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Using & Abusing History

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, May 10, 2014, 11:04 AM

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Adaptations

by Britney Painter - Sunday, May 11, 2014, 12:18 PM

I really enjoy these two remakes of this photo. I like that one of them is for a good cause and trying to win the war on global warming, and the other is used as the anti-flag with the rebels instead of soldiers. The global warming one I get this feeling like, we worked so hard for freedom in this country but we're letting the environment die around us. And then with the anti-flag, it's not as positive as the global warming and I'm okay with that. There's this union still that they stand together for what they want and believe in. For the global warming, I think history is being manipulated cleverly and not insulting, unlike the anti-flag poster. I still think it's clever though, just think that a lot of people would find it disrespectful instead of seeing it as art or something. With both messages I don't get a disrespectful, nor a warning feel from them. But again, I see the anti-flag as a piece of art or sticker from a rock concert.



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Anti-Flag Comments

by Kenneth Green - Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 9:29 PM

Thoughtful take on the Anti-Flag Poster. I hadn't thought of along those lines, of a Punk Band raising the Flag and standing up for what they believe in as a group of "rebels." Perhaps it was a little less controversial because they were a 90's Punk Band and not the original Punkers of CBGB's who might have made the poster as outrageous as possible. And I do agree there is not much controversy, besides they are sporting mohawks. The Global warming cover is benign, but I'll bet it was poked fun at, on FOXNews.

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Global Warming and Anti-Flag. OIA...

by Kenneth Green - Monday, May 12, 2014, 6:02 PM

The two juxtaposed images that make the biggest impact on me are the Time Magazine image of raising the flag against global warming , and the Anti-Flag poster. The first because global warming is a new war "front" in some respects, and according to environmental science will take a coordinated, national response to combat its effects. (The second just because I enjoy Punk Music, even though Anti-Flag is a 90's reboot of the genre.)

I do believe the global warming image is manipulating this image appropriately and cleverly. The men who fought and died securing the original image did so for freedom of speech, right along with all the other freedoms they fought for in WWII. It is a positive and powerful reuse of this image because it does warn that we are entering a new "war" against the nature, if we don't reverse our course of destroying it. It is not a lesson but a very effective use of an iconic image to portray a message, namely, "Maybe you should read this article."

In terms of the Anti-Flag poster, it might cause greater consternation by those who see WWII propaganda as a sacred cow. The fact Anti-Flag can manipulate and distribute their own version of this image is proof we won that war.

Enjoy some Anti-Flag Music: (Would these guys abuse History?)



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Drawing lines



by Jesse Flannery - Friday, May 16, 2014, 11:27 PM

I like how you drew the connection about the original photo being soldiers fighting for freedom of speech, among the other freedoms. I never really thought about it that way and I think it makes it even more powerful than before. I don't know much about Anti-Flag the band, but the new "war" on global warming is a hot debate. I definitely didn't feel as connected to this propaganda since I am so disconnected from this war, and those times. Although now as I learn about the history behind the original photo, and American history in general it has become more meaningful to me.

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Know your news



by Laura Newman - Monday, May 12, 2014, 10:15 PM

This adaptation of an old propaganda poster really got under my skin. Currently I am a journalism major at Lane. Seeing this updated poster implying that all journalism and news are controlled by a higher corporate power is disheartening. While I can agree that this is a clever ad with a distinct message and much of the popular news such as Fox, CNN, and MSNBC have heavy corporate control and affiliations, I don't think this is true for all the news and information out there.

The main mission statement and ideal of journalism is to maintain an objective perspective when it comes to informing the population of the happenings around the world. It is equally important that viewers and readers should look question the news that is presented to them, instead of taking a headline or report at face value. This type of ignorance or lack care in the information we intake is what leads to misinformation or bias.

Reuters, Al Jazeera, and BBC are a few examples of credible news sources, but also please remember that to be truly informed, one must look at more than one perspective.



