

The U.S. in World War I

- Selective Service Act-
- May 18, 1917
- Required all males ages 21-30 (later changed to the ages of 18-45) to register for draft.
- 24 million men registered (23% of population)
- 11,000 women volunteered

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- **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.
- **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.