

“WE THE PEOPLE”

Could This Happen Again? - Program #7 (Length: 20:35)

Viewers may want to discuss what they're thinking/feeling before & after suggested discussion questions.

Suggestions for Discussion:

1. Do you think that the main causes of the internment of Japanese Americans: racism, fear mongering, and failure of political leadership are still alive today? Why?
2. If so, how are we working to correct these causes?
3. What are your thoughts about the influence of colonialism?
4. Is there an expected life span for a democracy? If so, what is it?
5. What suggestions do you have, or can imagine, that could inspire greater citizen involvement in politics?

Documents to Research:

Preamble to the Constitution of the United States
13th and 19th Amendments to the Constitution
Abraham Lincoln's address to students at Lyceum
George Washington's fears about political parties

People to Research:

Francis Biddle	John J. McCloy
Earl Warren	Sec. of Navy Frank Knox
Theodor Seuss Geisel	Henry L. Stimson
Lucy Burns	Alice Paul

Possible Follow-Up Activities:

1. What are some of the ways that American news media can contribute to or defuse racism or fear mongering? Perhaps your group might view a news program and discuss it.
2. Who are some of today's politicians in the U.S. who seem to understand and speak out about the failure of political leadership? What are they saying? Show some video clips of them and talk about why viewers support or not support them.
3. Further ideas....