Americans’ War Effort

Some “ordinary” citizens loan the government money. Others sacrifice & donate the luxuries from their everyday lives. Read pages 691-692 to answer the following questions about America’s War Effort during the Great War.

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America spent about (1) $ ______________ on the Great War. Much of this money, about 2/3, came from (2) ______________ - basically low-interest (3) ______________ from (4) ______________ to the government that would be repaid over several years. Liberty loan drives, (5) ______________ threatening American safety, actor Charlie Chaplain & (6) ______________ ______________ helped promote & sell the war bonds.

Americans who did not have money to loan the government collected, created, & sacrificed everyday things for the troops. Schools collected tin cans, paper, toothpaste, & (7) ______________. Why apricot pits? Burnt apricot pits became (8) ______________ for vital (9) ______________ filters. Women’s groups knitted (10) ______________, sweaters, & hospital gowns at (11) ______________ or (12) ______________ for the troops.

One goal all Americans were encouraged to help with was keeping the soldiers well fed & nourished. (13) ______________ & vacant lots became (14) ______________ full of fruits & vegetables to send to Allied soldiers. On Mondays & Wednesdays Americans went (15) ______________ by giving up (16) ______________. All Americans were encouraged to be (17) ______________ on Tuesdays.

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Americans’ donations & sacrifices were not entirely voluntary. As many other governments do, the US created the Committee on Public Information. The committee’s goal was to (23) ______________ the actions of Americans through opinionated (24) ______________, (25) ______________, & (26) ______________. Even (27) ______________ who could only read Polish, German, Swedish, Bohemian, or Spanish could understand the “How the War Came to America” pamphlet.

Although propaganda encouraged Americans to donate & sacrifice, there was one negative effect: (28) ______________. Most American propaganda was anti-foreign, especially (29) ______________.

30. What were 3 main themes of American propaganda during World War I?