The Age Of McCarthyism: A Brief History With Documents

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Ellen Schrecker, Schrecker, Ellen W Schrecker. Incorporating important recent scholarship, this popular supplement combines a comprehensive essay on the history of McCarthyism with compelling documents that trace the course of anti-Communist furor in the U.S. The volume's 95-page essay follows the campaign against domestic subversion from its origins in the 1930s through its escalation in the 1940s to its decline in the 1950s. The second part includes over 47 original documents (including 6 new sources) – congressional transcripts, FBI reports, speeches, and letters – that chronicle the anti-

Labor unions were dealt a huge blow as they became targets of McCarthyism (Whitaker and Hewitt 2003), which strengthened the capitalist cause. Corporations wielded significant power in the Cold War due to their economic resources and their assumed role (sometimes voluntarily, sometimes coerced) of punishing alleged communists through employment termination and career blacklisting (Schrecker 1994).


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