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Know your news! Amen.

by Kenneth Green - Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 10:05 PM

You're gonna be a great Journalist. You're right on about this, the danger to Journalism is not Journalist. Or at least not Journalists who happen to work for a living. The AP Code is printed in every AP Stylebook, used by most Journalists around the world. The study we did about "Yellow Journalism" relates more to cable news now than it does to the traditions set by the muckrakers for real Journalists. I worked as a Director in Broadcast Media for a long time. I wasn't a Journalist but I was required to be in every pre-show meeting as the Assignment Editor listed the stories of the day. If anything, the News Directors and EP's go out of their way to cover both sides of a story to a fault. And I sat in the Newsroom with the Writers and Reporters as I made my rundown. There is no great "Liberal" or "Corporate" conspiracy to control people, it's a farce. A joke for anyone who has ever worked in Professional Media. (I Directed Good Morning San Diego, Live At Five-FOX10 PHX and Good Day Oregon-FOX12 PDX.)

So I read your post, saying Amen! Preach it! The danger for your generation of Journalists is Cable News, which is just entertainment for those who don't care about the facts but only want pretty people to re-enforce their own world view. (Right or Left.) But you acknowledge this challenge. And good luck wit dat. Keep your integrity, sounds like you will have no problem doing so.

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Re: Know your news! Amen.  



by Laura Newman - Friday, May 16, 2014, 3:22 PM

Just read this, and a big THANK YOU!

You Stay Classy, sir!



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Re: Know your news! Amen.



by Kenneth Green - Friday, May 16, 2014, 10:30 PM

There's no Private settings in the forum, but for you only!



Geeze Louis. Find a way to make a career in Print or Online Journalism.
(Love Dan Plante son of legendary Journalist Bill Plante But is he not a
2008 version of Ron Burgundy in terms of the perfect hair lol. Great guy no

diss of Dan he's a true friend, just the Broadcast Media genre as it grows ever 'old school,' seems, well, out of touch. Dan is an amazing Broadcast Journalist in his own right. I learned more about Journalism from sitting in meetings with Dan Plante than you can learn in 6 years of College.)

Now go change da world by reporting da facts, G! And, you keep it Classy!

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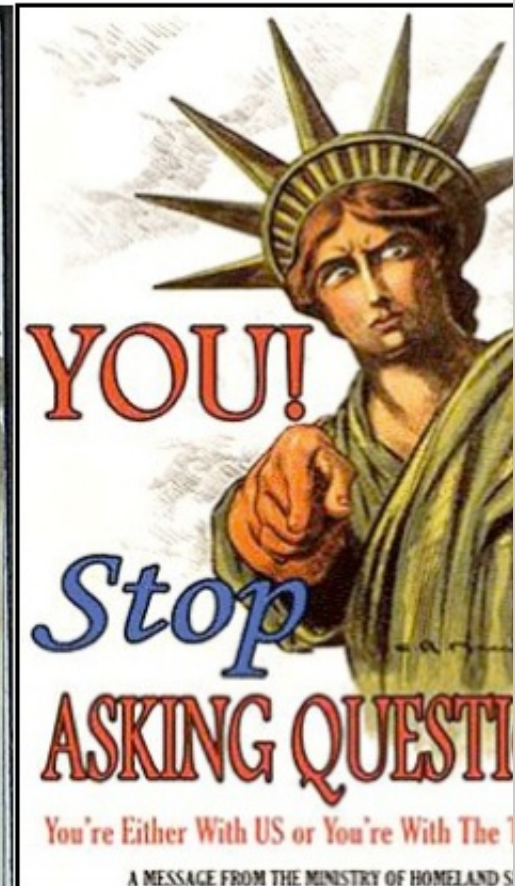
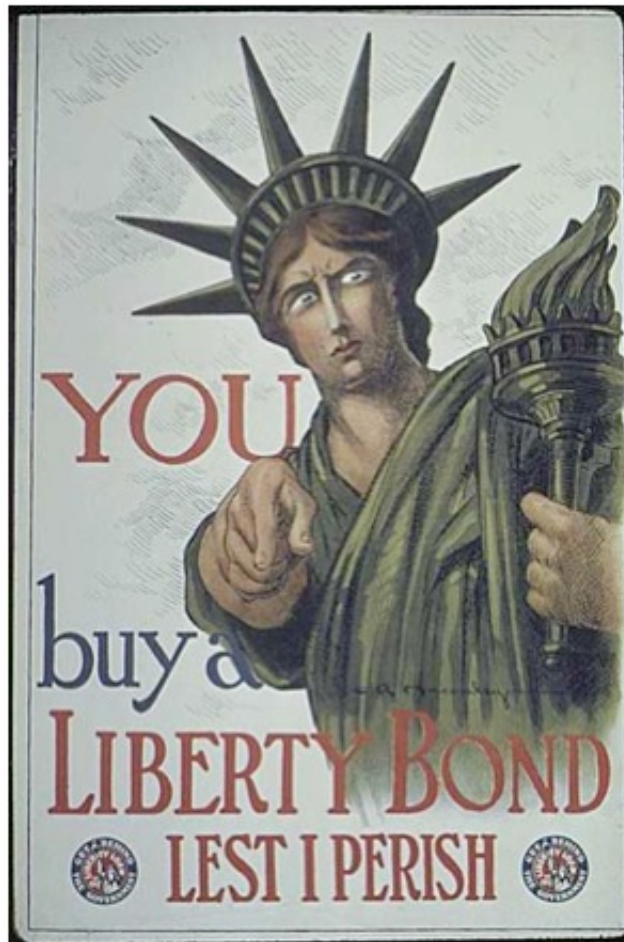
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Lady Liberty Gone Wrong

