



### Herblock Cartoon Analysis

1. Describe the action in the cartoon.
2. The man pictured on the flag is whom?
3. What was the man on the flag trying to root out of America?
4. What is the artist's position on the event portrayed? Back up your position with at least one piece of proof from the cartoon.
5. Can you think of any contemporary examples where this type of hysteria resulted in an unfair depiction of someone or something?

## Answers

Background for teacher:

Here is what the cartoon is based on: In the summer of 1954, a branch of the American Legion denounced the Girl Scouts, calling the "one world" ideas advocated in their publications "un-American." This was clearly a result of the McCarthy trials.

1. Men from the Illinois American Legion are hiding in the forest spying on Girl Scouts who are roasting marshmallows. They have a book titled "How to detect subversion and witchcraft".
2. Senator Joseph McCarthy
3. Communism
4. He seems to believe that spying on Girl Scouts is ridiculous. This is indicated through his quote that the girls have marshmallows as weapons.
5. There are many possible answers including: after 9/11 french fries were called "freedom fries"