

Picture Option 2

In this poster from the Great Depression, the Bonus Expeditionary Army is putting out the word that there will be a march to the White House to demand compensation. This poster conveys the feeling of emergency felt by all U.S. citizens during the Great Depression. This poster and the march itself represent the spirit of the American citizen and how it will never be destroyed. The fact that the poster reaches out to “Republicans, Democratic and Socialist Parties” and both Negro and White people up in the top left and right corners shows exactly how desperate the needs of the American people were during this time period. This poster illustrates that in times of dire need, everyone, no matter what his or her race, background, or ethnicity, can come together for a common cause. For example, in both WWI and WWII the domestic role of women stretched beyond its previous limits to extend to a more public sphere, allowing women to work in factories and take over jobs only previously given to men. During this time of need, where there was a severe shortage due to casualties inflicted during the war, the United States mustered up its forces and allowed women to compensate in its time of need. This flexibility reflects the durability of United States citizens to overcome even the greatest hardships.

This poster also goes to show that the American people won't just lie down and play dead while an emergency overtakes them. This bold poster shows something greater about the nature and spirit of its people. This poster says, we have something to complain about, and we aren't going away until our problems are solved. American citizens are always willing and ready to take action, as can be seen in numerous situations, such as giving aid to France and Britain in WWI and beating back communism in WWII. This tenacity gives the U.S. an edge over many other nations and is one of the reasons our country is so great.