by Derek Landon - Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 12:21 AM

The illustration that impacted me most was the last one (statue of liberty) because of how extreme it got over time. The first poster was just telling the reader to buy liberty bonds to keep the statue of liberty alive (american freedom), whereas the second poster has taken a drastic step and is saying if we question anything the american government is doing we are "terrorists" and not with America. I couldn't believe the Ministry of Homeland Security thought this was an okay picture to put out. Every American has the right to question anything they are suspicious of, no matter the absurdity. I would say this poster is very offensive to everyone's intelligence. I think too many people are like that today and don't really think or question anything the government does because they are in power. Every one should at least question something and strive for answers because not everything is how it looks.



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Re: Lady Liberty Gone Wrong

by Robert Johnson - Thursday, May 15, 2014, 7:17 AM

I find these posters both disrespectful, and offensive to our rights, and intelligence as American citizens. Like you, I am also surprised that Homeland Security let this go as well.

To put it like, if we ask questions, we could be terrorist's, like the later one on the right does, is appalling to me.

To me the one on the left is not at all like the one on the right. I don't find the one on the right effective or very convincing either, If anything it causes even more question and concern.

In class we learned about media as a form of government persuasion, this could fall into that category it seems to me.

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Questioning Media

by Jesse Flannery - Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 10:26 PM



I found this poster about corporate news clever. I take it as more of a warning that we should be researching, and verifying what we are told. We have so many media sources coming from so many different directions these days it's hard to know who to trust. The other problem would be the manipulation of statistics as we learned in class. People may be telling us the truth, just not quite all of it, or perhaps just the portion that helps their argument. I take the image mainly as a warning, and in itself is an awesome example of freedom of speech. Which also shows there are people that want you to get all the information, and to keep you questioning what you see and hear.

