

The U.S. in World War I

- **Selective Service Act**
- May 18, 1917
- Required all males ages **21-30** (later changed to 18-45) to register for **draft**.
- 24 million men registered (23% of population)
- 11,000 **women** volunteered
- **Discussion question:** Should the U.S. government be able to force people to serve in the military if there are not enough volunteers for a war? Why or why not?

World War I notes

- **Propaganda** = information, ideas, or rumors spread widely to help or harm a person, group, movement, institution, nation, etc. (from dictionary.com)
- **Propaganda posters**
- Posters were used to get Americans involved in the war effort. (they were also used by the Central Powers as well.)
- **Men** were encouraged to join the armed services.
- **Women** were encouraged to volunteer their services overseas.
- Emotions such as **pride** and **fear** were widely used as a way to get Americans to support the war.