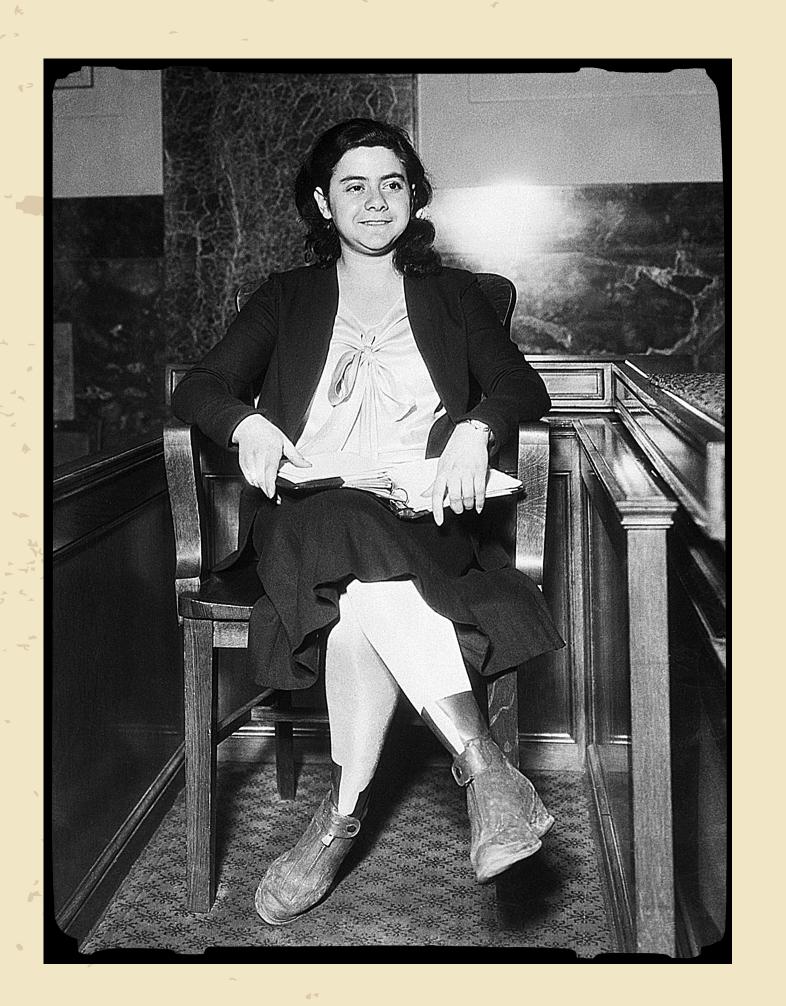
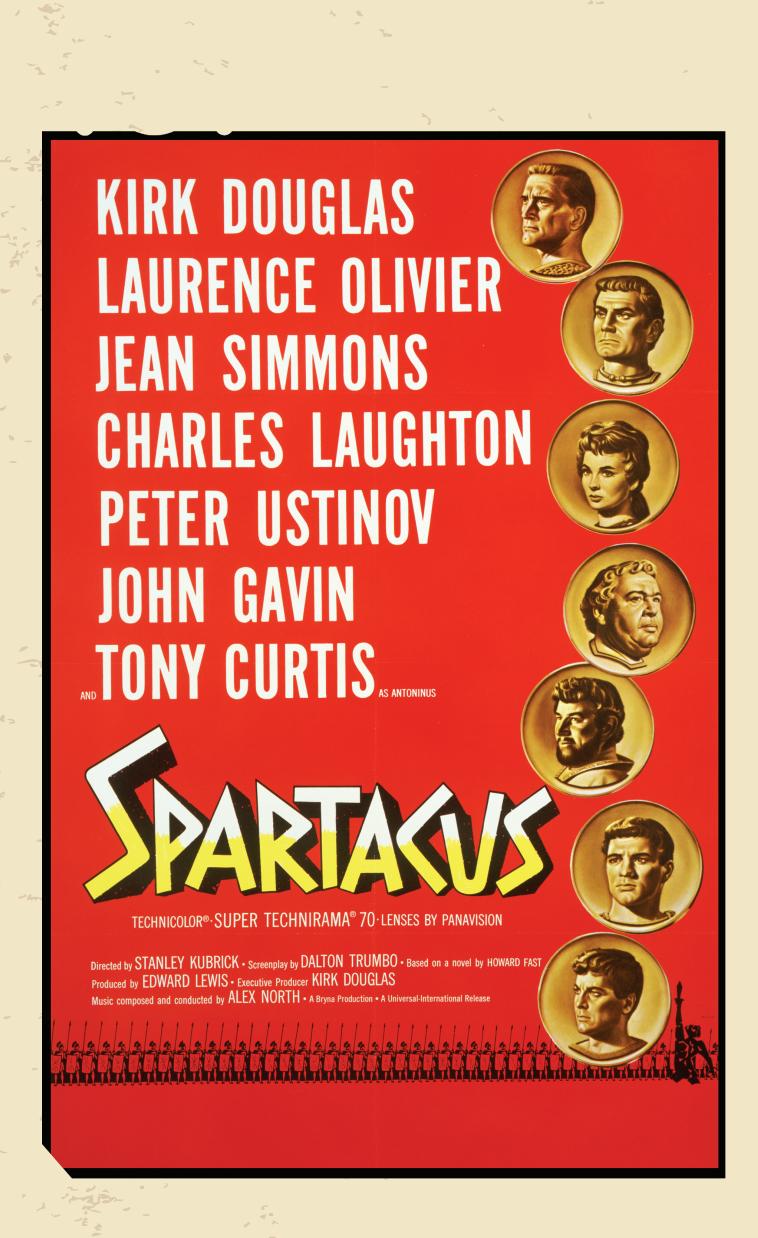
CAN WE DISSENT?

UNPOPULAR IDEAS AREOFTEN LABELED SUBVERSIVE

Yetta Stromberg, a 19-year-old counselor at a camp in the San Bernardino mountains for workers' children, was arrested in a dawn raid in 1929 by the local sheriff and a band of deputies for the crime of raising a red flag. She was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Stromberg won her appeal when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that symbolic speech — like a red flag — is protected by the First Amendment.



YETTA STROMBERG, CONVICTED
FOR FLYING A RED FLAG
AT A CHILDREN'S CAMP, HELPED
BROADEN FIRST AMENDMENT
FREE SPEECH PROTECTIONS.



During the Cold War, government witch hunts of "Communist sympathizers" led to loyalty oaths and blacklisting. Thousands of teachers and government workers were wrongly accused of disloyalty and lost their jobs. **The Hollywood 10** - writers and directors who refused to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee about their political affiliations – were sent to federal prison. Many never wrote for the movies again.



HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS BLACKLISTED AWARD-WINNING WRITER DALTON TRUMBO (IN GLASSES AND BOW TIE) FOR HIS POLITICAL BELIEFS. HE WROTE UNDER A PSEUDONYM UNTIL ACTOR KIRK DOUGLAS INSISTED TRUMBO GET SCREEN CREDIT FOR SPARTACUS.



YOU ARE THE UN-AMERICANS AND YOU

OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES.

- ACTOR, ATHLETE, LAWYER PAUL ROBESON BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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