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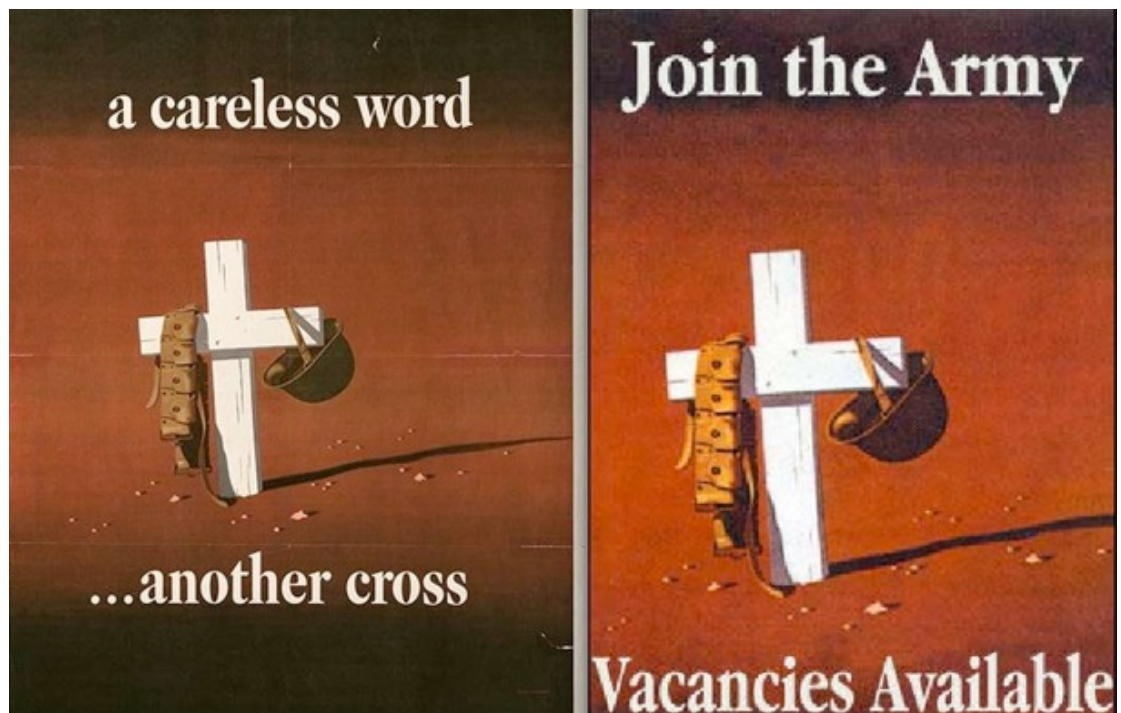
by Robert Johnson - Thursday, May 15, 2014, 6:42 AM

These posters caught my attention and made an impact on me right away, mostly because they are anti-war.

In protest of war, they both clearly to me advertise the loss of lives, especially those of soldiers. People unnecessarily fighting and dying, to me the loss of life is the ultimate, and saddest cost of war. I think these posters do an adequate job of expressing the loss of life as a result of fighting a war.

However I also see them as being against military altogether, they seem to be trying to discourage joining the military by pointing out to viewers, soldiers die in war. The one on the right even suggest's the reason there is more room is because of the buried soldiers.

I think they both could be used effectively against war and military.



**Re: Using & Abusing History**

by Michael Brown - Friday, May 16, 2014, 11:37 AM

Unfortunately, I could not legitimately put any pictures up that I wanted. In a country where the first amendment should be fully protected and cherished, I still have to be concerned with offending people. This video link shows someone who got a surprise visit from the secret service for voicing his free speech



. Here's a link to the secret service information regarding the backlash for using his "free speech" <https://ca.sports.yahoo.com/mma/blog/cagewriter/post/Jacob-Volkmann-takes-on-President-Obama-again-at?urn=mma-wp11319>, So I'm going to be a good little boy and post non-offensive material like the instructions on the forum.

I think these two pictures are non-offensive and the one is funny to me. It's not disrespectful or clever. It interests me because a lot of people join the military for benefits.

