# **Pre World War II**

1920-1939

#### **BAD GUYS OF WWII**

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#### Totalitarianism

• the political concept that the citizen should be totally subject to an absolute state authority.



Just Wait Until the Little Feller Grows up









## Socialism

Socialists and Fascists use the same means to gain power. Rather than a linear line, think of the two as a circle.



## Joseph Stalin

- Nation:
  - USSR
- Political Movement:
  - Communism (Socialism)
- Political Beliefs:
  - The power lies in the state.



### Benito Mussolini

- Nation:
  - Italy
- Political Movement:
  - Fascism
- Political Beliefs:
  - Nationalism
  - Military Expansion
  - Anti-Communist



## Adolf Hitler

- Nation:
  - Germany
- Political Movement:
  - Nazism (Fascism)
- Political Beliefs
  - Nationalism and Racism
  - Military Expansion
  - Strong government Control
  - Anti-Communist



## Hideki Tojo

- Nation:
  - Japan
- Political Movement:
  - Militarism
- Political Beliefs
  - Nationalism
  - Military Expansion
  - Strong government Control



#### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD??

## First, Dictator Aggression

#### <u>Ethiopia (1935)</u>

- Mussolini conquers the country after a year fighting
- <u>U.S./League of Nations do nothing</u>

#### <u>Rhineland (1936)</u>

- West Germany
- Supposed to be permanently demilitarized
- Hitler stations troops
- League of Nations do nothing

#### • <u>China (1937)</u>

- Full Scale war between Japan & China
- <u>U.S. cuts oil exports to Japan</u>

### Hitler...

#### Sudetenland (1938)

- Region of Czechoslovakia
- Germans live in this region
- Hitler believes he has right to take it over
- Leads to <u>Munich Conference</u>

#### <u>Appeasement</u>

- Allowing Hitler to get away with small acts of aggression
  - Neville Chamberlin-Prime Minister England
  - Joseph P. Kennedy-U.S. Ambassador to England



### Neville Chamberlin *"Peace in our Time..."*



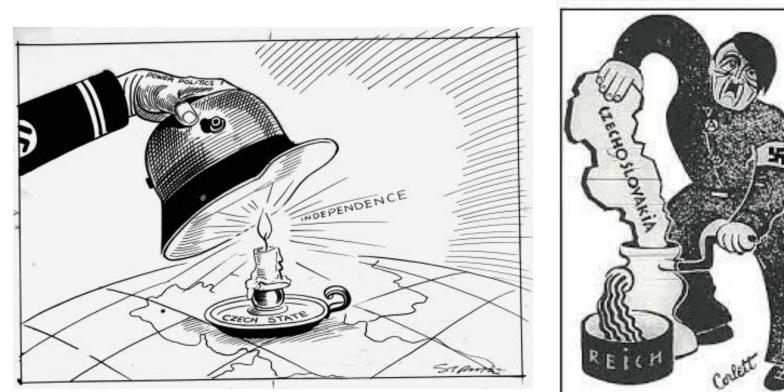


David Low's accurate depiction of the results of appeasement: Using the "spineless leaders of democracy" as stepping stones, a nose-thumbing Hitler marches towards his ultimate goal. [Source: Lachen, p. 280.]

#### March, 1939 Czechoslovakia







Ground Round

### September 1, 1939



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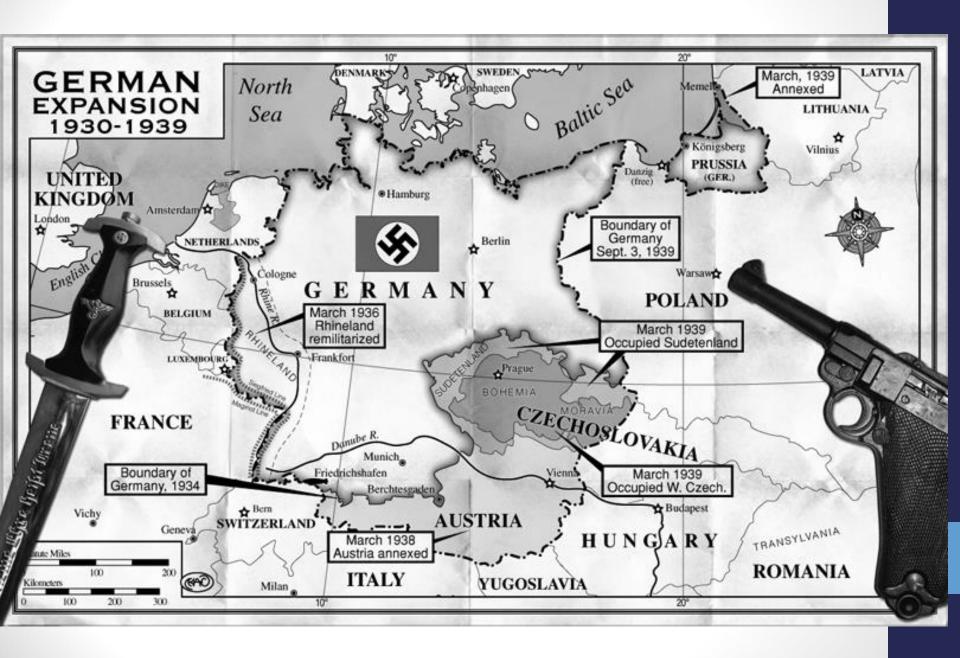
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### Meanwhile, in the USA

- Nye Committee-1935
  - Recommends US isolationism
- Neutrality Acts-1936, 1937







<sup>&</sup>quot;Since when did we swap our ego for an ostrich?"







