

## **EQ: What was the Red Scare and how did it affect life in America?**

1. What was the Red Scare? The term “Red Scare” describes a period of extreme anticommunism in the United States.
2. Why was it called the **RED** Scare? It was called the “RED” Scare because red was the color of the Soviet Union flag.
3. Who was Joseph McCarthy, and what did he claim? Joseph McCarthy was a Senator from Wisconsin. He was determined to expose communists and used intimidation and gossip to get information; he often had little to no evidence on these claims.
4. The Red Scare came to be called McCarthyism. Why does that name make sense for the Red Scare? This makes sense because “McCarthyism” was used to describe accusations of treason or disloyalty without producing evidence.
5. As media attention grew, the Red Scare became more intense. What were some of the negative effects of the Red Scare? Some negative effects were that people were arrested, convicted, and even executed without evidence of disloyalty. Many Hollywood stars were accused and then “blacklisted” from future movie roles.
6. Do you think that the government had the right to demand information about Americans' political beliefs? Why or why not? This is an opinion question. You will need to answer it for yourself, using specific evidence for your reasoning.

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Answer the EQ: What was the Red Scare and how did it affect life in America? Use three sentences minimum to answer this question.

You will answer this question on your own.