*"God help me
if this is a dud!"*



**HIS LIFE IS
IN YOUR HANDS**



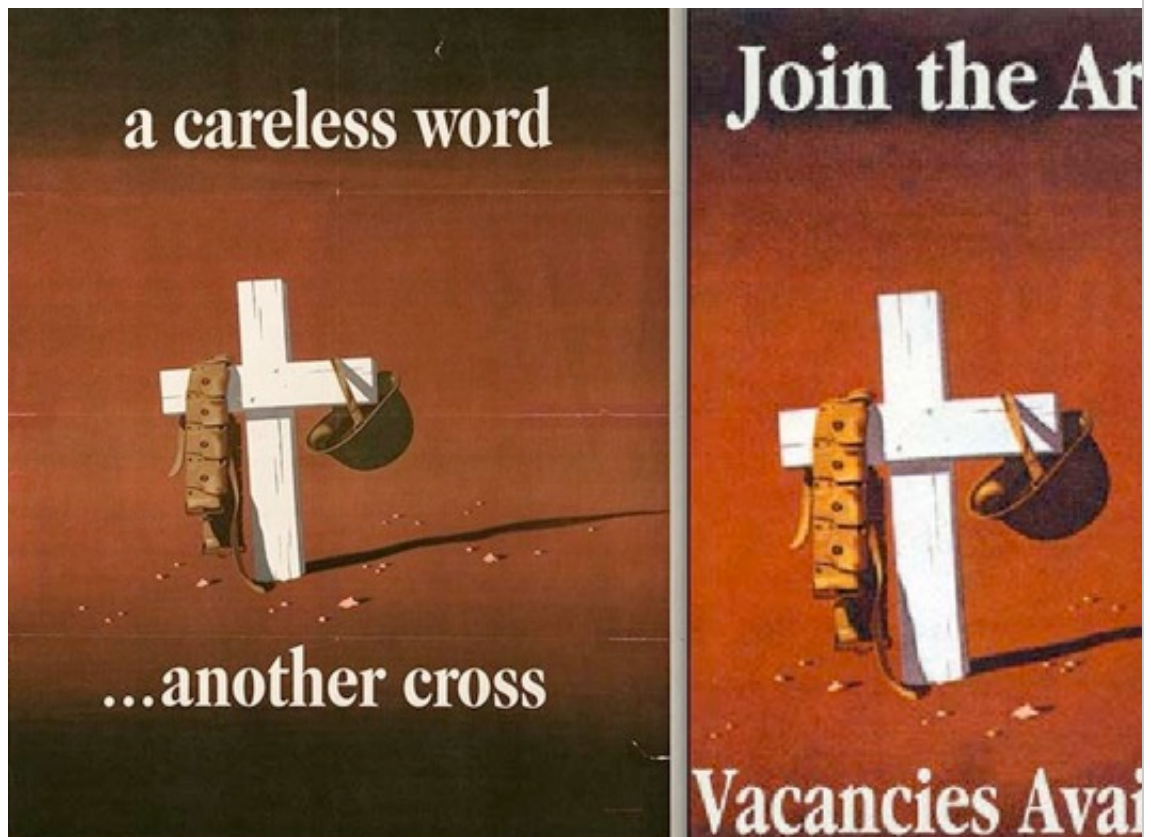
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Aiming at the wrong audience

by Jesse Flannery - Friday, May 16, 2014, 11:12 PM



I thought these posters were both pretty interesting. I didn't know the true meaning of the one on the left at first. Just what I interpreted it as. So I looked it up. It's the government telling us to be quiet. One careless word could be heard by a spy and cost another American life. I would of normally thought of this as sort of ridiculous, but I guess spy's in America were a bigger deal than I knew about before class. The thing I found funniest

about the second poster though, is its negative take on the military. I don't see why its a big deal if someone wants to join the military or not. It should be the individuals choice. I also don't see it being that powerful, since most people joining the military would know there are some risks. I guess if you were anti-imperialist, or anti-war this would make some sense. I just don't think it conveys a very strong message.

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Poster adaptation



by Emily Kiernan - Saturday, May 17, 2014, 7:54 PM

I found all of the poster adaptations extremely interesting. The poster adaptation that stood out to me the most was the one with the cross and a fallen soldier's helmet. In this example I believe that history is being manipulated in a disrespectful way.

In my opinion this poster is trivializing the individuals who have died and given their lives to serving and protecting our country. By changing the words on the poster from " a careless word...another cross" to "Join the army vacancies available" it is negatively changing the meaning of the poster in a disrespectful and offensive way.