# Cash & Carry

- 1939
- Less restrictive Neutrality Acts
  - Country could buy arms if they <u>picked</u> <u>them up</u> and paid in <u>cash</u>...
  - Technically neutral...but favored England...

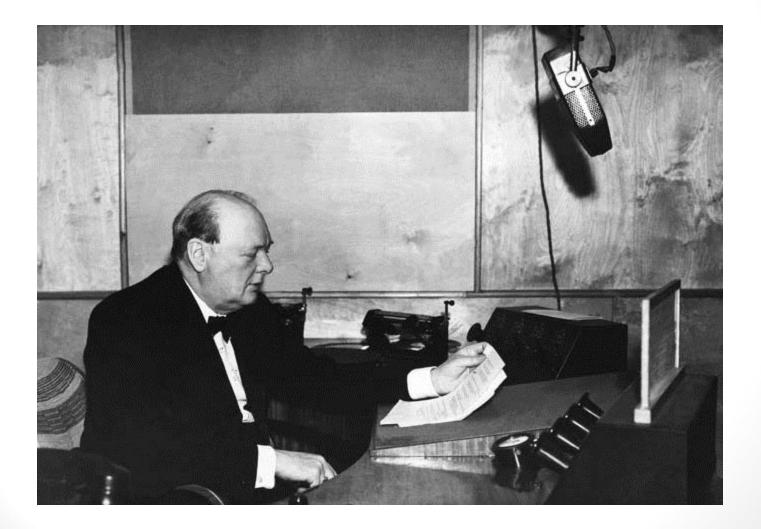


### Blitz of London, 1940





#### Winston Churchill



#### FDR Dec., 1940



#### "NO APPEASEMENT WITH RUTHLESSNESS"

#### Mr. Roosevelt's Declaration

#### U.S. MUST BE THE ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY

#### Strong Words About the Axis

President Roosevelt, in a broadcast to the American people late last night, said that "the United States must be the great arsenal of democracy." If Britain were defeated the United States "would be living at the point of a gun."

More than 500 broadcasting stations transmitted the speech all over the United States, and it was translated into many languages and sent overseas.

#### **Arsenal of Democracy**

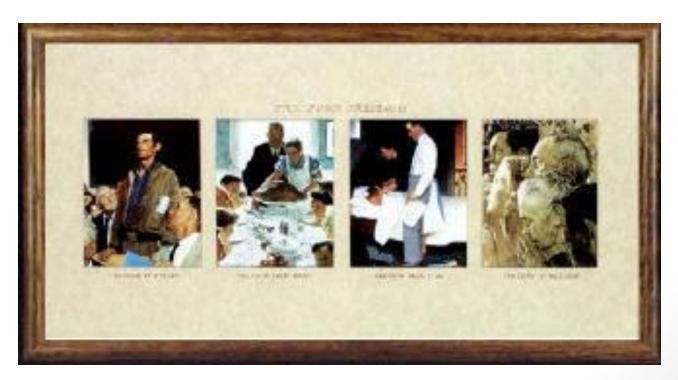




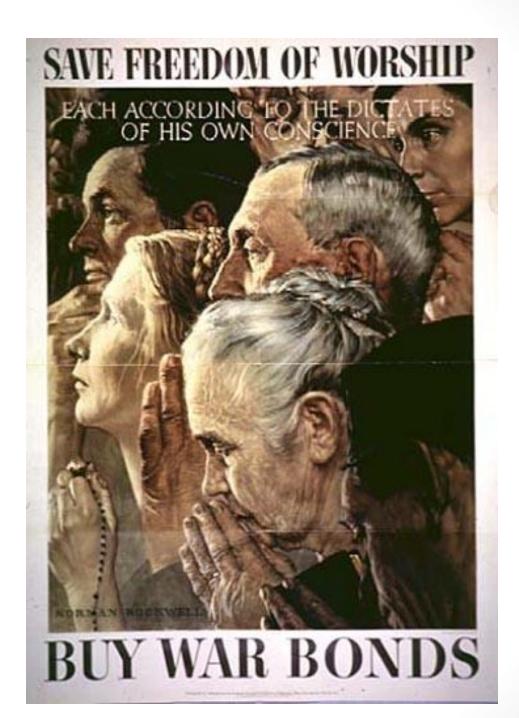
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#### • <u>Jan.6, 1941</u>

