Total War

- The nations involved in World War I needed to commit to a strategy of total war
 - Needed to support a modern, mechanized war
 - Governments responded through a variety of means

Propaganda War

 Both sides in the conflict waged a propaganda war



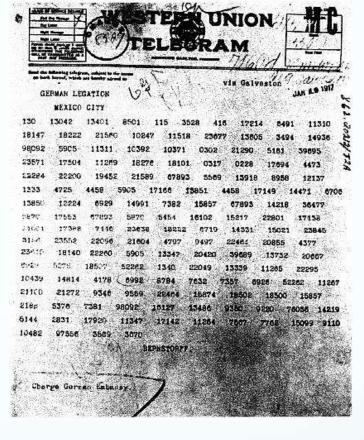
Women in the War Effort

 Total war meant that women had to take over the jobs of men who left to serve in the military

Their work helped convince the United States,
Germany, and Britain to give women the right to vote



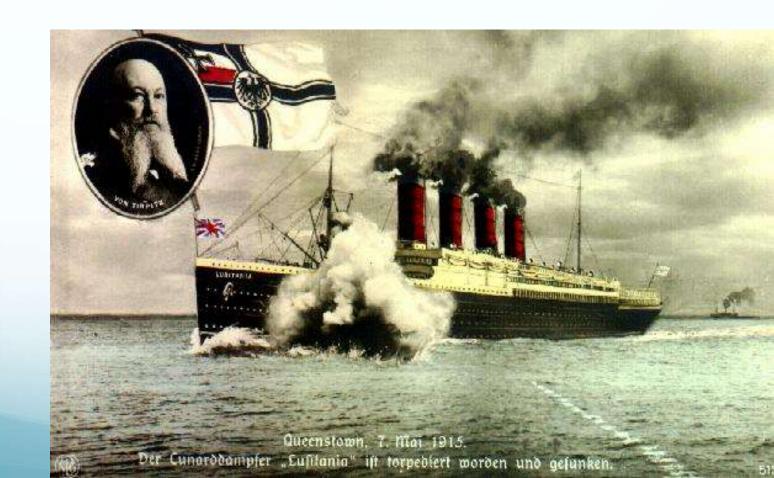




America's Decision to Enter WWI

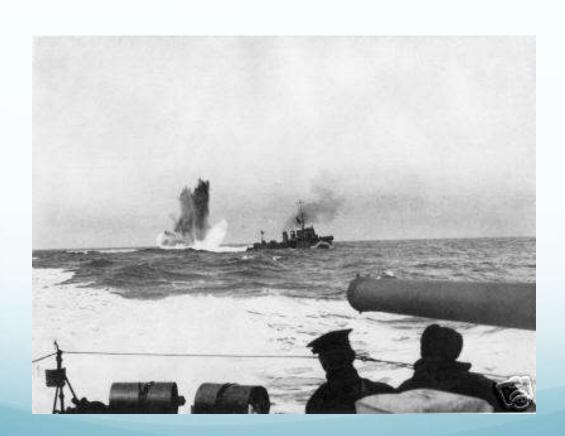
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1. Sinking of the Lusitania



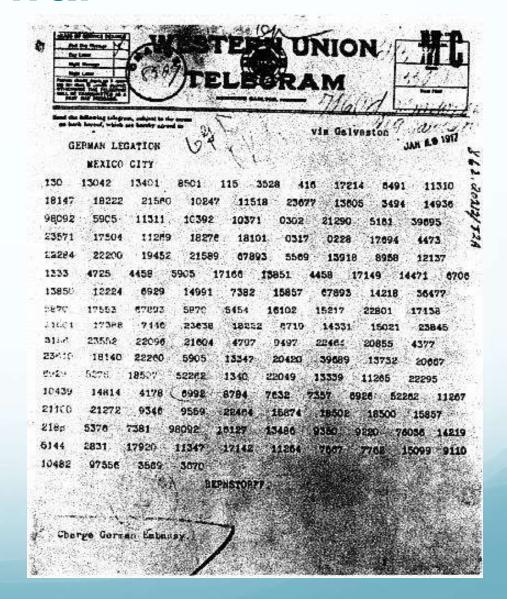
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2. Unrestricted German submarine attacks



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3. Zimmerman note

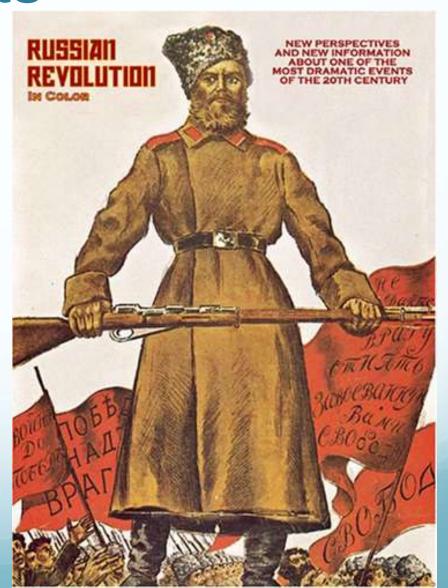


Pre-War America

- When America entered the war in 1917, we had just over 100,000 troops
- Smaller than 16 other countries
- Congress had to institute the draft

As America enters, Russia exits

Russian Revolution



The state of the war

- Germany was slaughtering British and French troops
- By May of 1918 they were just 50 miles from Paris



America to the rescue

- American troops jumped in and saved Paris
- Turned the tide of war

250,000 American troops arriving in France each

month



IMPORTANCE OF WWI

- Deaths
- Politically
- American interests
- Other