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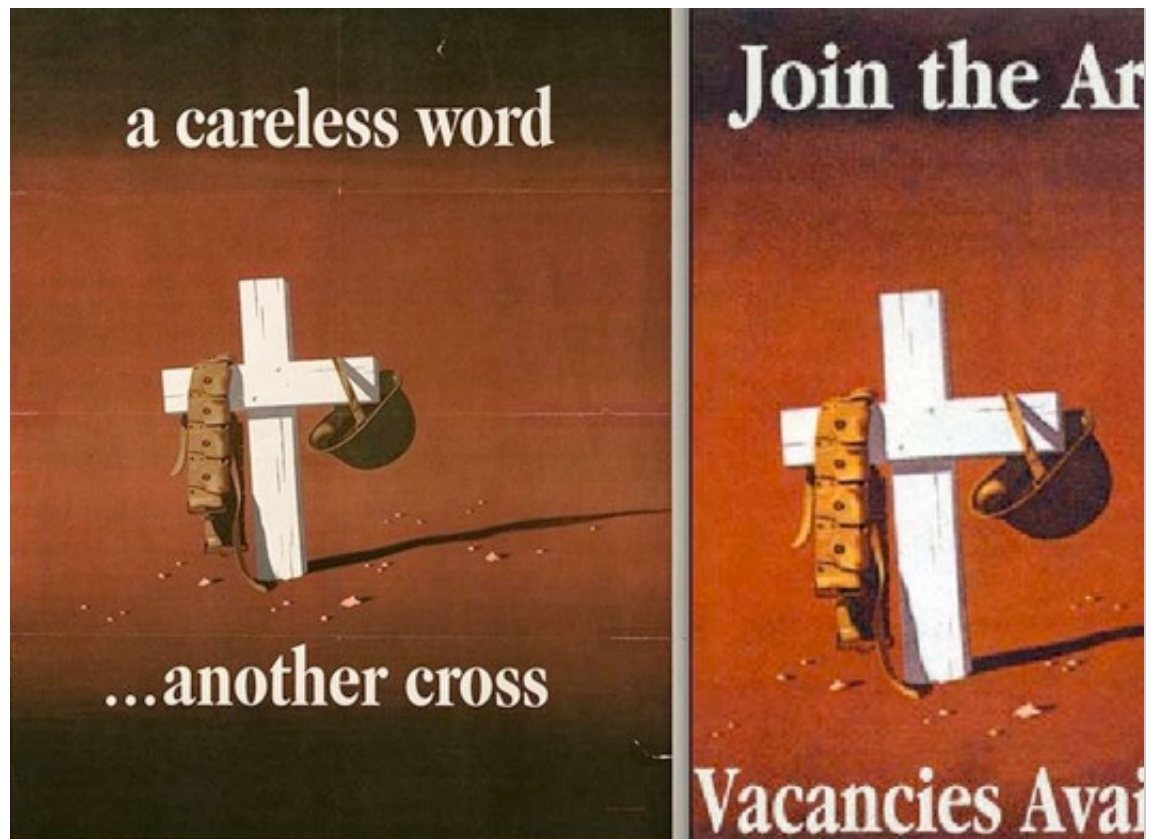


Straight Disrespect



by Dakarai Hightower - Saturday, May 17, 2014, 8:39 PM

I thought the picture about the crosses and vacancies available was a bit disrespectful. For the sole purpose of what the other picture meant, was a little more touching and empowering for an American to "play their part" in the war. While the remade picture was just looking at the soldiers as another spot to fill or sometimes like a number. This one had the biggest influences on me people I believe that everyone has an important part to play no matter what role it is, and this picture like I said previously, makes the soldiers out to almost be a statistic. This is kind of negative one and a warning because it shows how the people used to value the roles our soldiers played in keeping us safe.



