



The Importance of Working Together

Looking Back:

Prior to the US entry into WWII, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called upon the citizens of the United States to pull together to become the Arsenal of Democracy to aid our allies in their fight against Nazism and tyranny. It was a call to every industry in the United States to switch production to the implements of war. This required the cooperation of labor and industry, of workers and management so that we could defeat a world-wide opponent.

ONLINE RESOURCE:

President Roosevelt's speech:

<https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrarsenalofdemocracy.html>

Teachable Moments video explaining the Arsenal of Democracy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vrv2gc82kvE>

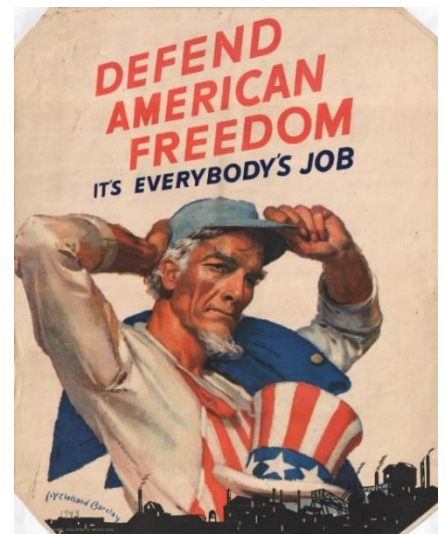
Big 3 Announce Plans to Manufacture Needed Supplies for COVID-19: Arsenal of Democracy

<https://www.wxyz.com/news/coronavirus/detroit-carmakers-turn-to-making-medical-supplies-amid-coronavirus-pandemic>

Living the Legacy:

Just as in WWII, it is necessary for our country to work together to overcome the threat of COVID-19.

- How is our situation today similar to President Roosevelt's call for our nation to come together, to be the Arsenal of Democracy? Who were our opponents? How are we asked to come together as a nation today?
- Why is it important for industry to help in our fight against the pandemic? Research online and give an example of a local company that is converting production to help make needed supplies in the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Here is a sample of a WWII poster encouraging Americans to work together in the war effort. Note the colors and symbolism. Why did the artist use them? Draw a poster to help people understand the importance of everyone working together to defeat COVID-19.



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