

# 8th Grade Social Studies

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## Propaganda Posters

**Introduction:** Remember that propaganda is used to influence public opinion or attitude toward some cause or position. Propaganda is often biased and purposefully only presents certain information to evoke a particular response from the audience. The desired result is to change the public attitude toward the subject. Propaganda influences by evoking emotion not reason or logic.

**Making Connections:** Using the description above, think about how the colonists used an image of the Boston Massacre as propaganda.

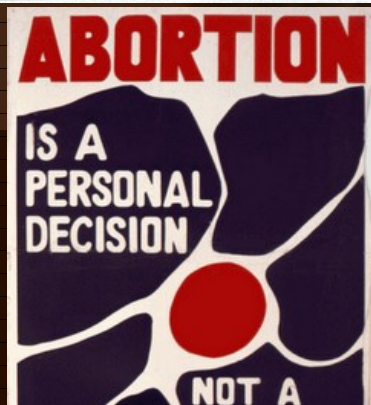
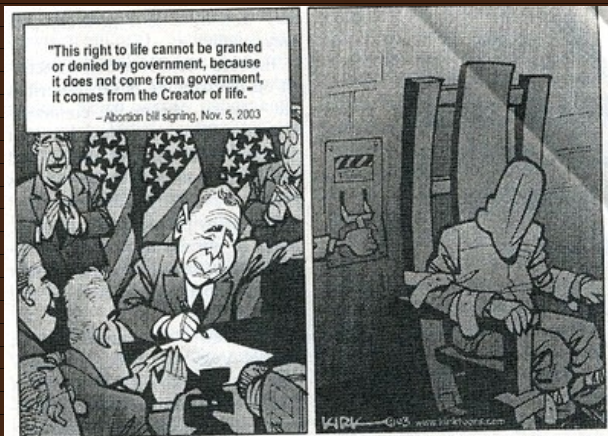
**Your Assignment:** You will be choosing a side on a controversial issue of your choice and designing a propaganda poster to gain "public" support on the issue. The site below (procon.org) will provide you with a list of topics and lots of supporting information to help you design your poster. Don't take too long choosing a topic because you need most of your time to design your poster! Please be responsible with how you present your opinions on some touchy topics (for example gay marriage). You need to know when you may be crossing the line and hurting someone's feelings.

Visit this site for topics: [Controversial Topics](http://procon.org) (procon.org)

### Criteria:

- Define propaganda on the back of your poster
- Include 4 pieces of information to help support your opinion (statistics, facts)
- One central image that evokes emotion
- Cite any sources used to help you design your poster (procon.org will need to be cited as well as any images you use for inspiration) Put your citations on the back of your poster.
- Your poster needs to be creative, colorful, neat, and most importantly original... these will be displayed in the hallway :)

### Examples:



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