

President Franklin D. Roosevelt



The Question: With war breaking out in Europe, should the U.S. enter the war and if so, how?

My Life: (Push for a compromise. You want to follow the wishes of the American people but you also want to defeat fascism).

- Good to see you all again, my fellow Americans.
- I am happy to see that my New Deal policies have helped fix the Great Depression.
- Now I'm here to talk about a new threat to our country: **the Axis Powers.**
 - Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan are planning to take over the world with their anti-democratic schemes. We need to do something about that.
 - **I am willing to break Washington's Farewell Address and serve for more than two terms if it means America is safe.**

My Point of View and Personality:

- I am an upper class white male. I push for **preparedness**: our country needs to be ready for war. There's too much to lose if we're not ready. That's why I signed the **Atlantic Charter** where we will help the British and they will help us if we're attacked.
- But, I'm willing to compromise. Congress has made it very clear through the **Nye Commission** and the **Neutrality Acts** that they don't want to declare war and fight the Axis Powers. There are other ways to defend freedom.

My Argument: The American people do not want us to enter the war, so we won't but...

We can help the Allies with the Lend-Lease Act:

- The American people do not want to enter another World War. Fine. But we still need to defeat the Axis.
- Britain, our historical ally, is fighting Nazi Germany with the Battle of Britain. If the Nazis win that battle, Western Europe is done. It will all become fascist.
- We can lend Britain military hardware and equipment. The **Neutrality Acts** say we cannot "sell" them to Britain but that's why we call it a "loan" or a "lease." We help Britain defeat Hitler now. Then, after the war, Britain pays back their loans. It's good business.

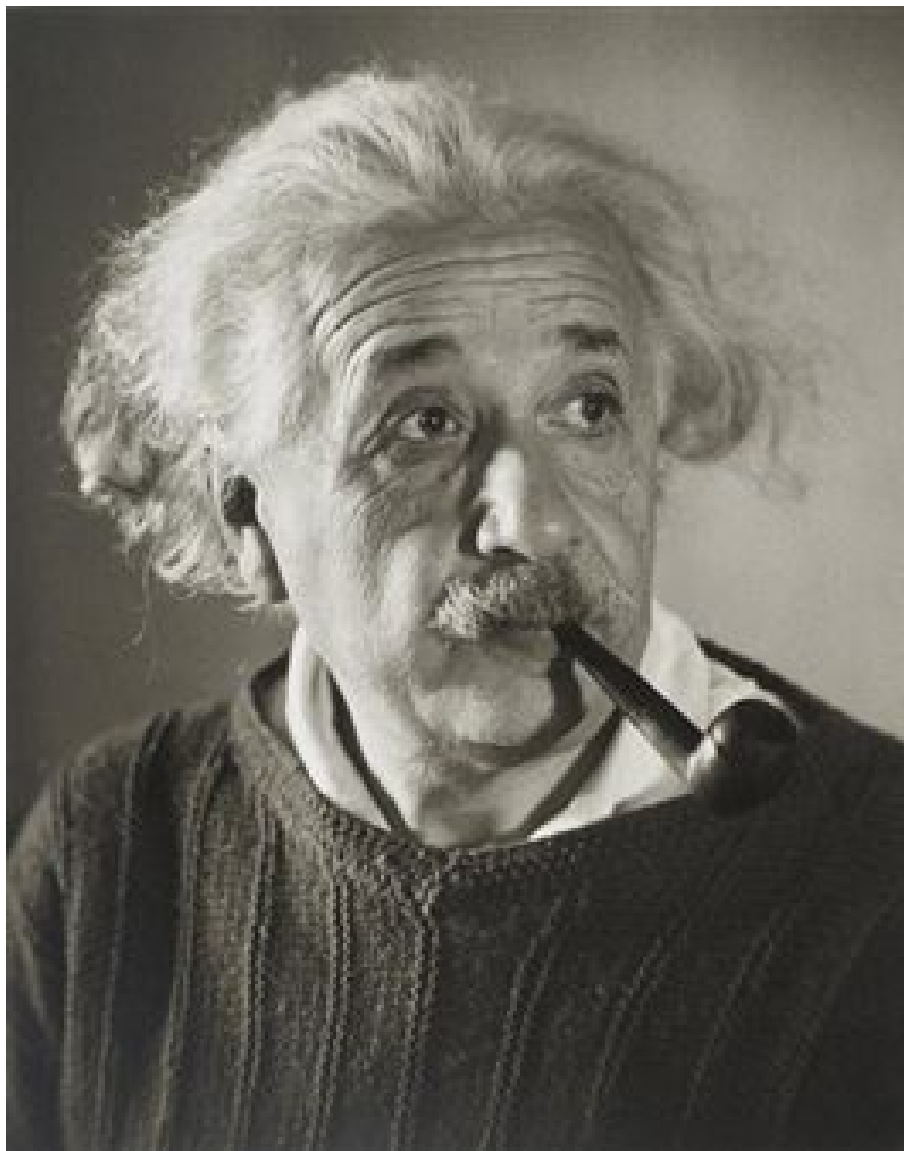
We can punish the Axis with embargoes:

- Money may be stronger than bullets. As a global superpower, we can inflict damage to Axis countries by not giving them the materials that they need to fight.
 - Japan just committed an act of unspeakable evil with their conquest of Manchuria. They did that because they needed scrap metal and oil which they don't have on their island.
 - If we refuse to sell them our oil and scrap metal, we can defeat them without firing a single bullet. Japan runs out of resources and stops their war.

(SAVE FOR ACT 2) (To Einstein) I'll put my top men on it, I know a good scientist, Julius Robert Openheimer. He's well versed in scienceand Hinduism. What do you need? **(To his response)** Consider it done, I'll even use some military science labs like Los Alamos in New Mexico. Whether we go to war or not, it's a good call. No one wants Nazi Atomic Bombs.

