

# Should the US move away from isolationist neutrality and toward aiding the Allies?

- Internationalists:  
FDR, most big business leaders, city-dwellers, Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies-White
- Isolationists: America First Committee-Lindburg, Congressional leaders-Borah, Fish, some small business & ethnic groups

# Should the US have any interest in events overseas?

- FDR- US puts itself at risk when it allows the rest of the world to be at risk
- Overseas affairs involve bloodshed-problems that are not relevant to US interests

# Are the Allies fighting for the democratic principles America believes in?

- Voorhis-living with the benefits of democracy compels the US to support others win freedom from totalitarianism
- Fish-while Hitler is evil, the Allies have not proven to have noble ideals in their fight against their enemies

# Will aiding the Allies inevitably lead the US into war?

- Repealing Neutrality Acts 1935, 1937 will insure Allied victory & prevent need for US involvement
- N. only assists the aggressor
- Not helping is dangerous to Am security
- Lend-lease throws US into the middle of world affairs & clearly takes Britain's side
- Repealing N. reverses stance recently embraced by Am. public
- Linberg-Atlantic provides best security

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- When L. calls for defense, it is against a real threat; cannot allow H. to succeed; unchecked, he will be a formidable enemy
- Only thing stopping H. British military
- L.-focus on defense in the unlikely event the Atlantic is crossed, H. faces navy, coastal defenses, and army

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- FDR-eliminate the \$ sign-garden hose analogy
- “Your boys are not going to be sent to any foreign wars.”  
FDR
- Must assist USSR & B. to keep US soldiers out of WWII
- Providing supplies during WWI led to US entry
- US still not paid war debts of WWI
- Wheeler-Cannot support communist totalitarian regime of Stalin

# Would another war require dictatorial methods and destroy democracy within the United States?

- FDR:

“I reject the idea that only by abandoning our freedom, our ideals, our way of life, can we build our defenses adequately, can we match the strength of the aggressors... I do not share these fears.”

- Thomas:

“The method of modern totalitarian warfare is self-defeating in terms of ideal ends. War itself is the only victor. Each particular war begets its more deadly inevitable accomplishments...”