

Why the US joins WWI

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Strike
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Unrestricted submarine warfare

- Germany has U boats
- Germany warned the world: any ship leaving G. Britain = SUNK
- President Wilson ignored warning



Strike
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Zimmerman Telegram

- Germany sent Mex a message
- "if you invade the US, we will give back you Mex. Cession area" (CA, TX, AZ, NM)

Dear Mexico,
Please attack
the US. We will
reward you,
swear.
Love,
Germany

Strike
3

- Lusitania Sunk
- Killed 128 Americans

Congress declares war
(1917)

"Must be made safe for Democracy"
W. Wilson

