

“WE THE PEOPLE”

PROGRAM #1 - UPROOTED

Length: 17 Min.

(Depending on the specific audience and the facilitator, some *Suggestions for Discussion* questions could also include Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders)

Suggestions for Discussion:

1. Did your family or ancestors immigrate to the United States? If so, describe hardships they may have faced due to prejudice.
2. Have you ever been ostracized or picked on because of your appearance? Describe your experience and how you felt about it?
3. Have you ever ostracized or picked on someone because of their appearance? Describe your experience and how you felt about it?
4. What happened to the homes, properties, businesses, and bank accounts of the Japanese people who were taken from their homes?
5. What fueled the hate many people had for the Japanese Americans?
6. What fuels the hate today that people have for Asian Americans?
7. What would you say to your friends about Japanese Americans then?
8. What would you say to your friends about Asian Americans today?
9. As an Asian American parent of young children, what would you fear for yourself and your children, today?
10. Has anyone in the class, workplace or neighborhood ever felt excluded in some way. If so, invite any volunteers to share their experience with classmates or group members.

After discussions have ended ask volunteer viewers what they are thinking/feeling.

People to Research:

Emperor Hirohito
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
General John DeWitt

Photos to Discuss:

Children with tags on coats
Dog trying to get into truck
Families with suitcases
Racetrack stables
Farms ready to be harvested
Departure trains

Topics for Discussion:

Pearl Harbor
Non-Alien/Enemy Alien
Picture Brides
Executive Order 9066

Possible Follow-Up Activities:

1. Imagine you and your parents being rounded up and taken to an unknown place. List three statements describing what you would be thinking and feeling.
2. An executive order was passed that made it a law to force Japanese Americans into concentration camps. Research and discuss executive orders made in the last few years.