there was no way to know for sure who was or was not a dot, why did you try so hard to convince others that certain people were dots?
6. What emotions fueled this activity? Can you think of anytime in history when something like this occurred?

Responses to “Internal Threats”

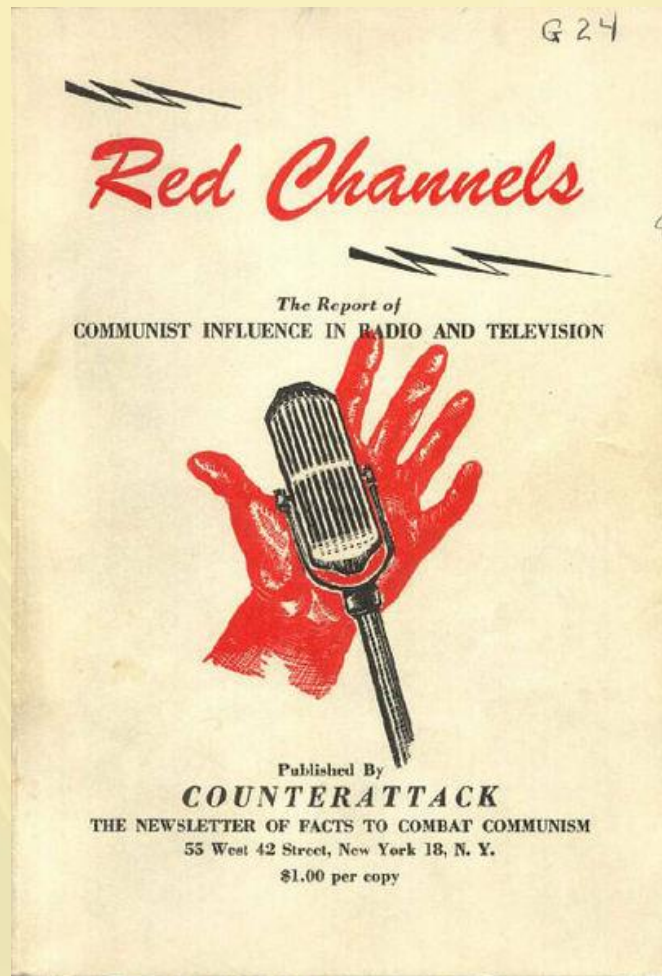
- House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)
- Blacklisting
- McCarran Act
- Alger Hiss
- Julius and Ethel Rosenberg



Arrest photos of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

“McCarthyism” and the “Second Red Scare”

A 1950 publication that claimed to identify communists in the media



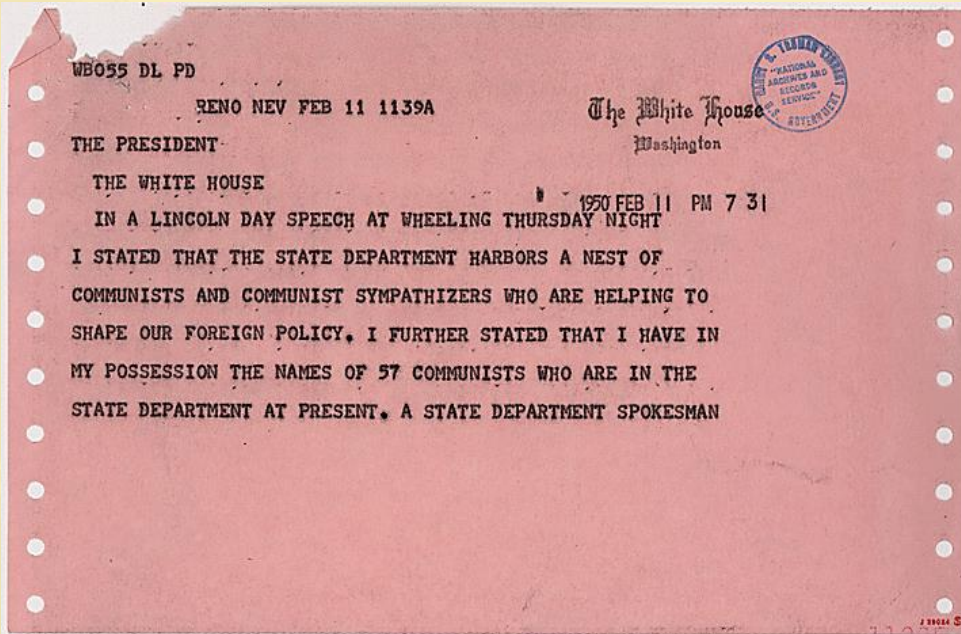
- Period of intense anti-communist suspicion in the late 1940s and early 1950s
- Many innocent people accused of communist ties
- Solid evidence against accused never produced

Joseph McCarthy

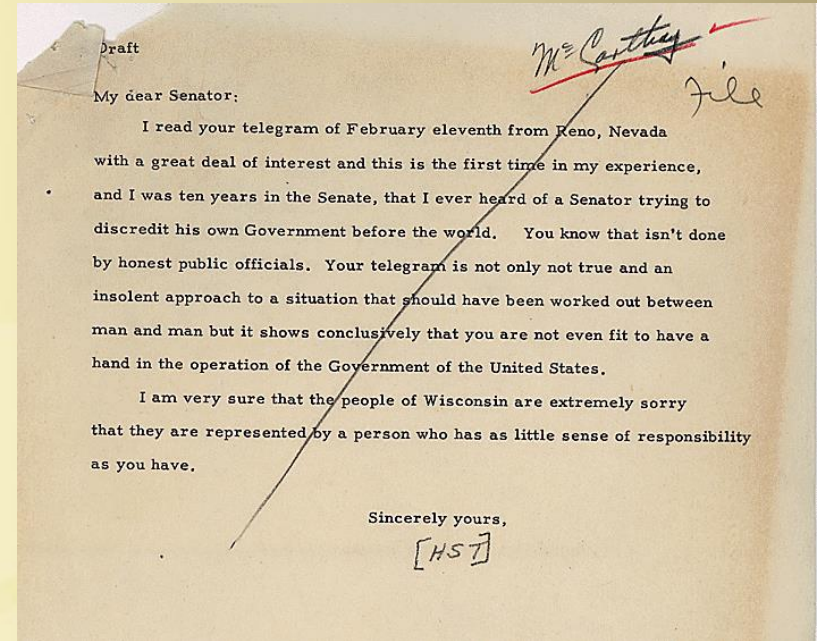


- Republican senator from Wisconsin
- Claimed that communists had infiltrated several government agencies
- Army–McCarthy hearings led to censure by Senate
- Died in 1957

McCarthy and Truman



Part of McCarthy's telegram to Truman after the Wheeling speech



Truman's reply (probably never sent)

Murrow on McCarthy

- Noted CBS newscaster Edward R. Murrow ran an exposé on McCarthy
- McCarthy appeared on Murrow's show a few weeks later
- McCarthy did not come across well



Edward R. Murrow

The Army–McCarthy Hearings



McCarthy and Roy Cohn during the hearings

- Centered on McCarthy and chief counsel Roy Cohn
- Army charged both with pressing for “favorable treatment” for former staffer
- Hearings televised
- Beginning of McCarthy’s downfall

Censure of McCarthy

- McCarthy's popularity plummeted after hearings
- Senator Margaret Chase Smith spoke out against McCarthy
- Senate voted to censure McCarthy in December 1954



Senator Margaret Chase Smith