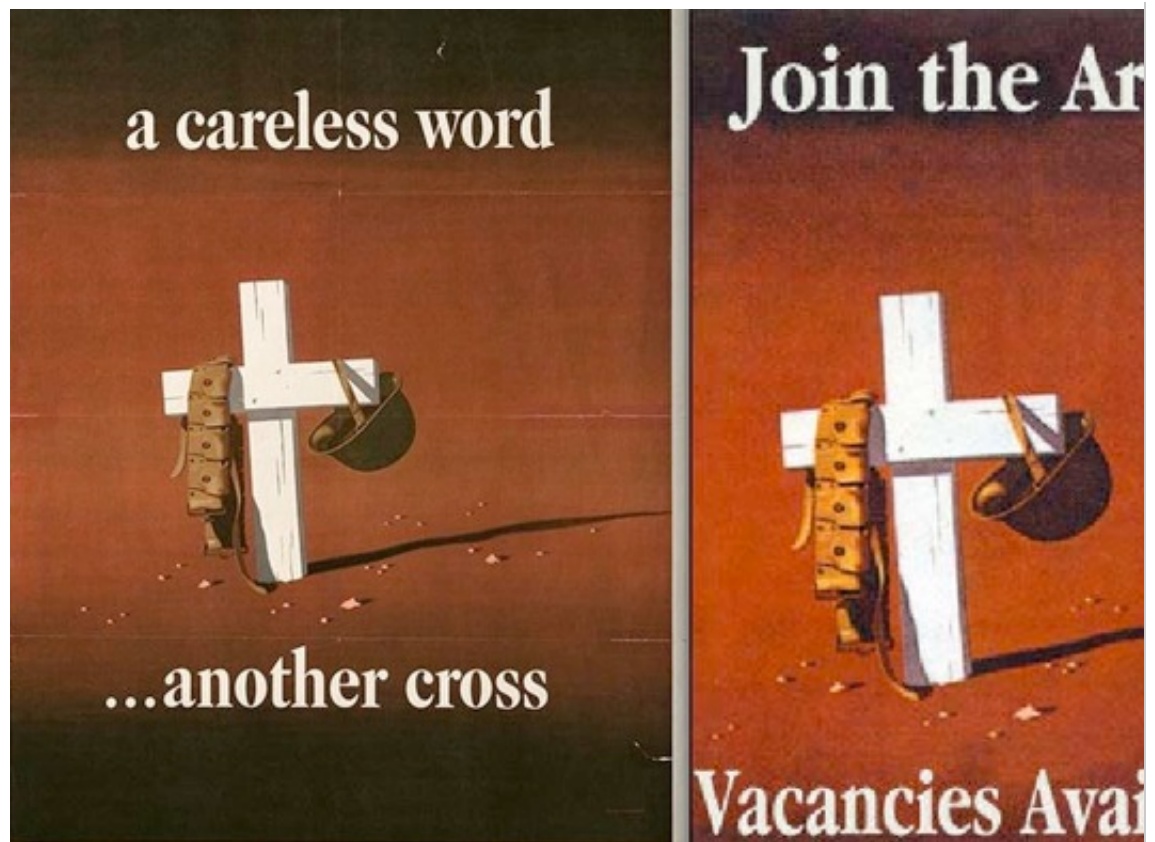
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Re: Using & Abusing History

by Andrew Betz - Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10:11 PM



After looking through these posters the difference in the two really jumped out at me. The picture on the left is a WWII propaganda poster that depicts how talking about war secrets can cost lives. Which to me seems reasonable, the second poster on the right however is the one that really caught my attention. The poster shows a white cross with a soldier's helmet and ammo belt hanging on it, which to me symbolized a soldier who's lost their life. The quote at the bottom "Vacancies Available" seems to be trying to send the negative message of our soldiers are dying so we need more. The main thing about the poster on the right that struck me was how they used the white cross to in a way make a joke about how soldiers are losing their lives so there's room for more. I would consider myself patriotic, I also have family members in the military who have served over seas. So because of that I felt the poster to be sort of demeaning to service men and women.

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dehumanizing  

by Edwin Westlund - Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11:02 PM

I feel that demonizing and dehumanizing your enemy in a war is an effective way of increasing patriotism and favor for involvement in the war. Propaganda is a necessary tool in getting your entire country behind being in a war and getting people to volunteer for military duty. The point of being involved in a war is winning that war. If killing people is necessary to winning the war then you should motivate or make it easier for your side to pull the trigger and kill people from the other side. One consequence of this type of propaganda is that the feelings towards this nation and the people from this nation will last past the end of a war into later years and it will cause skewed opinions of people just like themselves.

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Re: dehumanizing

by Dakarai Hightower - Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11:31 PM

That may be true, but the recycled versions of some of these propaganda are more like demoralizing the people who receive them, which does the opposite of making them want to take action.

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