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 "nondot" 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?

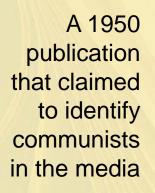
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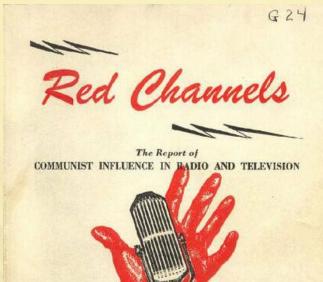
- House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)
- Blacklisting
- McCarran Act
- Alger Hiss
- Julius and Ethel Rosenberg



Arrest photos of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

"McCarthyism" and the "Second Red Scare"





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- Period of intense anticommunist 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

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

Praft

My dear Senator: I read your telegram of February eleventh from Reno, Nevada with a great deal of interest and this is the first time in my experience, and I was ten years in the Senate, that I ever heard of a Senator trying to discredit his own Government before the world. You know that isn't done by honest public officials. Your telegram is not only not true and an insolent approach to a situation that should have been worked out between man and man but it shows conclusively that you are not even fit to have a hand in the operation of the Government of the United States.

I am very sure that the people of Wisconsin are extremely sorry that they are represented by a person who has as little sense of responsibility as you have.

Sincerely yours, HST

Truman's reply (probably never sent)

Cold War 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

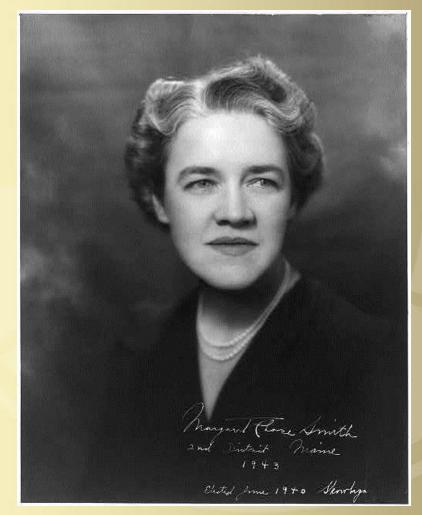
 Centered on McCarthy and chief counsel Roy Cohn

Cold War

- 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