The Age Of McCarthyism: A Brief History With Documents

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Ellen Schrecker, Schrecker, Ellen W Schrecker. Incorporating important recent scholarship, this popular supplement combines a comprehensive essay on the history of McCarthyism with compelling documents that trace the course of anti-Communist furor in the U.S. The volume's 95-page essay follows the campaign against domestic subversion from its origins in the 1930s through its escalation in the 1940s to its decline in the 1950s. The second part includes over 47 original documents (including 6 new sources) – congressional transcripts, FBI reports, speeches, and letters that chronicle the anti-

Download Citation on ResearchGate | On Feb 1, 2003, T. Michael Ruddy and others published The Age of McCarthyism: A Brief History with Documents. Labor unions were dealt a huge blow as they became targets of McCarthyism (Whitaker and Hewitt 2003), which strengthened the capitalist cause. Corporations wielded significant power in the Cold War due to their economic resources and their assumed role (sometimes voluntarily, sometimes coerced) of punishing alleged communists through employment termination and career blacklisting (Schrecker 1994).
The period labelled "McCarthyism" (and McCarthy was the tip of the iceberg, or summit of the dunghill?) functioned as a way of narrowing the limits of political debate, disrupting trade unions who would often find themselves coming under the purview of one or other of the inquisitorial committees when involved in industrial disputes, curtailing the political side of civil society and creating a.

The American Women's Movement, 1945-2000: A Brief History with Documents (The Bedford Series in History and Culture). Nancy MacLean. Paperback. The Age of McCarthyism's usefulness as a teaching tool is enhanced by a glossary of terms which are keyed to bold-face words and phrases in the text; a chronology of events; a substantial bibliographical essay; and more than a dozen photographs and editorial cartoons. The book will be quite useful even in a large lecture class like mine, but it will serve as a particularly invaluable discussion and research tool in smaller contemporary U.S. classes or in seminars on radicalism and political intolerance.