

Anti-Communism/ Red Scare

- I. Cold War at Home
 - a. Mosinee Wisconsin – staged communist take-over
 - b. US citizens began to fear their neighbors

- II. HUAC – House Un-American Activities Committee
 - a. Conservatives looking for a way to discredit New Deal
 - b. Resumed activities after WWII

- III. Alger Hiss
 - a. American Communist Party – During Great Depression
 - b. Times senior editor – Whittaker Chambers (former communist) accused Hiss of being communist official
 - c. Nixon investigating member of HUAC
 - d. Hiss was clerk for Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes
 - i. Holmes was present at negotiations in Yalta
 - e. Nixon discredits Hiss
 - f. **Pumpkin Papers** – discovered by Chambers in his own pumpkin patch, papers were traced to Hiss's typewriter.
 - g. Hiss convicted of perjury

- IV. Federal Employee Loyalty Program
 - a. Checks into persons history for links to Communist Party
 - b. Criticizing government, supporting women's rights, and attending foreign films were all red flags
 - c. 3,000 people were forced to resign and 212 were fired.
 - d. McCarran Act made it illegal for Americans to engage in activities that would create a communist government – Truman vetoed – Congress overrode the veto

- V. **ROSENBERGS**
 - a. **Executed for passing nuclear secrets to the Soviets**

- VI. McCarthy Era
 - b. Senator Joseph McCarthy
 - c. Claimed to have proof of 205 communist working in state department
 - d. Ruined the lives of many government officials
 - e. Never produced any evidence
 - f. Accused Army and was discredited by Joseph Welch