

## Questions related to *Time Magazine* on Joe McCarthy

1. What was McCarthy's "underlying accusation" against the State Department?
2. What were the problems with McCarthy's charge that Owen Lattimore was "the top Soviet espionage agent" in the U.S.?
3. How did McCarthy get around the fact that he frequently had no evidence to back up his accusations?
4. Why did McCarthy have such a powerful effect on the American public at this time?
5. What specific harm did McCarthy cause to individuals?
6. McCarthy's supporters claimed that, given the gravity of the communist threat, his methods were necessary. Does the article agree or disagree with this? Explain.
7. How did Democrats and Republicans each take advantage of McCarthyism?
8. What was McCarthy's most reckless charge, which he threw around often?