

**Joseph McCarthy**

Senator from Wisconsin

Served from 1947-1957 (the year of his death)

**Demagogue -** a leader in a [democracy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy) who gains popularity by exploiting [prejudice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prejudice) and [ignorance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignorance) among the [common people](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_people), whipping up the [passions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passions) of the crowd and shutting down reasoned [deliberation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deliberation).

**McCarthyism** is the practice of making accusations of [subversion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subversion) or [treason](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treason) without proper regard for evidence. It also means "the practice of making unfair allegations or using unfair investigative techniques, especially in order to restrict dissent or political criticism." The term has its origins in the period in the United States known as the (second) **Red Scare**, lasting roughly from 1950 to 1956



**Edward R. Murrow**

American Broadcast journalist – a pioneer of television news broadcasting. Produced a series of reports that helped lead to the [censure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Censure) of Senator [Joseph McCarthy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_McCarthy).

**Censure** - an expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism.



**Arthur Miller**

(October 17, 1915 – February 10, 2005) was an American playwright, essayist, and prominent figure in twentieth-century [American theatre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theater_in_the_United_States). Among his most popular plays are [*All My Sons*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_My_Sons) (1947), [*Death of a Salesman*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_a_Salesman)(1949), [*The Crucible*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Crucible) (1953). The drama [*Death of a Salesman*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_a_Salesman) is often numbered on the short list of finest American plays in the 20th century.

Miller was often in the public eye, particularly during the late 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s. During this time, he was awarded the [Pulitzer Prize for Drama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulitzer_Prize_for_Drama), testified before the[House Un-American Activities Committee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_Un-American_Activities_Committee), and was married to [Marilyn Monroe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marilyn_Monroe).