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# Supporting question 1: What was the Red Scare?

**Directions:** In pairs, look at the following cartoons drawn by cartoonist Herb Block, and for each one, build your T.A.C.O.S.

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| **Cartoon** | **Time**  (When was it drawn?  What’s happening then?) | **Action**  (What’s happening in the cartoon?) | **Caption**  (What is the title/caption?) | **Objects**  (What objects or symbols are used?) | **Summary**  (In one sentence, what  is the meaning of this cartoon?) |
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If you had to pick one word (that was NOT Communism) to describe the theme of all these cartoons, what would it be?

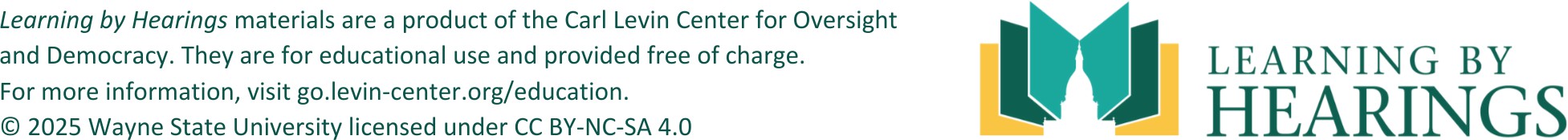
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# Joe McCarthy’s Oversight Abuses

**Comprehension Questions**

1. What is the role of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations? What acronym is used to identify this committee?
2. What groups of people did McCarthy target during his campaign and investigations?
3. What tactics did McCarthy use during his time as chair of PSI?
4. What factors contributed to McCarthy’s loss of power?
5. What changes were made to Congressional Investigations because of McCarthy’s actions? What protections for Congressional witnesses were put into place?

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# Supporting question 2: What was the Lavender Scare?

**Directions**: Read both the adapted excerpts from the Wherry and Hoey investigation reports (Sources 2A and 2B). What is the primary **claim** these sources make about LGBTQ+ employees?

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| **Source 2A: Wherry (1950)** | **Source 2B: Hoey (1950)** |
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Having now identified the main claim of the two sources, evaluate their quality. Fill out the chart below, citing a minimum of one piece of evidence for each entry, as well as the reason the evidence cited works as proof.

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| **High-Quality Investigation Checklist**  Adapted from: Levin, Carl & Elise J. Bean. Defining Congressional Oversight and Measuring Its Effectiveness. Wayne Law Review Vol. 62 No. 1 (2018). | | | |
| **Using Source 2A and/or 2B...** | | **Evidence**  **(direct quote from sources)** | **Reasoning**  **(in your own words)** |
| Did the investigation address issues that were important to the public? | Yes No |  |  |
| Were the people investigating all able to agree on the main things they found out? | Yes No |  |  |
| Did the investigation contact, or at least try to contact, the key subjects of the  investigation? | Yes No |  |  |
| Were the facts and recommendations in the written report well supported by the  evidence? | Yes No |  |  |

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| **Using Source 2A and/or 2B...** | | **Evidence**  **(direct quote from sources)** | **Reasoning**  **(in your own words)** |
| Did the investigation find important and helpful information? | Yes No |  |  |

Do either of these reports provide enough evidence to answer their claims? Explain your answer in a complete sentence.

**Directions:** Read Executive Order 10450 (Source 2C) and answer the following questions.

1. Based on your observations of the two investigations, what motivated the creation of this order?
2. Can you draw any connection between this order and your answers to the staging the question?

**Directions:** Answer the following questions using Source 2D.

1. McCarthy mentioned the Wherry Committee report, which you have just read. Does that report provide the evidence that McCarthy said it did? Explain your answer.
2. What was McCarthy’s goal in giving this speech?
3. What was the Lavender Scare?

**Directions:** Answer the compelling question using at least two examples from this lesson to support your answer. How did fear shape the federal government’s actions during the Cold War?