(To Philips) Okay, how about this: we'll do a peacetime draft in 1940. I can't do anything about declaring war, that's Congress' job. **Happy now? (To her response)** It's all I got right now, let's see where we are at the end of 1941.

Albert Einstein



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My Life: (Deliver in a passionate tone. You risked your life to come to America.)

- Gutentag, my fellow Americans, I am Albert Einstein.
- I am probably the most famous scientist you know. That title did not come easy. I had trouble in high school and I couldn't get a good job after college so I became a patent clerk. My life changed when I postulated the theories of general and special relativity.
- I won the Nobel Prize for my work in explaining the Photoelectric Effect.
- Then my life got more difficult. Because I am Jewish, the Nazis discredited my work. They called it "Jewish science" which they saw as inherently flawed.
- Fortunately, I came to the U.S. in 1933 and avoided **Kristallnacht** where Nazis publicly destroyed Jewish property and harassed Jewish people living in Germany.

My Point of View and Personality:

- I am a foreign born Jewish male with a radical point of view. I also push for **preparedness**. We need to be one step ahead of the Nazis or we will all pay dearly.
- Everything I have done in my life is revolutionary. My theories of general and special relativity have forever changed the history of science.
- I like things that are orderly. When people asked how I would feel if my theory of relativity was proven wrong, I answered that I would pity God Himself because my theory is right and He would be wrong.

Your Argument: The United States needs to enter the war as soon as possible because...

The U.S. must defend democracy and destroy fascism:

- The Nazis are planning to conquer the whole world and if we're not careful they might do it. Their **Blitzkrieg** (Lightning War) strategies make counterattack extremely difficult because they attack on many sides very quickly.
- **They started their techniques with Spanish Civil War.** Hitler helped the Fascists take over in Spain. They bombed minorities like the Basques into submission.
- When I used my celebrity here in the U.S. to stop it, my words fell on deaf ears. The only people who listened to me were the **Lincoln Brigade: a group of volunteer soldiers.** Their sacrifices were appreciated *but the U.S. could've done a lot more!*
- After the Nazis take over Europe they'll conquer the U.S. If they succeed, freedom fails!

The U.S. must close the technology gap:

- The Nazis are engaged in a project right now which could ensure an absolute victory: atomic science. That science could create the ultimate weapon: A single bomb that could destroy a city as big as New York.
- We still have an advantage because the world's greatest scientists --like my friend Enrico Fermi-- have come to the U.S. as refugees and are willing to help. We must act now! If the Nazis get the bomb first, **entire countries could be reduced to ash!**

(SAVE FOR ACT 2) (To Roosevelt) Mr. President, there is still time to build an atomic bomb before the Nazis do. Let's make a top secret project. We'll call it something random like the Manhattan Project, so no one will get suspicious. That way we can catch up on atomic research and no one will know. **(To his response)** I can call some people at universities like Columbia and UC Berkeley. We'll get a jump start!

Charles Lindbergh



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My Life: (You are a celebrity in your time. Use your charisma to persuade the audience. Also, you are not a Nazi. You are an American hero. Be prepared to repeat that.)

- You've probably heard about me in the papers, so I'll be brief.
- I was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1902 and I became a national hero when I became the first man to fly across the Atlantic. My plane *The Spirit of St. Louis* didn't let me down.
- Then I made the papers again in 1932 when someone kidnapped my 20-month-old son and demanded a \$50,000 ransom. We paid the ransom but our son was already dead.
- In these times, I've used my celebrity to keep America from making a terrible mistake.

My Point of View and Personality:

- I am a wealthy upper class male with a conservative point of view. I push for **isolationism** which means I don't want the U.S. to get involved in the war.
- My reputation as a pilot makes many people think that I am a risk taker. That is only partially true. Yes, it takes a lot of guts to get up in an airplane and push it to do things that have never been done before, but you have to be smart about your choices.
- In aviation, one bad decision can kill you. There's no coming back when you mess up flying hundreds of miles an hour through the air. You gotta be smart.
- I am the head of the **America First Committee**: an organization dedicated to the goal of keeping the U.S. out of the war.

My Argument: The U.S. should NOT enter the war because...

Isolationism protects America:

- This conflict has nothing to do with the United States. We are talking about two conflicts on two other sides of the world. In my line of work as a pilot, you don't fiddle with things that don't directly affect how you fly. If you do, you crash. It's the same thing with politics. If it doesn't concern us, we shouldn't get involved.
- We should not risk American lives for a spat between Hitler and everyone else in Europe. My critics call me a Nazi because I don't want to defeat fascism but that's not true. It's just the way I look at things as a pilot: entering the war is an unnecessary risk.

We need to keep America First:

- America is the greatest country in the world. We need to make absolutely sure that when we take risks, we can keep that prestige. To Dr. Einstein, yes, the Spanish Civil War was a bad thing but the U.S. was able to save face by not getting involved in that conflict. Mr. Roosevelt, yes, the Battle of Britain is bad but it poses no threat to the U.S.
- If we commit any military hardware at all, it should be to strengthen our borders so that we can properly defend ourselves. We should not go out looking for a fight.

(SAVE FOR ACT 2) (To Davis) Let me get this straight, you want to risk American lives to fix injustices in our country? Can't we fix America without the war part? (To his response) Don't question my allegiance to this country. **I'm a national hero.**

(To Phillips) Maybe instead of sending people to the Philippines to defend against the Japanese, we can bring our troops and weapons back home to fortify America. That's the thing about military bases, all the good stuff can be moved, EASILY. American lives aren't at risk from the Japanese in Asia when they aren't IN Asia anymore. (Scoff at her response). What do you know about military strategy? Your first job was the circus.