

World War II at HOME

OURS...to fight for



Freedom of Speech



Freedom of Worship



Freedom from Want



Freedom from Fear

Building the War Machine

- 6 million women went to work in the factories, the government had to set up over 3,000 day care centers for “Rosie the Riveter’s” children. (But their involvement is often exaggerated.)
- Wartowns set up across the US
- Forced Rationing of food.

We Can Do It!



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WAR PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Make a list of some of the major items that Americans rationed, recycled or went without during WWII.

How were these items used during the war effort?

Japanese Internment Camps

Worried that they might act to sabotage US if the Japanese invaded the US West Coast.

FDR issued an executive order which forcibly relocated over 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent.

Korematsu vs US

Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are at war with the Japanese Empire, because the properly constituted military authorities feared an invasion of our West Coast and felt constrained to take proper security measures, because they decided that the military urgency of the situation demanded that all citizens of Japanese ancestry be segregated from the West Coast temporarily, and, finally, because Congress, reposing its confidence in this time of war in our military leaders — as inevitably it must — determined that they should have the power to do just this.

- Justice Hugo Black

DOUBLE V

Executive Order 8802: "there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or government because of race, creed, color, or national origin".

“one of the most important results of this war was to begin the process of integration. One must recall that in war, you had the Japanese, like my regiment, the 92nd division, the Tuskegee airmen, the Navajo code talkers. The Filipino Americans in Manila, the Puerto Rican regiment, the 65th Regiment. And all of them, in their way, fought bravely and made a heroic chapter of their lives... And so I think the war played a major role in civil rights. Not realizing that that was the purpose, but, so after that, who will tell us, no, you're not worth to be considered Americans? No one can tell us that to our face.”

-Daniel Inouye