

USHC 7.2 Evaluate the impact of war mobilization on the home front, including consumer sacrifices, the role of women and minorities in the workforce, and limits on individual rights that resulted in the internment of Japanese Americans.

As America geared up for **TOTAL WAR**, US Government policy on the Home Front during WW II can be summed up in four words (five, technically):

SHUT UP

American citizens were told to keep their mouths shut so as not to undermine the war effort.

Labor Unions pledged not to _____ during wartime. Labor was to be fully-committed to **production**.



PRODUCE



Production was key to the war effort. The _____ **Production Board** converted peacetime industries to war production.

Women were encouraged to work in defense industries while men were away at war. _____ **the Riveter** became an icon for female munitions workers.

FDR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 8802 prohibited _____ discrimination by any company receiving a government defense contract.¹

Immigrants from _____ provided necessary farm labor.

SACRIFICE

In addition to prioritizing production, the government placed restrictions on consumers.

_____ and _____ **Controls**

MANDATORY RATIONING (Voluntary sacrifice during WWI)

Consumers were urged to use surplus income to buy war bonds to help finance the war effort.



HATE



The Japanese (aka, "Japs") were thoroughly dehumanized in American war propaganda, which led to discrimination against Japanese Americans.

Due to paranoia about **espionage**, Japanese Americans on the West Coast were rounded up and placed in _____ **camps**.

_____ **v. United States (1944)**
Supreme Court voted 6-3 to uphold forced internment of American citizens

Racial discrimination in the military persisted, with black soldiers serving in _____ units. This would last until Harry Truman desegregated the military in 1948.

¹ This was at least partly in response to a strike threat by **A. Philip Randolph**, leader of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the nation's first predominantly black labor union.