

CAN WE DISSENT?

UNPOPULAR IDEAS ARE OFTEN 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.



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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