

Propaganda

Propaganda is media that uses carefully crafted messages to persuade people's actions and beliefs. Many government programs created posters during WWII reminding Americans that they need to ration and reduce any waste in order to help win the war and bring home their soldiers. These posters had messages such as "Food is a weapon, don't waste it!," "Of Course I Can! I'm patriotic as can be -- And ration points won't worry me!," and "Help bring them back to you! Make Yours a Victory Home!"

Look at the primary sources at your table. They are all examples of propaganda posters used to strengthen the war effort on the Home Front. What conclusions and connotations can you pull from them? (Connotation = information or feeling that can be detected in addition to the literal information given.) Choose any two to analyze below.



Example:

TITLE = When you ride alone you ride with Hitler!

CONNOTATION = Riding alone wastes fuel needed for our troops who are fighting against Hitler; If a person is not helping our troops fight against Hitler, they are actually helping Hitler.

CONCLUSION = Americans were urged to join car-sharing clubs (carpool) as a way to help win the war.

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