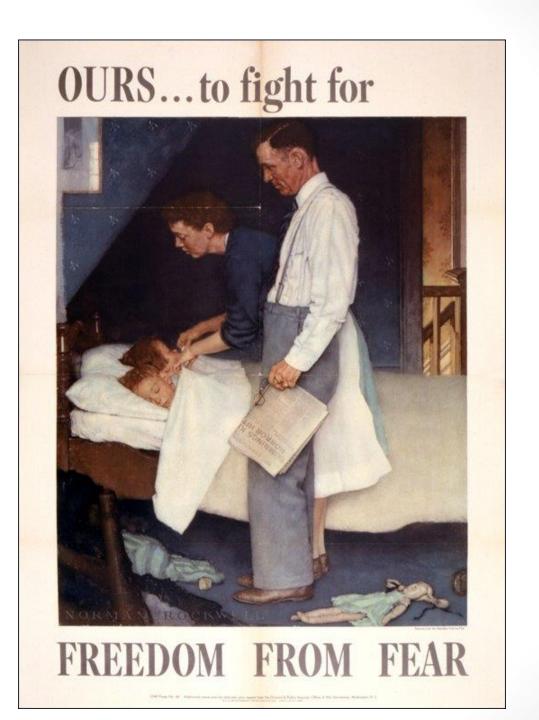
- FDR's Four Freedom Speech
  - Freedom of Speech, Worship
  - Freedom from Want, Fear





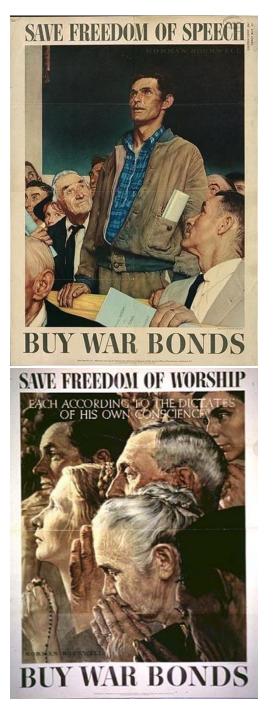






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FREEDOM FROM FEAR

## Helping the Allies

- Destroyers for Bases
- Lend-Lease Act
  - Ends Cash/Carry...allow England to purchase US arms on Credit
- Atlantic Charter
  - FDR meets secretly with Churchill
  - Agree to peace time objectives







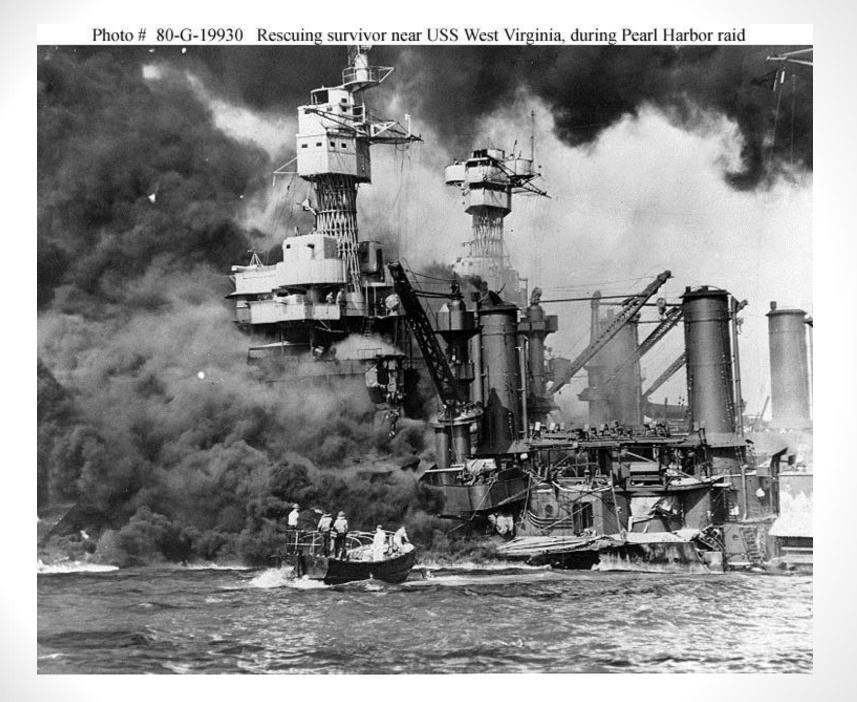






# Pearl Harbor (Dec, 7 1941)

- Attack lasted less then 2 hours
- 2,400 men killed (1100 on USS Arizona alone)
- 1200 wounded
  - 20 warships sunk or damaged
  - 150 planes destroyed
- 12/8/41
  - US declares war on Japan





#### TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. H f

The United States was at peace with the nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air

