

Unit 1: The German-American Experience During WWI
 Lesson 3: Anti-German Hysteria in Ohio

Activity Answer Key: Analysis of Anti-German Stories

Source	Write down title of the article within this newspaper that deals specifically with anti-German actions or beliefs.	Write down specific textual evidence from the article that demonstrates anti-German actions or beliefs.	In your own words, how does this article demonstrate anti-German sentiments in Ohio during WWI?
<p><i>Toledo News-Bee</i> Apr. 15, 1918 http://bit.ly/2t86h4g</p>	<p>“Jury to Call Officers Who Saw Tar Party”</p>	<p>“The men were accused of Pro-German sympathies...A man who appeared to be the leader made a short speech. ‘These men have refused to buy bonds...And they’ve spread word that the bonds are worthless. That kind of talk has got to stop or there will be a lynching.’”</p>	<p>Not buying bonds to support the war effort or any kind of statement against bond-buying could be deemed a pro-German action and lead to serious harm by a so-called patriotic mob.</p>
<p><i>Fulton County Tribune</i> July 19, 1918 http://bit.ly/2unRiDh</p>	<p>“Federated League”</p>	<p>Seventh: To procure legislation against the use and teaching of the German language in all schools...Eighth: To secure such legislation as may be necessary to prevent and prohibit the publication and circulation of any newspaper printed in the German language”</p>	<p>Local organizations, in the name of wartime patriotism, targeted the use of German language by way of approved “constitutions”, including its use in schools and newspapers.</p>

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<p><i>The Celina Democrat</i> May 17, 1918 http://bit.ly/2ueCDKt</p>	<p>“Brewers of Ohio Given Hard Jolt”</p>	<p>The German-American Alliance largely financed by the brewers, had been active for the wets in every campaign. From evidence now in possession of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the brewers financed the Alliance with hundreds of thousands of dollars</p>	<p>Ohio brewers, many of them German-American, were allegedly linked to an organization that was deemed disloyal and unpatriotic, making it difficult on patriotic German-American brewers and people.</p>
<p><i>The Youngstown Vindicator</i> Apr 8, 1917 http://bit.ly/2tRlBZB</p>	<p>“First Man Arrested as Enemy Alien Taken From Here to Cleveland to be Arraigned”</p>	<p>“A large crowd gathered about Johannes Von Altenberg, accused of being an ‘alien enemy’ under the proclamation issued by President Wilson...Von Altenberg made several conflicting statements but denied being a German agent, and said he was a victim of circumstances.”</p>	<p>It was even dangerous to have loose or perceived connections to Germany, as it could mean being arrested and criminalized in Ohio.</p>